BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION

SESSION 18: MINERALS SITE ALLOCATIONS

The dolines (both caprock and normal 'solution' dolines) in the allocated site were not fully reflected in the indicative Geological Conservation Review (GCR) boundary that was originally drafted, and following further survey it is now proposed to correct those imbalances by proposing a new GCR/pSSSI boundary that contains all of the interstratal karst interest features that have been identified by the assessment of Mynydd Llangynidr. The indicative boundary drawn in 1982 also included areas with no dolines. These have now been removed from the revised GCR/pSSSI boundary.

The pSSSI includes the land adjacent to Trefil Quarry identified as a preferred area for aggregate extraction in the LDP, Policy M4.1. S

acknowledged importance, contrary to national planning policy, it is not considered that the allocation is soundly based.

2. What is the logic for identifying Tir Pentwys Tip (M4.2) as a preferred area for aggregates? Is this site allocation soundly based?

No comment.

