

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Full Review Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 - Timetable and a Mandate for Public Consultation
Pre-submission Test of Soundness Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012

Responsible Officer

Bryan Geake - GT GC

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 & Communities

Responsible Head of Service

Sharon Thompson - GT GC

Responsible Director

Stephanie Holt-Castle - GT GC

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. The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) (as amended by the Early Partial Review) was adopted in 2020 (and collectively constitutes the Plan) and sets out the vision and strategy to achieve this. The supply of minerals and the management of waste play an important role in sustainable communities and providing the infrastructure that society requires. Their ongoing safeguarding is also an objective of the Plan to ensure this role can be carried out in an efficient and uninterrupted manner as possible.

The County Council as plan making authority is required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to assess whether the Plan is requirement to be reviewed, and if necessary updated, at least once every 5 years. To this end, the Council has identified that some of the policies and supporting text are no longer considered as effective or have become out of date.

To address these matters, changes were proposed to the adopted Plan and were subject to public consultation between December 2021 and February 2022. These changes were proposed to address national planning policy changes set out in the NPPF and included new provisions relating to biodiversity net gains targets, carbon neutrality targets, the management of low level and very low-level nuclear waste management, the circular economy and aggregate supply and mineral safeguarding. Further changes were

proposed in response to the comments made in the recent public consultation. These changes have been introduced into the Plan to make it effective and in accordance with national planning and wider environmental policy. Then In June 2023 further changes to the Plan were considered appropriate and were consulted upon. These changes relate to the quantity of aggregate mineral to be planned for, deletion of a strategic waste site allocation to accept hazardous flue ash, and deletion of text which concerns making specific provision for a proportion of London’s non-hazardous waste arisings by landfill or by energy recovery over the period of the Plan to 2039.

As part of the mandatory formal review process, the proposed changes will require further public consultation in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This will invite representations on soundness and is anticipated in January to February 2024.

In discharging its plan making responsibilities, the Council must be certain that the outcome of such a plan review does not have 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 Plan via a series of public consultation events 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 soundness public consultation (Regulation 19) will invite comments using the same methodology.

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