



Working in Partnership



14 April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Have your say on the draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan

West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority are working in partnership to prepare a new Joint Minerals Local Plan for West Sussex. This will replace the existing Minerals Local Plan (2003).

Officers have now considered the findings from technical work and responses to previous informal stakeholder engagement on a number of background papers and the mineral sites study. These have been used to aid the preparation of a draft Joint Minerals Local Plan which has been approved for consultation purposes.

The draft Plan has four key areas:

- **A vision and 'strategic objectives'** which set out the direction of travel as to how and where mineral development will take place up to 2033;
- **Ten 'use-specific' policies** which will achieve the strategic objectives for the management of different types of minerals (policies M1-M10);
- **Fifteen 'development management' policies** which will ensure that there would be no unacceptable harm to the environment and communities of West Sussex (M12-M26) and
- **Two proposed site allocations** which will contribute towards meeting the need for minerals
 - Ham Farm, Steyning (soft sand)
 - Land adjacent to West Hoathly Brickworks, West Hoathly (brick clay)

Once the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan is adopted, it will provide a basis for consistent land-use planning decisions on planning applications for minerals activities.

We are now consulting on the content of the draft Plan for an eight week period which will end on **Friday 17 June 2016**.

We have produced a consultation document titled "**Have your say on the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan**". This document gives an outline of the contents of the draft Plan and details of how you can respond to the consultation. You can view the consultation document, response form and the draft Plan online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.

You can also view the documents at West Sussex libraries and County, District or Borough Council offices, including the South Downs National Park office in Midhurst.

To respond to the consultation you need to either complete our online response form or fill in a paper form and post it to us.

The draft Joint Minerals Local Plan will be discussed by the relevant County Local Committee (CLC) in the coming weeks. These meetings are open to the public and are due to take place on the following dates (specifically related to the two proposed site allocations):

- Chanctonbury CLC – 18 May 2016, 7pm
- North Mid Sussex CLC – 15 June 2015, 7pm

For more information on the CLCs please visit our website.

We will use your comments to inform the development of a Proposed Submission Draft of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan. We will then invite representations on the 'soundness' of the Plan during late 2016, before submitting it for independent examination by a Government appointed Planning Inspector.

We apologise if you have received two copies of this letter. This may have occurred if you have contacted us in the past and are also located near one of the proposed site allocations.

We are committed to listening to communities and making sure we consider their diverse needs throughout the decision making process. To that end, we welcome your views or the views of those you represent.

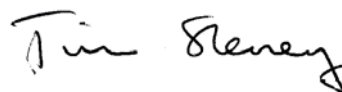
If you would like any information in an alternative language or format in order to help provide your views, or if you do not wish to be contacted again regarding this matter, then please notify us using the contact details shown below.

Contact the Planning and Transport Policy Team on 01243 642118 or email the team via mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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