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

Background

- 1 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 'Authorities'). The JMLP was first adopted in July 2018, following examination hearings in September 2017. A partial review, specifically related to the supply of soft sand, resulted in formal changes to the JMLP, that were adopted in March 2021.
- 2 The JMLP sets out detailed planning policies for minerals and includes site allocations. It is the most up-to-date statement of the County Council's land-use planning policy for minerals. The Plan is part of the statutory development plan for West Sussex, and it is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

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- 3 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 formally reviewed through changes to a local plan, where it is determined that they (in part or whole) are no longer relevant or effective.
- 4 The JMLP has been subject to an assessment of its relevance and effectiveness, **as set out at Appendix 1 (available via the website)**. It has been prepared by officers of the joint authorities, taking account of monitoring undertaken on an annual basis.
- 5 The assessment identifies 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 concludes that the Plan is still relevant and effective, and it does not need to be formally reviewed, in whole or in part.
- 6 SDNPA approval of the assessment will be subject to a decision at the SDNP full Authority meeting of 22 July 2023, after which the assessment will be published.

Recommended

That the Joint Minerals Local Plan is still relevant and effective and does not need to be formally reviewed, in whole or in part.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Five Year Assessment of Relevance and Effectiveness (available via the website)

Background papers

None