

- 6.1 Processing plant, buildings and other associated industries can be intrusive unless carefully sited and controlled. The Structure Plan states:

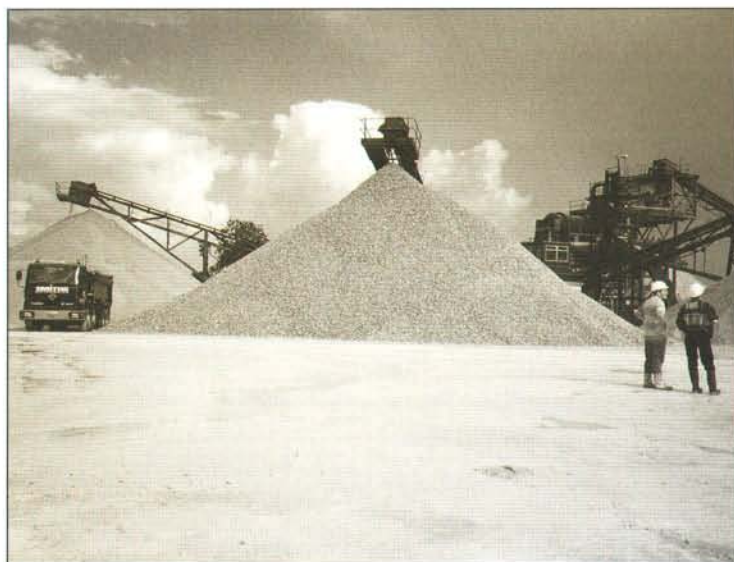
M19 Applications for industries associated with a mineral working will be considered on their merits and in the light of suitable alternative sites. If permission is granted it will generally only be for a limited period, which will not extend beyond the life of the working.

- 6.2 **PB1** The County Council will require processing plants, other necessary buildings and industries associated with a mineral working to be sited, designed, landscaped and maintained so as to minimise environmental disturbance. Any permission will be limited to the life of the mineral working or in the case of a waste disposal site, be subject to conditions requiring that the building or equipment is removed when no longer required in association with waste disposal.

- 6.3 The present General Development Order does not class as 'permitted development' ancillary operations which would materially affect the external appearance of the mine. The County Council encourages operators to consult it if they are in any doubt as to whether the development they are proposing is 'permitted' or not.

- 6.4 **PB2** The County Council will normally require the removal of all processing plant, buildings and associated machinery within 24 months of extraction being completed or expiry of the permission, whichever is the sooner.

- 6.5 Most mineral workings and many waste disposal operations are in open countryside where other development would not normally be permitted. It is therefore important for plant, buildings and machinery to be removed promptly once mineral working has ended.



Sand and gravel processing plant at Gill Mill near Ducklington.