
West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Preferred Options Consultation

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider approval of the publication of the Preferred Options Consultation for the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan for a six week period in accordance with the West Berkshire Statement of Community Involvement. In addition approval is required for the publication of a number of supporting documents.

2. Recommendations

- (1) That the Preferred Options Consultation Document, and supporting evidence (including the Sustainability Appraisal /Strategic Environmental Assessment report and Habitats Regulations Assessment), is published for a six week consultation in accordance with the West Berkshire Statement of Community Involvement.
- (2) Council grant delegated authority to the Head of Development and Planning, in consultation with the appropriate portfolio holder to agree any minor typographical and formatting alterations to the draft Preferred Options consultation document and supporting information prior to publication for consultation.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** The Council is committed to producing planning policy documents. Budgetary provision has been made to carry out the relevant work.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The Minerals and Waste Local plan will replace the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (2001) and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (1998). The West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan will include sites allocated to meet the Council's mineral requirements over the life of the plan (to 2036) as well as the policy framework against which decisions on minerals and waste proposals will be made.

- 3.3 **Personnel:** N/A
- 3.4 **Legal:** The Minerals and Waste Local Plan will provide the planning framework for Minerals and Waste planning in West Berkshire.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** In the absence of an up to date development plan relating to minerals and waste, planning applications received have to be considered against a dated local policy framework and national policy increasing the possibility of the authority not being able to consider all relevant local circumstances when making a determination. In the absence of an up to date waste plan there is a potential threat of fines from the EU.
- 3.6 **Property:** N/A
- 3.7 **Other:** N/A

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 No other options considered. The Council are required to have an up to date Minerals and Waste Local Plan and consultation forms a key part of the development of the plan.

Executive Summary

5. Introduction / Background

- The West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (WBMWLP) will replace the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (2011) and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (1998) providing an up to date planning framework for minerals and waste development in West Berkshire to 2036.
- It is proposed to consult on the Preferred Options Plan for six weeks, in accordance with the Council's Statement of Consultation between the 19th May and 30th June 2017.

6. Proposal

- The Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preferred Options sets out the proposed planning framework for Minerals and Waste Development in West Berkshire, based on evidence collected, site assessment work and the outcomes of early consultation (Issues and Options 2014 and Sites 2016).
- It sets out comprehensive policies to guide development and proposes the allocation of sites for mineral development to meet the Council's mineral need over the plan period.
- No waste sites are proposed for allocation as there is no need for additional waste management capacity over the plan period.
- The plan is supported by a number of evidence base and background documents. These can be made available electronically on request and a hard copy is available in the Members' Boardroom.

7. Conclusion

- The Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preferred Options has been prepared to allow members of the public, operators and statutory bodies to provide input into the final submission version of the Plan that will be subject to Examination in Public.
- The Consultation is proposed to take place between 19 May and 30 June 2017.
- Following the consultation, officers will prepare a submission version of the plan for Council, taking into account the comments received as part of the consultation. It is currently anticipated that the submission draft of the plan will be ready for publication by the end of 2017, with examination taking place in summer 2018 and adoption of the plan by the end of 2018.

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix A – Supporting Information

8.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment

8.3 Appendix C – Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation Document

- 8.4 Appendix D – Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) Environmental Report. (Please note that the SA/SEA appendices are available electronically upon request)
- 8.5 Appendix E – Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)