

## **Reform of Planning - key topics of interest to the Aggregates and Quarry Products Industry (QPANI response in brackets)**

- i.* Transfer of planning functions to district councils - **Support**
- ii.* Culture change from development control to development management - **Support**
- iii.* Planning policy statements to provide strategic direction and regional policy advice to be interpreted locally in development plans - **Support – with a clear case made for PPS19 and Aggregate’s Mapping Programme**
- iv.* Development plans to operate in a two-tier system administered by both councils and the Department of Environment - **Support**
- v.* Consultees; Statutory deadline to respond - **Support – Consultees should respond within 21days**
- vi.* A three-tier hierarchy of regionally significant, major and local proposals to allow more resources for key applications - **Support - Quarries will be considered Major Development**
- vii.* Use of performance agreements – building on pre-application discussions (PADs) - **Support**
- viii.* Pre-application community consultation for regionally significant and major applications – **Support - in theory, but call for it to be voluntary best practice rather than statutory procedure**
- ix.* Enforcement – views of fixed penalty notices, notification of initiation of development completion of development, criminalisation etc. - **Tentative responses on these issues**
- x.* Developers contributions - **Oppose**
- xi.* Reducing time period for lodging appeals (from 6 to 2 months) - **Support**
- xii.* Allowing PAC to determine the appeal method - **Oppose**
- xiii.* Third party appeals - **Strongly oppose**