



Working in Partnership



24 November 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Submission Draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan – Update

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. On adoption, it will replace the current West Sussex Minerals Local Plan that was adopted in 2003.

Comments received during the 9-week consultation on the draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan during April – June 2016 have now been analysed and further technical work has taken place on transport and landscape issues, mineral resources, and sustainability appraisal. A number of changes have been made to the Plan to take account of comments received on the draft Plan and the outcomes of this further technical work.

The Authorities are now preparing to publish the revised Plan, which will be known as the **Proposed Submission Draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan**, alongside the evidence base which has been prepared to support the Plan. Members of the County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority will consider the Proposed Submission Draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan at the following meetings:

- **South Downs National Park Authority – Authority Meeting** – 29 November 2016 at 2pm, Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, Midhurst, GU29 9DH
- **West Sussex County Council – Full Council** – 16 December 2016 at 10:30am, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RH

For more information please about the SDNPA meeting visit:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/committees-meetings/authority-meeting/>

For more information about the County Council meeting please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk.

If the Proposed Submission Draft Plan is approved by both Authorities, we will invite representations on the 'soundness' of the Plan and legal compliance for an 8 week period between January and March 2016; this is under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations. We will write to you again in early 2017 to confirm the start of the representations period.

Following consideration of the representations, and subject to the scope of any amendments required to the Plan, a submission draft version of the Plan will be prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State for an independent examination by a Government appointed Planning Inspector.

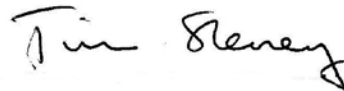
We apologise if you have received two copies of this letter. This may have occurred if you have contacted us in the past and are also located near one of the proposed site allocations.

We hope this information is of use and if you have any queries please 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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