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West Sussex County Council and South Downs National Park Authority Adoption Statement

Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan

Notice of Adoption of the Soft Sand Review Changes to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (Regulation 26) Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In accordance with the Regulations set out above, this Adoption Statement gives notice that West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority formally adopted the Soft Sand Review changes to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (JMLP) on 25 March 2021.

The West Sussex JMLP is the principal document for the determination of applications for minerals activities (both inside and outside the National Park) and was adopted in July 2018. Policy M2 of the JMLP required the Authorities to undertake a review to address the shortfall in soft sand at the end of the plan period (2033). The Soft Sand Review has been formally adopted, as changes to the JMLP, setting out the strategic policy for the provision of soft sand and the allocation of soft sand sites.

The Soft Sand Review of the JMLP was subject to an Examination in Public, by an independent government appointed Planning Inspector during August 2020. The Planning Inspector issued his report on 4 February 2021, concluding the Soft Sand Review to be sound and legally compliant, subject to modifications. The revised JMLP incorporate these modifications.

Copies of the revised JMLP, the Sustainability Appraisal, and this Adoption Statement are available for inspection by appointment and subject to Covid-19 restrictions, during office hours at:

- **West Sussex County Council**, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, PO19 1RQ (Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm; Fri 8:30am-4:30pm)
- **South Downs Centre**, North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DH (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4:30pm)
- **Online** at www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf

Any person aggrieved by the Single Issue Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan may make an application to the High Court under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 section 113 on the ground that:

- a) the Plan is not within the appropriate power;
- b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

An application must be made no later than the end of the period of six weeks starting from the date the Soft Sand Review of the JMLP was adopted. The period ends on **6 May 2021**.

The Plan cannot be questioned in any legal proceedings except in so far as is provided by section 113.

For further information, or to arrange an appointment to view hard copy documents, please contact us:

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