

# SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

## *Decisions*

*ROGER REED*

*Cabinet Member - Sustainable Development*

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Having considered the reports contained in the agenda of a meeting of the Policy Advisory Group (PAG) held on 10 July 2008 and the views of the PAG expressed at the meeting, the Cabinet Member has made the following decisions:

1. **PARTIAL REVIEW OF RPG9 AND THE DRAFT SOUTHEAST PLAN - REVIEW OF SUB-REGIONAL ALLOCATION OF LAND-WON AGGREGATES**

The Cabinet Member has considered a report about the current SEERA consultation on how the future land-won sand and gravel requirements that the South East will be required to make, might be apportioned out to the different Minerals Planning Authority areas in the region. The report also drew attention to the fact that Government had separately published draft proposals for the 2001 - 2016 period, showing a possible reduction in the figure for the South East from 13.25 million tonnes (mt) to 12.18 mt per annum.

Buckinghamshire currently provides 7.47% (0.99 mt) of the total for the South East region. Given the substantial resources of sand and gravel in South Bucks, any change in the County allocation could have a significant impact.

The Cabinet Member has decided to:

- Support Option C only of the alternatives, (which would require Buckinghamshire to provide 7.55% of the South East requirement - namely 0.92 mt per annum if the region's requirement were to be 12.18 mt per annum).
- Strongly object to D and E since they would not be realistic or deliverable in practice. Both of these would involve Buckinghamshire having to provide for a considerable increase in the proportion of the region's requirement; and even if the region's overall actual tonnage reduced, they would both still involve Buckinghamshire in providing more than it does at present, with one of these (D) involving a very considerable increase in actual provision.

2. **A PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DENHAM CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

The Cabinet Member has considered a report seeking approval to the publication and adoption of the Character Appraisal for the Denham Conservation Area. The Denham Conservation Area was re-designated with amended boundaries by the Council on 31 March 2006.

A draft Character Appraisal setting out the justification for the designation and defining and recording the special architectural and/or historic interest of the Conservation Area was published for public consultation during April/May 2008, and some amendments and corrections have been made as a result of comments received. Members considered this to be a further excellent Character Appraisal which would help preserve the special architectural and historic character of the District.

The Cabinet Member has decided to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet and Council that the Denham Conservation Area Character Appraisal be published and adopted as a "material consideration" for planning purposes.

(Note: The Cabinet Member declared a personal interest in item 2 above by virtue of his spouse being Chairman of the History of Denham Society, a consultee that responded to the public consultation on the draft Character Appraisal).

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