

UK MINERALS FORUM MARCH 2018

UK MINERALS STRATEGY SUMMARY

Strategy

- **High level strategic actions**
- **Organised by sustainable development themes**
- **Main message and supporting text/justification**
- **No detailed action plan - to be progressed in future**
- **Seeking ‘recognition’ by government - BEIS & MHCLG**

Headline

Meeting the demand for minerals & mineral products sustainably for the next 25 years

The aim of the Strategy is to ensure that UK demand for minerals and mineral products is supplied sustainably for the next 25 years. This will require identifying and permitting at least 5 billion tonnes of mainly construction and industrial minerals to be sourced primarily from indigenous resources.

Messages

To achieve this, Government and relevant stakeholders should:

- recognise that minerals and mineral products, and the industry that supplies them, are essential to the economy and our quality of life;*
- recognise that supply cannot be assumed; it needs to be planned, monitored and managed;*
- ensure steady and adequate provision is made, primarily through the land use planning system; and*
- establish supportive policy, operating and trading conditions to enable UK industry to thrive and invest in future supply.*

Of overriding importance is the requirement for a strong national minerals and mineral products policy and statement of need. These would inform and underpin national, regional and local planning to enable sufficient minerals and mineral products to be supplied to key sectors of the economy.

ECONOMIC

- **Demand & Importance:** Statement of need including *Guidelines* for aggregates
- **Supply & Distribution:** Sufficient site allocations & consents
- **Trade & Investment:** Supportive regulatory & trading environment including for new high value reserves

ENVIRONMENT

- **Planning & Regulation:** Properly resourced planning & permitting systems, reduced duplication
- **Environmental benefits:** Deliver net gains in natural capital where possible
- **Environmental impacts:** Avoid & mitigate impacts

SOCIAL

- **Education, Skills & Employment:** Attractive industry & career
- **Public understanding & Engagement:** Understanding of materials supply chains and better data
- **Research & Innovation:** Investment & research

Role of UKMF

- Consider endorsement/support for Strategy in due course
- Assist in its implementation
- Advocacy