

9 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Modifications to the Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan

In partnership, West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have prepared a Soft Sand Review of the Joint Minerals Local Plan, as required by Policy M2 of the adopted Plan.

As part of the public examination of the submitted Soft Sand Review, the Inspector, Mr Brian Sims, convened a virtual examination hearing from 25 to 27 August 2020, where he considered participants comments on legal and procedural compliance and the soundness of the review.

During the hearing sessions, the Inspector indicated that some changes needed to be made to the submitted Soft Sand Review. 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 review must be undertaken to determine whether the modifications are 'sound' and 'legally and procedurally compliant'. Representations on the modifications can be made from 9 November 2020 up until 11:59pm on 8 January 2021.

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 can be made.

Representations should only be made about the modifications; no comments can be made at this stage about other parts of the Soft Sand Review, or the Joint Minerals Local Plan.

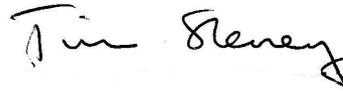
The modifications and the representations received on them will be submitted to the Inspector for his consideration. The Inspector may decide that it is necessary to hold further hearings to consider the representations that have been made. If additional hearings are required, information about the location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

Assuming that no further changes are recommended by the Inspector, he will issue his report, and the Soft Sand Review will be adopted by both Authorities as formal changes to the Joint Minerals Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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Tim Slaney
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