

**Policy R2: Restoration of Sand and Gravel Sites in the River Valleys**

When considering the restoration of sand and gravel sites in the Trent Valley area, the overall wider context of the site in the valley should be taken fully into account, including the potential for taking a coordinated approach with the restoration schemes of other sand and gravel workings in the area.

Restoration schemes should also take account of the areas in the Valley area identified as being of highest environmental value and which should be conserved. Secondly, those areas where sand and gravel extraction could take place with robust mitigation and management and thirdly those areas which have been identified as currently being deficient in these environmental qualities and where sand and gravel extraction could occur with the planning and enhancement of these qualities.

The Councils will work with communities and mineral operators and other stakeholders to help ensure that proposals for mineral working in the Trent, Derwent and Lower Dove Valleys show how the restoration of sites will fit in.