

1.2 Need Case

- 1.2.1 There is a need for this development and the Sand and Gravel that will come from it for a number of reasons.
- 1.2.2 Firstly, there is a need for the mineral in terms of meeting the overall needs of the County for Sand and Gravel (refer to Section 3.4, Planning Policy Statement below). At the timing of preparing this Planning Application the landbank of permitted reserves and land-won aggregate is considerably below the level required by policy. Clearly by allowing this development to proceed will go some way to meeting these needs as well as helping to resist proposals from alternative less favourable sites.
- 1.2.3 Secondly, there is a need for the mineral by the developer, Earsham Gravels Limited. This site will enable the Company to continue to supply aggregate when reserves at the only other site at Earsham are relatively limited. More so than this, the site at Haddiscoe will enable the Company to expand sales of aggregate across a wider market area in particular for the first time being able to competitively supply the Great Yarmouth / Lowestoft conurbation. This is an urban area currently not well served by existing sources of land-won aggregate and one identified by the Company as being likely to consume a significant proportion of Haddiscoe sales. The site will also enable the Company to reinforce its presence in this part of Norfolk and in supplying the market towns of the Waveney valley as well as the larger rural hinterland of south Norfolk and north Suffolk.
- 1.2.4 Finally, there is a need for employment generated by this proposal. Not only will the proposal secure the employment of existing personnel but it is envisaged a further 4 new full-time and similar number of part-time positions will be created by this proposal, all of which will be drawn from the local community.