

Issue 21	Promoting Responsible Extraction of Resources	
Development plan reference:	Section 8 City Region as a Natural, Resilient Place - Promoting Responsible Extraction of Resources	Reporter:
Body or person(s) submitting a representation raising the issue (including reference number):		
<p>The Coal Authority (PP18) The Scottish Government (PP57_04) Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited (PP59_01) RSPB Scotland (PP64_03)</p>		
Provision of the development plan to which the issue relates:		
<p>Promoting Responsible Extraction of Resources (page 79) Policy 15 Natural Resource Planning (page 79)</p>		
Planning Authority's summary of the representation(s):		
<p><u>The Coal Authority (PP18)</u></p> <p>Policy 15, Natural Resource Planning does not accord with Scottish Planning Policy, paragraph 240 (page 54) (RSD01). Strategic Development Plans should ensure that adequate supplies of construction aggregates can be made available from within the plan area to meet the likely development needs of the city region over the plan period. There is no requirement for the Strategic Development Plan to set out a framework for energy minerals.</p> <p>In relation to Unconventional Hydrocarbons, Policy 15 Natural Resources Planning (page 79) contains no actual content except to say that they should be determined against Scottish Planning Policy and Local Development Plans. The Policy is therefore completely unnecessary and is arbitrary in drawing out this form of energy mineral activity from wider mineral development.</p> <p><u>The Scottish Government (PP57_04)</u></p> <p>Suggests Policy 15 Natural Resource Planning, is amended to include a statement that identifies supplementary guidance will be prepared to identify Clydeplan's approach to sustainable mineral extraction and which would assist in dealing with the constrained aggregate supply beyond 2021. Supplementary guidance should be largely based on Background Report 13 Minerals (RSD23) and that this would clarify the status of the information for decision making.</p> <p><u>Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited (PP59_01)</u></p> <p>Recognises and supports the Proposed Plan's position in safeguarding mineral resources and agrees that mineral resources should not be sterilised by</p>		

development.

RSPB Scotland (PP64_03)

Policy 15 Natural Resource Planning, should mention the need for independent financial guarantees for any permission granted and should detail the need to avoid designated sites (and areas of better quality peat etc.).

Modifications sought by those submitting representations:

The Coal Authority (PP18)

Paragraph 8.18 and Policy 15 Natural Resources Planning: Unconventional Oil and Gas Extraction, should remove reference to energy minerals. The Strategic Development Plan should not address the issue of energy minerals in any manner, based on advice in Scottish Planning Policy.

The Scottish Government (PP57_04)

The Scottish Government suggest Policy 15, Natural Resource Planning (page 77), is amended to include a statement that identifies supplementary guidance will be prepared to set out Clydeplan's approach to sustainable mineral extraction and assist in dealing with the constrained aggregate supply beyond 2021. The Scottish Government expect the supplementary guidance would be largely based on Background Report 13 Minerals and that this would clarify the status of the information for decision making.

Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited (PP59_01)

No specific modification to the Proposed Plan is sought.

RSPB Scotland (PP64_03)

Policy 15 Natural Resources Planning (page 77) should mention the need for independent financial guarantees for any permission granted and should detail the need to avoid designated sites (and areas of better quality peat etc.).

Summary of responses (including reasons) by Planning Authority:

The Coal Authority (PP18)

Clydeplan does not accept the modification as it considers the issue an important development planning matter as referenced in paragraph 80 (**ASD01**) and paragraph 234 (**ASD01**) of Scottish Planning Policy. Clydeplan also consider the omission of reference to energy minerals inappropriate given that the current moratorium on unconventional oil and gas extraction is due to end during the lifetime of the Plan.

The Scottish Government (PP57_04)

Clydeplan does not accept the modification as it considers that Background Report 13 (**ASD38**) referenced in paragraph 8.17 on Aggregates, combined with Policy 15 Natural Resource Planning, are sufficient to guide and steer Local Development Plans and Development Management decision making. Background Report 13 clearly sets out Clydeplan's approach which is to consider the whole city region as an 'Area of Search'. As such matters of environmental sensitivity, economic viability, and proximity to settlements and communities are matters more appropriately dealt with in Local Development Plans or through Development Management rather than supplementary guidance.

Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited (PP59_01)

Clydeplan notes the response.

RSPB Scotland (PP64_03)

Clydeplan does not accept the modification in relation to independent financial contributions as it considers this level of detail more appropriately addressed at a Local Development Plan level through development contributions policies.

Reporter's conclusions:

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Reporter's recommendations:

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