

15 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Submission of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (Regulation 22).

We are writing to inform you that the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (prepared jointly by West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority) has been submitted to Government to be tested for soundness and legal compliance. Submission of the Plan follows consultation on the Proposed Submission Draft Plan which took place between 16 January and 13 March 2017. All representations received during this period have also been submitted together with the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan and associated supporting documents. Once adopted, the Plan will set out planning policy for minerals for the Plan area to 2033.

Documents submitted alongside the Plan are being made available to view at a series of locations, as detailed in the accompanying Statement of Submission. These documents will also be made available at the following website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.

The Plan will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector, Mr Jonathan Manning BSc (Hons) MA MRTPI, alongside the representations received and the supporting evidence base to determine whether the Plan is 'sound' and 'legally compliant'. As part of the examination, the Inspector will hold a public hearing, which is expected to take place in September/October 2017. A pre-hearing meeting may also be held, at which the Inspector will set out detailed arrangements for the public hearing. If you have any queries about the examination process, you should contact the Programme Officer for the public examination using the contact details below:

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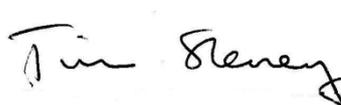
The venue and dates for the hearing and any pre-hearing meeting will be confirmed in due course. This information will be made available alongside all information relating to the Plan on our website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.

Subject to the outcomes of the public examination, it is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted in May 2018. We will write to you again to advise when this takes place. However, should you wish to be kept informed of the progress of the Plan during the Examination please notify us by contacting the County Council's Planning and Transport Policy Team on 01243 642118 or by email (mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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