

Policy 14 Mineral and Soil/Earth Resources – Revised Wording Suggested at LPI 26.05.09

a) Soil and Peat

Development **should** avoid unnecessary disturbance of soils, **peat and vegetation**, and will adopt best practice for the movement, storage, management and reinstatement **of the same**.

Proposals for new areas of commercial mechanised peat extraction will not be permitted.

b) Minerals

There will be a **presumption against** proposals for new mineral extraction, processing ~~or recycling~~ **developments**, or extensions to existing mineral developments **unless**:

i) the developer can demonstrate the market within the Cairngorms National Park where the extracted or processed material will be used or provide other social or economic benefits; and
no suitable and reasonable alternatives to the material are available; or

~~ii) the material furthers conservation or restoration of the distinctive landscape character and built environment of the Park as set out in the National Park Plan; and no suitable and reasonable alternatives to the material are available.~~

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Developers will incorporate measures to minimise potential effects on the environment and communities and ensure appropriate restoration, aftercare and after use. Bonds will be used where appropriate and secured by a Section 75 Agreement.

Development likely to prevent the future viable extraction of a workable mineral reserve will only be permitted where:

iv) There is no alternative site for the development; and

v) The value of the development to the delivery of the aims of the Park is considered to outweigh the value of the mineral resource; and

vi) The opportunity has been provided for the extraction of the mineral resource before the development commences.

Revised wording to Policy 14 required from LPI session 26th May 09