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The Minerals Planning Conference

Priorities for a New Government



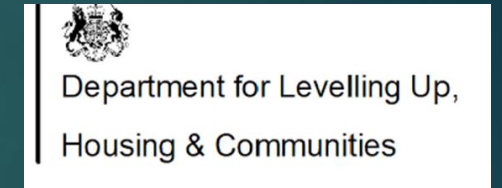
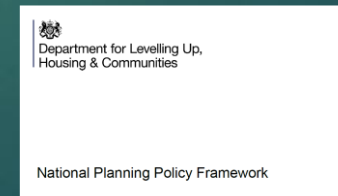
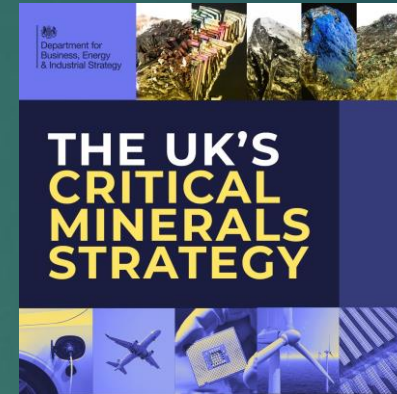
Challenging Perceptions

Are Mineral Georesources Nationally Strategic Assets?

Recognition of the national value and contribution of our georesource assets is **outdated**.

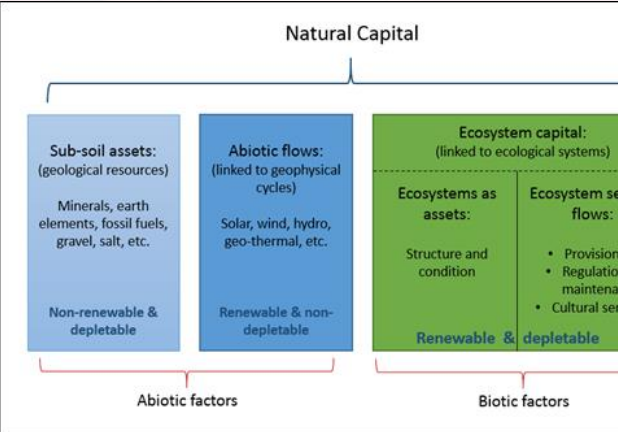
It is time to reconsider the treatment of minerals in two ways;

- **firstly** in terms of **governance** and **stewardship** and
- **secondly** through the lenses of **sustainable development, security** and **resilience**.



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Lenses and Narratives



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Aggregates Context



1970s
Stevens Committee on Minerals Planning Control: preparation of policy circular relating to the Stevens and Verney Reports 'Aggregates: The Way Ahead' 1976 and 'Planning Control over Mineral Working' 1976.



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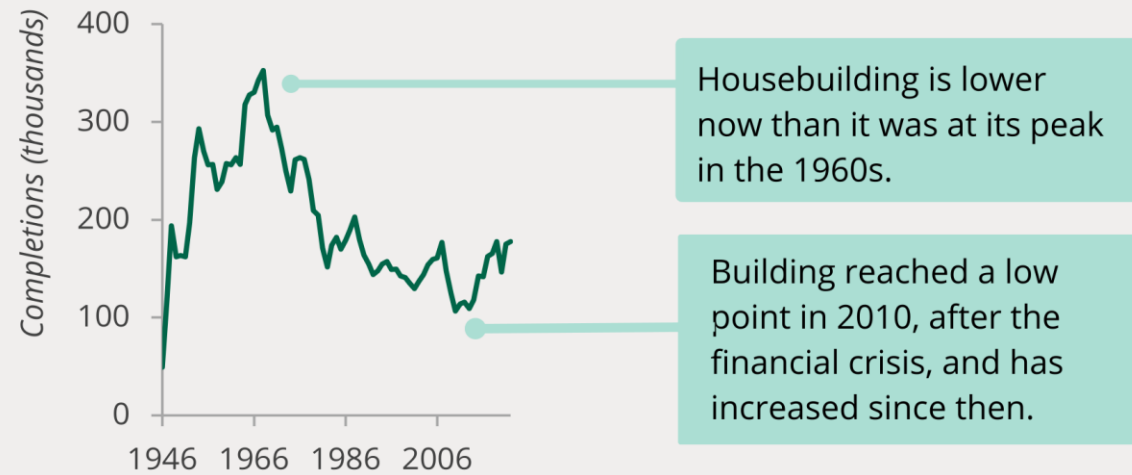


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Essential vs Critical vs Strategic vs Development Minerals

There used to be more new housebuilding...

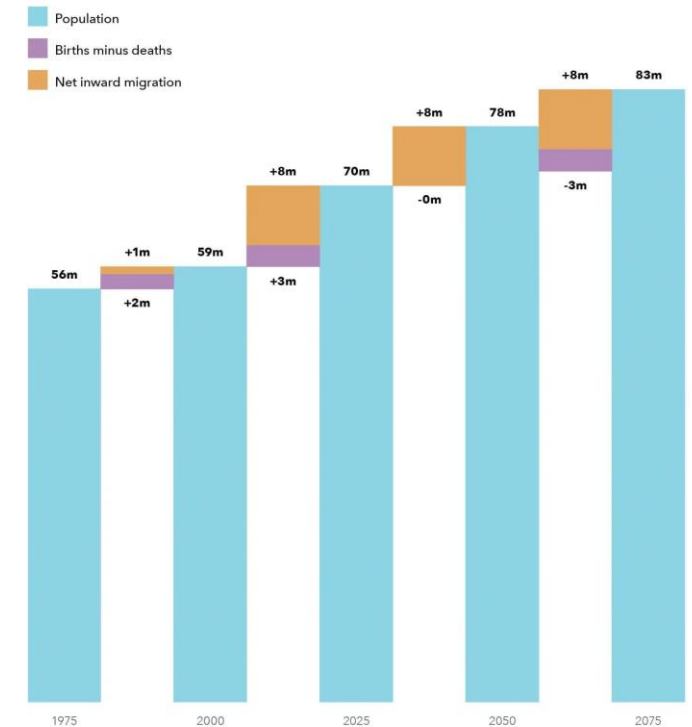


Source: ONS

Economic vs Social Impact

- UK population is forecast to increase by 9.5 million from 2021-2046
- latest projections suggest the UK population could hit 70 million by mid-2026 – a decade sooner than in figures published in 2022, which projected a date of mid-2036.
- In 1946 UK population was 41 million.
- Annual Cost of poor housing is £18.5bn (bre 2021)

UK population projections ICAEW chart of the week



1 Feb 2024. Chart by Martin Wheatcroft FCA. Design by Sunday.
Source: ONS, '2021-based UK population projections, 30 Jan 2024'; ONS, 'UK population mid-year estimate'. ©ICAEW 2024

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Stewardship & Actions

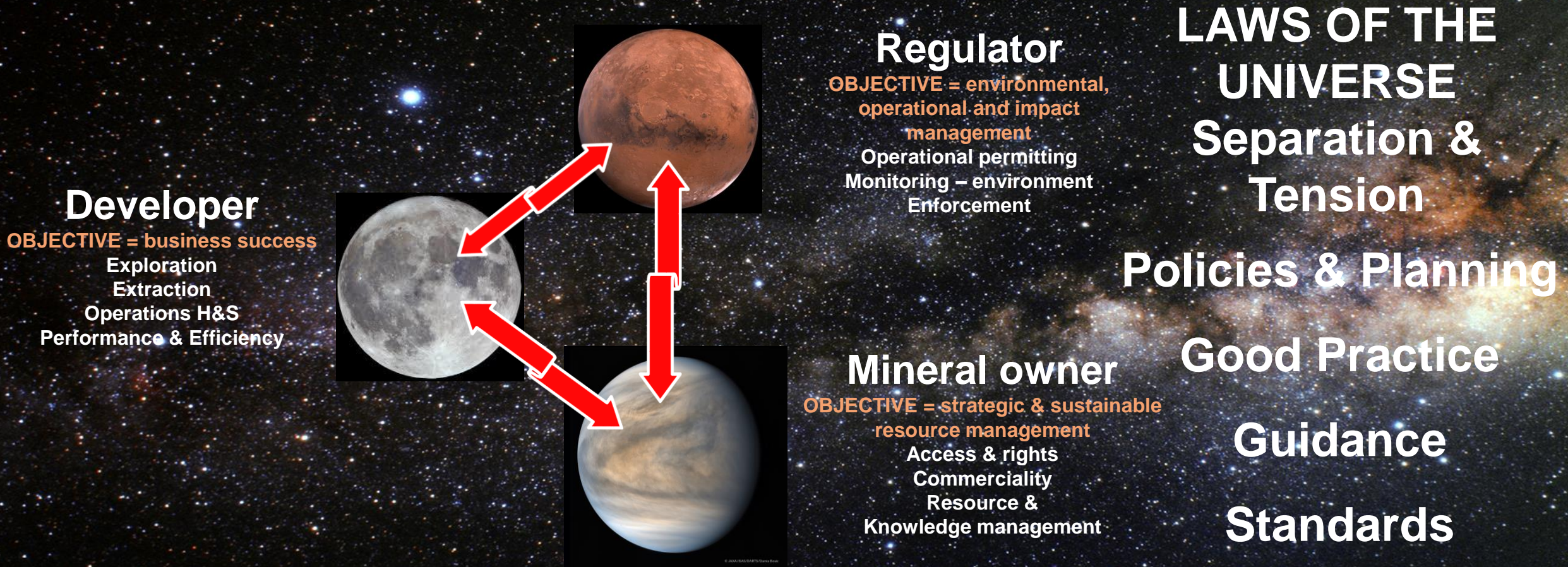


Take stock – establish a Georesources Commission which has the objective of sustainably managing our national georesources assets and will consider, on an ongoing basis;

1. **Adoption and development of a culture of stewardship** - a new approach to management of our national assets
2. **Governance** – build structures and ensure we have shrewd policies, planning and regulation
3. **Resources** – identification and inventory, characterisation and management
4. **Market Needs & demand management** – secondary/recycled sources, waste reduction & the circular economy
5. **Sector Performance & Economic incentives** – intervene to value responsible sourcing, decarbonising
6. **Upskill – developing training** – practical to academic
7. **Re-brand** – Development Minerals? Communications, transparency, highlight progressive values

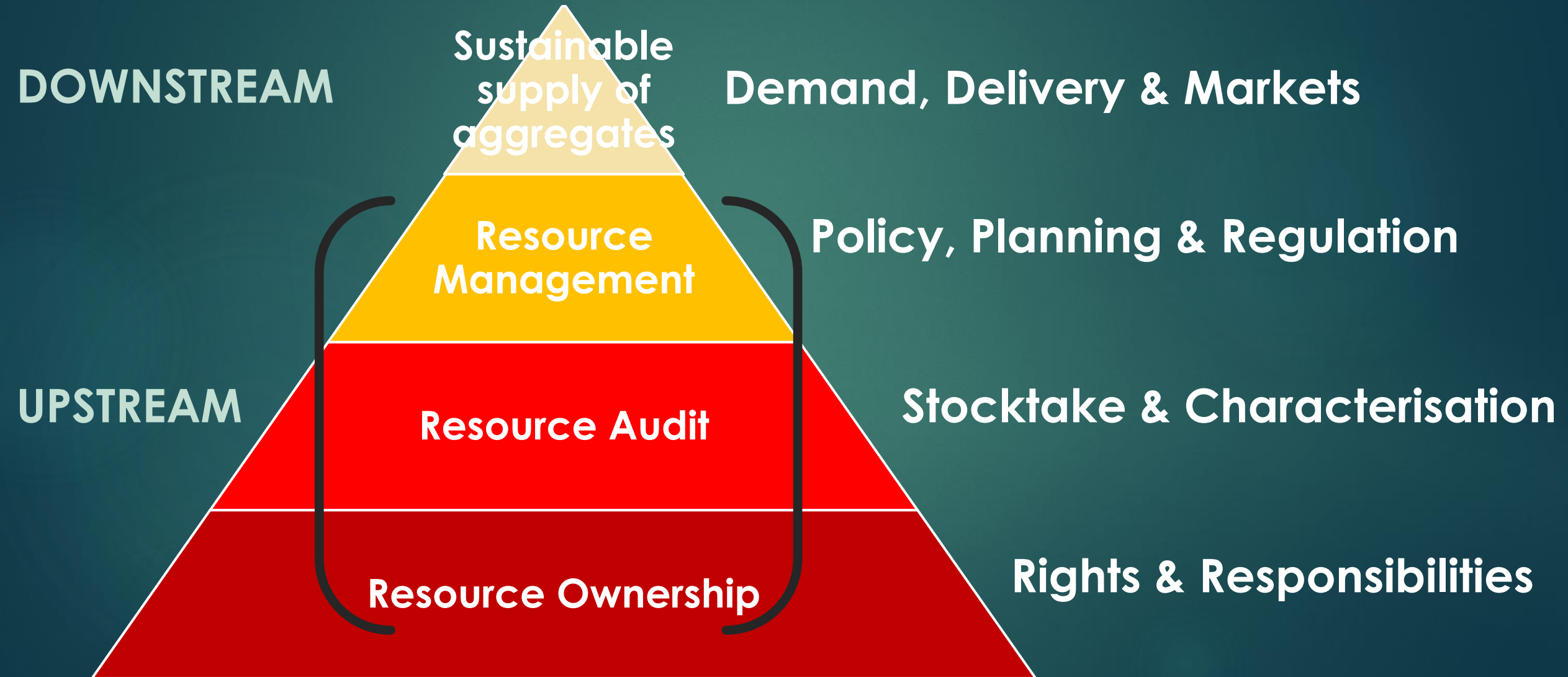
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Governance – Development Minerals



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Geo-sensemaking, Responsible Sourcing & SDGs



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Conclusions – Development Minerals



YES - georesource and Aggregates/Development Minerals are nationally strategic assets – their value is growing



Thinking about treatment of natural resources has changed



Understanding of our resources is more complete



Agree a new philosophy and update policies & planning



What role do planners have to play?