

6 May 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

We are writing to inform you that the Soft Sand Review (SSR) of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (JMLP) has been submitted to the Government for examination to determine whether it is 'sound' and procedurally and legally compliant.

Submission follows consultation on the Proposed Submission Draft review which took place between 6 January and 2 March 2020. All representations received during this period have also been submitted, together with the Sustainability Appraisal and associated supporting documents.

The SSR and supporting documents are being made available to view on our website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf. Once restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic are lifted, all documents will be available to view at a number of public locations. The accompanying Statement of Submission sets out further information on the availability of documents.

The SSR will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector, Brian Sims BSc CEng MICE MRTPI. As part of the examination, the Inspector will hold a public hearing, which is expected to take place during July and August 2020. A pre-hearing meeting may also be held, at which the Inspector will set out detailed arrangements for the public hearing. The venue and dates for the hearing and any pre-hearing meeting will be confirmed in due course.

If you have any queries about the examination process, please contact the Programme Officer using the details below:

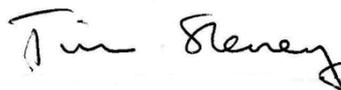
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Subject to the outcomes of the public examination, it is anticipated that the SSR will be adopted by both authorities in December 2020. We will write to you again to advise when this takes place. However, if you wish to be kept informed about progress during the examination, please notify us by contacting the County Council's Planning Policy and Infrastructure Team on 01243 642118 or by email (mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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