

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Full Review Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2023-38 and Kent Minerals Sites Plan Update - Timetable and a Mandate for Public Consultation 2022

Responsible Officer

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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 & 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 and the management of waste. The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) as amended by the Early Partial Review which was adopted in 2020 (the Plan) 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.

The County Council as plan making authority is required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to assess whether the Plan is in need of updating 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Council has identified that some of the policies and supporting text are no longer considered effective or have become out of date.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. This includes an update to the Minerals Sites Plan. These changes have been introduced into the Plan to make it effective and in

accordance with national planning and wider environmental policy. In doing so, it must be certain that the outcome of such a plan review does not have inherent adverse impacts on persons with a protected characteristic. As part of the formal review process these changes will require further public consultation in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

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 had the opportunity to comment on initial changes to the Plan via an 8 week public consultation. 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 statutory consultees have been consulted; they include, where relevant:

- 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 further public consultation 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
No
Staff
No
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?
Yes
Details of Positive Impacts
<p>In ensuring that the required waste management infrastructure matches the known and reasonably anticipated waste arisings will ensure that overall net waste management self-sufficiency is achieved over the remaining Plan period. This will help to ensure that the community is not subjected to impacts that would otherwise occur if greater than necessary waste capacity was developed and managed in Kent that went beyond attaining net self-sufficiency in waste management. Assessing waste arisings data and matching this to Kent’s waste capacity is a matter that is part of ongoing annual monitoring that the County Council undertakes.</p> <p>The continued sustainable planning for the demand of finite minerals will ensure maintenance of the needed supply of these materials to the communities of Kent. This will facilitate the maintenance of the infrastructure and enable efficient use of local resources for the required new level of development. This will be to the benefit of all defined groups of the general population of Kent.</p> <p>Moreover, the proposed changes to the plans reflect the need to address national policy requirements for carbon reduction, increasing the move towards a Circular Economy, enhanced biodiversity and sustainability of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP) and Kent Mineral Sites Plan (KMSP). These proposed changes will be to the benefit of all defined groups of the general population of Kent. As this will help mitigate against adverse environmental impacts generally over Kent into the future.</p> <p>It is considered that the changes to adopted KMWLP as identified in its Full Review and the Update of the KMSP is likely to have a positive impact on persons with a protected characteristic in the general population. The aims of the adopted KMWLP and its policies remain the same, the Full Review proposed changes to the KMWLP together with the updated KMSP will ensure the plans remains sound, effective and justified over the plan period. Therefore, these plans will both meet the identified needs of the community for sustainable waste and minerals planning for the benefit of the community as a whole, and thus help to eliminate discrimination and inequality and foster good community relations.</p>
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