Policy EM10: Non-Mineral Development in Mineral Safeguarding Areas

All non-mineral development proposals in the designated Mineral Safeguarding Areas should assess and evaluate the legacy of past mining heritage and should consider this in accordance with Policy EM2. It should also ensure that development does not entirely sterilise any potential future mineral extraction should this become viable and desirable. This should be considered in partnership with the Coal Authority.

The policy aims to take a balanced approach to protecting minerals resources in Coventry against the need to attract investment and urban regeneration to a primarily built up area.

This policy ensures that all proposals for non-mineral working within the designated MSAs are properly considered and evaluated in partnership with the Coal Authority. The Policy also aims to ensure that development proposals within the Plan are deliverable without complete sterilisation due primarily to the extensive deep cast coal reserves to the West and North West of the city. Within this location this has been further emphasised by the closure, and planned redevelopment of the Daw Mill Colliery, which would have provided the primary access point for the extraction of such reserves. Development identified within policies H2 and/or JE2 would not therefore be subject to this policy.