

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039

Responsible Officer

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Approved by (Note: approval of this EqIA must be completed within the EqIA App)

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Type of Activity

Service Change

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

No

Commissioning/Procurement

No

Strategy/Policy

Strategy/Policy

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility

Directorate

Growth Environment and Transport

Responsible Service

Growth and Communities

Responsible Head of Service

Sharon Thompson - GT GC

Responsible Director

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Aims and Objectives

The County Council is required by planning legislation to produce a development plan (commonly known as a Local Plan) for the sustainable delivery of mineral resources, safeguarding of mineral and waste infrastructure and the sustainable management of waste. As the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for the County Council's administrative area, it is required to prepare and keep under review a Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme (MWLDS). The MWLDS sets out a timetable for the production of key documents related to minerals and waste planning for Kent. The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP) provides the strategy to 2039.

The MWLDS sets out the County Council's program for updating of key planning documents related to the minerals and waste policy in Kent during the period 2024 to 2026 period and relates to the following:

1. Prepare, examine and adopt the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39;
2. Review of the Kent Minerals Sites Plan regarding the need for hard (crushable) rock for aggregate purposes; and
3. Preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document related to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and waste and minerals development.

The current MWLDS was adopted in November 2023 and covers the 2023 to 2025 period. The County Council is committed to the new programme as set out in the August 2024 revision of the MWLDS; its progress will be reviewed annually and reported through the Authority Monitoring Report system. If need be, the Scheme will be updated to reflect further changes to timetables which may arise from the examination timetable which is informed by third party actions and the complexity of issues raised.

In discharging its plan making responsibilities, the Council must be certain that its local plan work, or the production of supplementary planning documents, does not result in any inherent adverse impacts on persons or groups with a protected characteristic. The revised Local Development Scheme does not result in any inherent adverse impacts on persons or groups with a protected characteristic.

Section B – Evidence

Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?

Yes

It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?

Yes

Is there national evidence/data that you can use?

Yes

Have you consulted with stakeholders?

Yes

Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?

The community has had the opportunity to comment on the further changes to the Kent Minerals and Waste Plan Review via a series of public consultation events, the last being between 13 June to the 25 July 2023. The Council used a variety of communication methods as set out in the County Council's Statement of Community Involvement. All relevant groups within the county were engaged without bias to any one definable group within the community as a whole. Accessible documents were available, and material was available in hard copy.

In addition to local communities, all relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees have been consulted; they include:

- Parish Councils
- Borough and District Council
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Historic England
- Highways England
- Health and Safety Executive,
- Health Protection Agency (Public Health England)
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Civil Aviation Authority ((Head of Aerodromes Standards Department),
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Gardens Trust
- Ministry of Defence
- Network Rail
- The respective water authority (e.g., South East Water)
- UK Power Networks
- Sports England
- Ramblers Association

No response to the public consultation identified an adverse impact upon those with a protected characteristic.

The proposed Plan's soundness public consultation (Regulation 19) was undertaken between the 17 January and 29 February 2024, inviting comments using the same methodology. As before, no response to this public consultation identified any adverse impact upon those with a protected characteristic.

Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?

Yes

Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?

Yes

Section C – Impact

Who may be impacted by the activity?

Service Users/clients

Service users/clients

Staff

Staff/Volunteers

Residents/Communities/Citizens

Residents/communities/citizens

Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?

No

Details of Positive Impacts

Not Applicable

Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions

19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age

Are there negative impacts for age?

No

Details of negative impacts for Age

Not Applicable

Mitigating Actions for Age

Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age

Not Applicable

20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability

Are there negative impacts for Disability?

No

Details of Negative Impacts for Disability

Not Applicable

Mitigating actions for Disability

Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Disability

Not Applicable

21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex

Are there negative impacts for Sex

No

Details of negative impacts for Sex
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Sex
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Sex
Not Applicable
22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
No
Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable
23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race
Are there negative impacts for Race
No
Negative impacts for Race
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Race
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race
Not Applicable
24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief
No
Negative impacts for Religion and belief
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief
Not Applicable
25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
No
Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
No
Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity

Not Applicable
27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
No
Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
No
Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities
Not Applicable