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Decision No:

Subject: Updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Kent Minerals Sites Plan – Results of Public Consultation and Next Steps

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: N/A

Future Pathway of Paper: N/A

Electoral Division: Countywide

Summary: The County Council has a statutory responsibility to plan for future minerals supply and waste management within Kent. To this end, the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) was adopted by Full Council in July 2016 with some limited changes adopted in September 2020. The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan contains planning policies relating to minerals supply and waste management against which the Council assesses planning applications for these types of development. In addition, the Kent Mineral Sites Plan (adopted in September 2020) identifies three sites suitable for the quarrying of sand and gravel.

Plan making is a cyclical process and consistent with national policy requirements, an update to the adopted KMWLP is now required that will plan to 2039. During the new plan period existing permitted reserves of hard (or crushed) rock in Kent are predicted to run out and so an update to the Kent Mineral Sites Plan is being prepared with a view to identifying land suitable for new reserves.

Land south and west of the existing Hermitage Quarry near Maidstone was nominated by Gallagher Aggregates (potential site operator) for extraction of hard rock and was subject to an initial (desktop) assessment of its suitability. Public consultation on the nominated site took place in early Summer which resulted in approximately 26,200 representations. Further evidence gathering including a second call for sites and detailed technical assessment on the suitability of the nominated site is now needed over an extended period. This requires a change to the timetable set out in the Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS). A formal proposal to update the MWDS will be reported to ETCC in November.

As part of updating the KMWLP, consultation on a small number of additional material changes has also taken place and responses were broadly positive. A final draft KMWLP will also be reported to ETCC in November and subsequently County Council in December prior to a period for representations which will be followed by submission to Government for independent examination.

Recommendation(s):

The Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee is asked to note the progress with updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Kent Mineral Sites Plan. In particular the committee is asked to note:

- (i) The nature of the response to the public consultation on the hard rock site nominated for inclusion in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan;
- (ii) The need for additional evidence gathering and the second call for sites related to the preparation of the Kent Minerals Sites Plan and the consequent impact on the timetable;
- (iii) The nature of the response to the public consultation on the further proposed changes to Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan; and,
- (iv) The next steps to be taken in updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Kent Mineral Sites Plan.

1 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 As the minerals and waste planning authority for Kent, the County Council is required to prepare and maintain planning policy concerning waste management and minerals supply in the County. The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 was adopted by the Council in July 2016 and sets out the strategy and policy framework for minerals and waste development in Kent which includes future capacity and supply requirements. The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan, together with the Kent Mineral Sites Plan, forms part of the Development Plan for Kent which is key, both for the determination of planning applications for minerals and waste development by the County Council, and applications relating to other development that may affect minerals and waste development or other aspects determined by District and Borough Councils in Kent.
- 1.2 Following its adoption, the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan was subject to an 'Early Partial Review' and changes resulting from this review were adopted by the Council in September 2020. Also in September 2020, the Council adopted the Kent Mineral Sites Plan.
- 1.3 In accordance with national policy, planning policies should provide for the extraction of mineral resources of local and national importance¹ and the Kent Mineral Sites Plan allocates three areas of land considered suitable for the quarrying of sand and gravel. Land allocations in the Minerals Sites Plan help guide the industry to make applications within locations which have been assessed as suitable in principle. The Kent Minerals Sites Plan therefore helps provide certainty that a steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals can be maintained in Kent in accordance with national policy. The Mineral Sites Plan does not remove the need for developers to apply for detailed planning permission.
- 1.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (and legislation²) states policies in Local Plans should be reviewed at least once every five years to assess whether they need updating and should then be updated as necessary. A review of the Vision, Strategic Objectives and policies in the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan was undertaken in 2021 that concluded a need for updates to the Plan.

¹ Paragraph 210, National Planning Policy Framework, 2021

² Regulation 10A of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

- 1.5 The process of updating the Plan needs to follow that set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the plan making regulations') as well as the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance. This includes updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan in accordance with a timetable published in the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme. A revised scheme for updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan was considered by Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 23 May 2023 and agreed by the Cabinet Member for Environment.
- 1.6 At the same meeting the Cabinet Committee also resolved to endorse the decision of the Cabinet Member to undertake public consultation on a small number of further proposed changes to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan which took account of an earlier consultation of proposed changes to the existing adopted Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan between October and December 2022. A consultation document setting out the Further Proposed Changes, with reasoned justification for the proposed changes, was published for consultation for six weeks in June 2023.
- 1.7 The Further Proposed Changes related to:
- Extending the plan period to 2039;
 - updates to aggregate requirements in Policy CSM2;
 - removal of a commitment to make specific provision for the management of residual non-hazardous waste by landfill or energy recovery that arises in London.
 - waste produced in London; and
 - removal of the strategic site allocation at Norwood Quarry, Sheppey for the landfill of hazardous waste specifically incinerator fly ash (Policy CSW5).
- 1.8 Legislation requires that an independent 'Sustainability Appraisal' of draft planning policy is undertaken that determines the likely social, economic, and environmental effects of the policies and makes recommendations for changes. A draft Sustainability Appraisal of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan incorporating the Further Proposed Changes was also published.
- 1.9 Public consultation is an important part of the plan making process and is required at key stages. The table below sets out the consultations that have taken place as part of the 5 year review of the adopted plan.

Consultation	Dates	Summary
Initial consultation with key stakeholders	26 th March 2021 - 9 th April 2021 14 days	Initial evidence gathering to determine which parts of the Plan may need updating
Regulation 18 public consultation on Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan Refresh	16 th December 2021 - 9 th February 2022 8 weeks (over Christmas period)	Consultation on proposed changes to the KMWLP's vision, objectives, policies and supporting text in light of government policy and legislation published since 2016. Amongst other matters, this included changes to the NPPF,

		policy and legislation concerned with achieving a circular economy and more ambitious targets concerning biodiversity net gain.
Regulation 18 public consultation on draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2023-38	24 th October 2022 - 5 th December 2022 6 weeks	Consultation on further proposed changes to KMWLP including amongst other matters, extending the plan period to 2038 and changes to policies CSW 8, 12 and 17 and the removal of the strategic mineral site at Holborough (CSM 3).
Regulation 18 public consultation on Further Proposed Changes to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan	13th June - 25th July 2023 6 weeks	Consultation on further proposed changes to KMWLP including, extending the plan period to 2039, changes to policy CSM2, the removal of the strategic waste site at Norwood Quarry (CSW5) and a commitment to make provision for the management of certain waste produced in London.

- 1.10 The consultations have provided an opportunity for stakeholders and communities to comment on the Council's draft proposals for updates to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan. At the same time consultees were able to comment on whether other changes were needed. The outcome of the latest consultation is discussed in outline in Section 2.0 below.
- 1.11 The current Kent Mineral Sites Plan was adopted in 2020 and includes two allocations for working sharp sand and gravel and one for soft sand. In light of the change to the period of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan, a need to allocate a site(s) for the extraction of around 17.4 million tonnes of hard rock in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan was identified. The additional allocation(s) would ensure that a hard rock landbank of hard rock of at least 10 years could be maintained as required by the NPPF.
- 1.12 As set out in Kent Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme, preparation of the update to the Kent Mineral Sites Plan involves the following key stages:
- 'Call for Sites';
 - initial assessment of nominated sites;
 - consultation (Regulation 18) on nominated sites not ruled out by initial assessment;
 - detailed technical assessment of site(s), including Sustainability Appraisal. This assessment process confirms the suitability of site(s) for potential allocation in an updated Minerals Sites Plan;
 - period for representations (Regulation 19) on final draft Minerals Sites Plan; and,
 - independent examination of soundness and legality.
- 1.13 The 'Call for Sites' involves inviting landowners, operators, and other interested

parties to nominate sites which they consider suitable for mineral extraction. A Call for Sites relating to land suitable for the extraction of hard rock was undertaken during October to December 2022 which resulted in the nomination of land south and west of the existing Hermitage Quarry near Maidstone.

1.14 In accordance with the Council's previously published Site Selection Methodology, an initial, primarily desktop, assessment of the nominated site's suitability for mineral working was undertaken. This initial 'RAG Assessment' involved the scoring of the site, using a Red-Amber-Green (RAG) scale, against certain assessment criteria. The RAG Assessment identified the following issues which will require particular further attention at the Detailed Technical Assessment stage:

- Public Rights of Way (PRoW). Currently there is a PRoW running through the area proposed for excavation and further assessment of the impact and the potential for diversion of this PRoW is required.
- Health and Amenity. The working of hard rock involves blasting which results in noise, vibration and dust. While the proposed working area is further away from main residential areas than the existing site, further assessment of the likely impact is necessary.
- Services and Utilities. An electricity power cable currently passes over the proposed extraction area. Further assessment of the impact of this on the working of the mineral, including whether the power cable can be diverted, is necessary.
- Nature Conservation and Geodiversity. The extraction area includes an area that is protected from development due to the presence of Ancient Replanted Woodland classed as 'PAWS' (Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites). Further assessment of the acceptability of the impact on this feature is required. This feature also exists within the current Westerly Extension at Hermitage Quarry that was granted planning permission in 2013 with a requirement to translocate the associated soils.

1.15 As with the update to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan, a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) was also undertaken that identifies potential impacts of working the nominated site. The SA also recommends ways in which impacts can be mitigated and notes the beneficial impact on the economy of working the mineral. The impacts of a 'reasonable alternative' to working the site were also considered in the SA. This alternative relates to not working the proposed site but instead meeting requirements for hard rock from elsewhere beyond Kent. The appraisal of the reasonable alternative notes that it would likely incur impacts associated with additional transportation such as additional vehicle emissions.

1.16 Details of the nominated site, the result of the initial assessment and the draft SA were all published for consultation for six weeks in June and July 2023. In accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, the consultation provided an opportunity for stakeholders, including the local community, to comment on the suitability of the nominated site for mineral working. The outcome of this consultation and next steps are reported in Section 3 below.

2 Outcome of Consultation on Further Proposed Changes to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan

2.1 The Regulation 18 public consultation utilised the County Council's consultation hub which notified over 5,000 members of the public who have registered an

interest in environmental and planning consultations undertaken by the Council. Statutory consultees and interested stakeholders including minerals and waste organisations were also consulted.

2.2 73 comments were received from 53 different stakeholders which included:

- Individuals;
- district and borough councils;
- parish councils;
- statutory bodies e.g., Environment Agency, Natural England;
- the waste and minerals industry; and,
- other stakeholder groups and organisations.

2.3 The comments received were generally supportive. The main areas of comment were as follows:

2.4 Minerals:

- General support for proposed changes to Policy CSM2 which update the future requirements for the provision of aggregate over the Plan period to 2039;
- general support for the proposed change to include a commitment to seek to allocate a site for hard rock extraction;
- future demand for soft sand has been underestimated;
- suggestion that a commitment should be included in the Plan to allocate additional sites for the extraction of soft sand taking account of the strategic significance of soft sand resources in Kent and the lack of a 7 year landbank towards the end of the plan period; and,
- developer concern that policies on mineral resource safeguarding are too onerous.

2.5 Waste:

- General support for proposed deletion of strategic site for waste (Policy CSW5 – Norwood Quarry) although an objection was received from the operator on the grounds that site will still be needed in future;
- Support for the proposed deletion of a Kent County Council commitment within the Plan to make specific provision for the management of residual non-hazardous waste by landfill or energy recovery that arises in London; and,
- developer concern that policies on waste infrastructure safeguarding are too onerous.

2.6 Some minor comments were also received on the related Draft Sustainability Appraisal. The next steps in updating the KMWLP are set out in Section 4 below.

3 Update to the Kent Mineral Sites Plan - Outcome of Consultation on Nominated Site: land south and west of the existing Hermitage Quarry

3.1 The public consultation on the nominated site utilised the same County Council consultation hub to notify members of the public. Statutory consultees and interested stakeholders and minerals and waste organisations were also consulted. In addition, the consultation on the nominated site comprised the following:

- Notices publicising the consultation were displayed in prominent locations, such as on lampposts, near to the nominated site;
- On the evening of 7 July, a public meeting was held at Larkfield Village Hall to explain the plan making process and to outline the details of the nominated site and outcomes of the initial RAG assessment;
- A media release was issued setting out details of the consultation which was reported in the local press and on TV and radio.
- Press Notice in local press and publicised on social media
- Neighbour notification

3.2 In total approximately 26,200 representations were received which included:

- Individuals;
- district and borough councils;
- parish councils;
- statutory bodies e.g., Environment Agency; Natural England
- the minerals industry; and,
- other stakeholder groups and organisations.

3.3 During the consultation, the Woodland Trust established a dedicated page on its website and communicated the consultation to its members. The Woodland Trust website included an online campaign inviting objection to the nominated site which generated around 25,500 letters of objection. Objections received via this route were received from many individuals with addresses in locations beyond Kent. In addition, we received a petition signed by some 400 signatures objecting to the nominated site. Local County Members Chris Passmore objected to the nominated site and Trudy Dean drew attention to a number of concerns to be considered.

3.4 The main areas of comment are as follows:

- Concern about working hard rock at the nominated site due to impacts on the following:
 - o Ancient woodland – impact upon the Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS);
 - o local amenity, including noise, dust and vibration arising from blasting and other operations at the site;
 - o loss of local amenity space used for walking, cycling and riding;
 - o setting of the North Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
 - o Oaken Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest;
 - o Public Right of Way;
 - o Grade 2 Agricultural Land;
 - o Oaken Wood Local Wildlife Site and impact upon biodiversity and habitats;
 - o Impact upon climate emergency;
 - o Cumulative impact from development
 - o Highways and access
 - o Restoration
- Suggestion that there are other sources of hard rock which will not have the same degree of impacts;
- Question the need for the development and the quality of the resource;
- Consistency of the nominated site with the Council's tree establishment

strategy (Kent Plan Tree, 2022);

- 3.5 The majority of the concerns raised had already been identified in the Council's own initial assessment of the site which formed part of the consultation documentation.
- 3.6 As well as objections, around 400 responses were received supporting the proposed site. Comments of support noted the following:
- The importance of hard rock to the local economy;
 - how extending the existing site would provide ongoing employment to those working on the site and to those working for businesses which service the operations at the site;
 - the operator has a proven good track record in high quality restoration and land management returning worked sites to a higher quality than previously worked;
 - Local, sustainable product to service Kent's needs for hard rock;
 - More sustainable solution than importation, minimising carbon impact;
 - Benefit of replacing existing chestnut coppice in Oaken Wood with broadleaf woodland
 - Valuable heritage commodity to repair and restore historic structures; and
 - Social value provided by current operator

4. Next Steps

Updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan

- 4.1 The final text of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan will take into the comments made during all the consultation exercises related to the updating of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan but no further substantive changes that have not been previously consulted on are proposed.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the final draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 be reported to this committee in November and subsequently to Full Council in December. If agreed by Council, the Plan will be submitted to Government for independent examination into its soundness and legal compliance. Prior to its submission to Government, there will be a further statutory six week public engagement, with the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 being published for representations on its soundness and legality.
- 4.3 The Government has signaled its intention to update the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to, amongst other things, take account of its net zero carbon emissions target. It will be necessary to closely monitor any such updates to ensure the Plan remains consistent with national policy.

Updating the Kent Mineral Sites Plan

- 4.4 In terms of the updated Kent Mineral Sites Plan, further evidence gathering is needed to ensure that the updated plan is robust and justified. This evidence gathering mainly includes the following activities:
- detailed technical assessment of the suitability of the nominated site. This will be undertaken by specialist in-house officers and consultants involving considerations such as impact on landscape, amenity, biodiversity, agricultural land, historic environment, access and the overhead powerline that crosses the nominated site;

- an assessment of potential alternative sources of hard rock that would be capable of meeting the identified need; This will include a further call for sites.
- review of additional assessments, including those relating to biodiversity, being undertaken by the site promoter;
- further consultation with key stakeholders including Natural England; and,
- preparation of an updated Sustainability Appraisal that takes account of the above as well as the comments received on the draft document.

4.5 The above evidence gathering activities will allow recommendations to be made regarding the content of an updated Mineral Sites Plan. Proposed updates will be included in a draft updated Kent Mineral Sites Plan that will be published for representations on their soundness and legality in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Regulations. Full Council will be asked to agree publication of any site proposed for allocation.

4.6 In light of the extent of the evidence gathering activities there is a need to extend the timetable for preparing the updated Minerals Sites Plan and the table below shows the proposed changes to the timetable.

Key Stages	Current	Proposed
Evidence gathering including detailed technical assessment	<i>July – October 2023</i>	July 2023 – June 2024
Publication of draft Mineral Sites Plan for representations on soundness (Reg 19)	<i>December 2023 – February 2024</i>	October – November 2024
Submission to Secretary of State for examination	<i>May 2024</i>	February 2025
Independent Examination Hearings	<i>July 2024</i>	March-April 2025
Inspector's Report	November 2024	August 2025
Adoption by Council	February 2025	December 2025

4.7 The proposed changes to the timetable for the Kent Mineral Sites Plan require an update to the Kent Minerals and Waste Development Scheme and this will be presented formally to this committee for its agreement at its meeting in November.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The costs of preparing the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 and updating the Mineral Sites Plan will need to be met from existing KCC budgets. The majority of the costs of the local plan work are met from the Growth and Communities Division Planning Applications budget. The balance, mainly relating to specialist advice and the independent examination may need to be sought from a corporate reserve.

5.2 As was previously reported to this Cabinet Committee, public consultation on the Kent Mineral Sites Plan was likely to attract objections which could affect the financial resource required to ensure the plan is robust. This has materialised and resulted in an extended plan making timetable with a 'decoupling' of the Minerals Sites Plan from the process of updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan. There remains the risk that publication of the Minerals Sites Plan for representations in 2024 may result in representations which require additional defence of the plan at the independent examination.

5.3 Implementation of the Plans will ensure the wider Kent economy continues to benefit from the management of waste and supply of minerals within its area. For example, costs of waste management and mineral supply to businesses in Kent would be higher if a Plan was not in place which does not clearly state how and where waste can be managed and minerals supplied in Kent. It would also assist in measures to address fly-tipping by providing adequate capacity and facilities to manage Kent's waste.

6. Policy Framework

- 6.1 The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Kent Mineral Sites Plan deliver the Council's adopted Mineral and Waste planning strategy and are important in the determination of planning applications in Kent. A Local Plan is prepared in accordance with national planning policy and guidance, whilst providing a local perspective. Mineral and waste planning policies support and facilitate sustainable growth in Kent's economy. They also support the protection and creation of a high-quality environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community's needs.
- 6.2 Updating minerals and waste planning policies will take account of changes to the County Council's corporate policies since July 2016 which are concerned with the way in which land is developed in Kent. These include the Kent Environment Strategy, the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy, Kent's Plan Bee pollinator action plan and Kent Plan Tree.
- 6.3 Updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the Kent Mineral Sites Plan supports the County Council's strategy, Framing Kent's Future 2022-2026, which sets the Council's priorities for the next three years.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 The County Council has a legal obligation under the Town and Country Planning legislation to prepare a statutory Development Plan. The County Council is also required by national planning policy to ensure that local plans promote sustainable minerals and waste development. Updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the Kent Mineral Sites Plan will ensure that minerals and waste development in Kent continues to occur in line with national planning policy.
- 7.2 There is an expectation by Government (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) that all planning authorities have an up-to-date local plan in place. Without an up to date adopted plan, there is a risk that the Secretary of State will step in as the plan making authority, reducing local accountability.
- 7.3 The process of updating planning policy must take place in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which include the requirement that public consultation takes place in accordance with Local Planning Authority's Statement of Community involvement and the timetable in the Local Development Scheme.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1 Equality impact assessments (EQIA) have been prepared as part of updating the

Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the Mineral Sites Plan and no equalities implications have been identified so far. EQIA will be prepared to accompany the updated Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Kent Minerals Sites Plan when they are proposed for submission to Government.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 This report provides an update on the Council's minerals and waste local plan making responsibilities. It reports back on the public consultation undertaken on Further Proposed Changes to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the updated Kent Minerals Sites Plan which included a nominated site on land south and west of Hermitage Quarry for the extraction of hard rock.
- 9.2 The report outlines the next steps and notes that the timetable for updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan and that for updating the Kent Minerals Sites Plan needs to decouple to allow the updating of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan to progress while additional evidence gathering, associated with the Kent Mineral Sites Plan takes place. A revised Local Development Scheme setting out the revised timetable for the work will be presented to this committee for its agreement in November together with the final text of the updated Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

10. Recommendation

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Background documents:

[Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 as amended by the Early Partial Review 2020](#)
[Report of the 5 Year Review of the Kent Minerals Waste Local Plan, 2021](#)

[Proposed Draft Changes to the Kent Minerals Waste Local Plan, December 2021](#)
[Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2023-38](#)
[Kent Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, September 2022](#)
[Kent County Council Statement of Community Involvement, 2021](#)
[Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee September 2022 – item 14](#)
[Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 – Further Proposed Changes –
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[Draft Sustainability Appraisal of the Updates to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan
2013-30 in light of the Five Year Review, May 2023](#)
[Non-Technical Summary of the Updates to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan
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[Draft Kent Mineral Sites Plan including details of nominated Hard Rock Site, May 2023](#)
[Initial \(RAG\) Assessment of the Suitability of Nominated Land to South and West of
Hermitage Quarry for Hard Rock, May 2023](#)
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