

30 July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**West Sussex Minerals & Waste Planning Policy: Summer Update.**

***Adoption of the Joint Minerals Local Plan***

In partnership, West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have prepared a Joint Minerals Local Plan (JMLP). The Authorities received the Planning Inspector's Report on 30 May 2018 and the JMLP has been found **sound** subject to a number of modifications.

The Inspector's Report and modifications recommended by the Planning Inspector were considered by the South Downs National Park Authority on 3 July 2018 and by West Sussex County Council on 20 July 2018. Both Authorities resolved to adopt the JMLP with effect from 20 July 2018.

Accordingly, the adopted Plan is now part of the statutory 'Development Plan' for West Sussex (both inside and outside the National Park) and will be the basis for all planning decisions relating to mineral development in the County.

If you would like to view the adopted JMLP, and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, they are being made available for inspection at the main deposit point locations, details of which are set out in the enclosed Adoption Statement. They are also available on our website, [www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf).

***Joint Minerals Local Plan: Single Issue Soft Sand Review***

Policy M2 of the JMLP sets out a requirement for the Authorities to undertake a single issue soft sand review of the Plan. Work on this review has begun, in line with the timetable set out in the recently approved Minerals and Waste Development Scheme. The review is addressing the strategy to maintain a steady and adequate supply of soft sand, the supply and demand for soft sand, and the approach to meet any shortfall, including the potential need to allocate sites.

Public consultation on issues and options is scheduled for early 2019. We will update you later in the year about progress with the review.

The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme can be found on our website, [www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf).

***Data Protection***

You are receiving this letter because you have previously engaged with the Authorities about minerals and waste planning policy. The County Council is the data controller for

the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal details will not be passed on to other organisations. Security safeguards apply to both manual and digitally-held data, and only relevant staff/named disclosures can access the information.

The County Council and South Downs National Park Authority, in our role as a Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities, undertake a public task, that being the processing of data for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR Regulations). Privacy notices are available on the County Council's website.

We will continue to store your data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, in order to keep you informed of minerals and waste planning policy updates.

If you wish to be removed from our database, please write to us via [mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk), or in writing to: Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, Planning Services, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RH.

***Consultation on the Draft West Sussex Statement of Community Involvement (Third Review)***

The Second Review of the West Sussex Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was published in June 2012. The SCI is a formal statement of the County Council's policy on how local communities and stakeholders can be actively, meaningfully and continuously involved in the preparation of local plans, and the consideration of planning applications that the County Council is responsible for determining.

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 requires that SCIs are reviewed every five years. The County Council has reviewed the SCI and prepared a draft, which is being consulted upon for a period of six weeks, ending on **Friday 7 September 2018**. The draft SCI is available on our website at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf).

Please note that the South Downs National Park Authority has its own SCI and that this consultation is solely on the County Council's SCI.

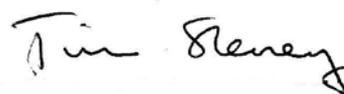
Comments on the draft SCI should be emailed to [mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk) or sent in writing to: Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, Planning Services, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RH.

For further information about matters in this update, please contact Planning Services at the County Council on 01243 642118 or email via [mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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