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Dear Sir/Madam,

West Sussex Minerals & Waste Planning Policy: Summer Update

Joint Minerals Local Plan – Five Year Assessment of Relevance and Effectiveness

The West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (JMLP) was prepared in partnership by West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. The JMLP was adopted in July 2018 and a partial review, specifically related to the supply of soft sand, was adopted in March 2021.

Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 requires local planning authorities to assess local plans every five years from their date of adoption to determine whether they need to be a formally reviewed through changes to a local plan, where it is determined that they (in part or whole) are no longer relevant or effective.

The assessment of the JMLP identified that there have been no substantive changes in national or local circumstances and the policies have generally performed as expected since the adoption of the Plan. The policies are still considered to be consistent with national policy, relevant and effective, and working to achieve the vision and strategic objectives of the JMLP. Accordingly, the assessment concluded that the Plan is still relevant and effective, and it does not need to be formally reviewed (in whole or in part).

The assessment was approved by the County Council on 26 May 2023 and the South Downs National Park Authority on 11 July 2023.

The 'West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (July 2018, Partial Review March 2021): Five Year Assessment of Relevance and Effectiveness' is available on our website, www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.

Engagement on the West Sussex Statement of Community Involvement (Fourth Review).

The West Sussex Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (third review) was published in October 2018. The SCI is a formal statement of West Sussex 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 be reviewed every five years. The County Council has prepared a draft SCI (fourth review). It is available for comment from **28 July 2023 until 22**

September 2023. The draft SCI is available on our website at www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf, and in hard copy at County Hall, Chichester. Please note, the South Downs National Park Authority has its own SCI and this engagement is solely on the County Council's SCI.

Comments on the SCI should be emailed to 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.

Publication of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (2023 – 2026)

An updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) has been published, covering the period 2023-2026. It sets out the programme for the preparation and review of plans, and is available on our website, www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.

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Yours faithfully,



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