

15 January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Proposed Modifications to the Joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan**

In partnership, West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have prepared a Joint Minerals Local Plan.

As part of the public examination of the submitted Plan, the Inspector, Mr Jonathan Manning, convened a Public Hearing from 19 September to 28 September 2017, where he invited participants to comment on legal compliance and the soundness of the Plan. As necessary, there were discussions between the Inspector, the Authorities and participants about potential changes to the Plan. The hearing was then adjourned by the Inspector on 28 September 2017.

During the hearing sessions, the Inspector indicated that changes needed to be made to the submitted Plan to make it 'sound' and suitable for adoption. The Inspector noted two types of changes; 'additional modifications' (such as typing errors, matters of clarification, or policy consolidation), and more significant 'main modifications' (such as changes to policies and the site allocations). The Authorities have considered the need to make changes and as a result have prepared a schedule of modifications for public consultation.

A period of public representation on the modifications to the Waste Local Plan must be undertaken to determine whether the modified Plan is 'sound' and 'legally compliant'. Representations on the modifications can be made from 15 January 2018 up until **5pm on Friday 9 March 2018**.

Accompanying this letter is a '**Statement of Representations Procedure**' which sets out details of the representations period and where documents can be obtained, including Representation Forms and Guidance Notes on how representations are to be made.

Representations should only be made about the modifications; no comments can be made at this stage about parts of the Plan that the Authorities do not propose to change.

The modifications and the representations received on them will be submitted to the Inspector for his consideration. The Inspector may decide that it is necessary to reconvene the hearings to consider the representations that have been made. If additional hearings are required, information about the location and date of these sessions will be made available online.

Following any reconvened hearing sessions, the Inspector will finalise his report on the soundness of the JMLP, and submit it to the Authorities.

Assuming that no further changes are recommended by the Inspector, the JMLP (as modified) will be adopted by both Authorities when it will become part of the statutory 'development plan' for West Sussex, both inside and outside, the South Downs National Park.

Once the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan is adopted, it will provide a basis for making consistent land-use planning decisions about planning applications for mineral development.

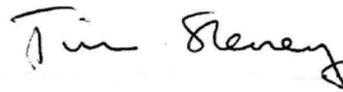
If you would like any information in an alternative language or format in order to help you make representations, or if you do not wish to be contacted again regarding this matter, then please notify us using the contact details shown below.

Please contact the Planning and Transport Policy Team on 01243 642118 or email the team via [mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk). Further information is also available on our website at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf).

Yours sincerely,



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