

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

23/00042

For publication**Key decision: YES**

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39, Kent Minerals Sites Plan Update, including Local Development Scheme (Timetable) and a Mandate for Public Consultation

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to:

- (i) Approve and publish for public consultation evidence relating to an update of the Kent Minerals Sites Plan, for a minimum six-week period of public consultation in line with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations);
- (ii) Approve and publish for public consultation further proposed changes to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 and associated supporting evidence, for a minimum six-week period of public consultation in line with Regulation 18 of the Regulations;
- (iii) Agree revised timetables for preparation of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 and updated Kent Minerals Sites Plan to be published in an updated Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme; and
- (iv) delegate to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport the authority to approve any non-material changes to the consultation documents in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment prior to their publication for consultation.

Reason(s) for decision:

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.

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. A 'Call for Sites' inviting nominations of land that offer opportunities for extraction of hard rock was undertaken last year and this resulted in a single nomination of land to the south and west of the existing Hermitage Quarry near Maidstone.

Updated timetables relating to the preparation of these Plans have been prepared and are set out in a proposed revision to the Council's Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme .

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport at their meeting on 23 May 2023.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

This is a statutory and regulated requirement.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date