

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Preparation of Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 and associated Kent Mineral Sites Plan- Public Consultation under Regulation 18- Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan Development Scheme December 2023

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 and 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 as amended by the Early Partial Review was adopted in 2020 (the Plan) and sets out the vision and planning 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 Local Plan is in need of updating at least once every 5 years. To this end, the Council had identified that some of the policies and supporting text are no longer considered effective or have become out of date. A number of proposed changes were made to the Plan and these were subject to public consultation in late 2022 into early 2023. The representations received have led to further changes to the Local Plan, along with a need to review the Mineral Sites Plan (2020), which allocates sites suitable in principle to provide mineral supply to meet the requirements identified in the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

To address these matters, a small number of further changes are proposed to the adopted Plan and an update of the Mineral Sites Plan in respect of hard rock is being prepared subject to detailed technical

assessment of the nominated site which was received following the 'call for sites' work. These further changes to the KMWLP are proposed to address the treatment of London's waste in Kent, the removal of the strategic allocation for hazardous waste management at Norwood Quarry, Sheppey and aggregate supply. In undertaking its Local Plan work, the local planning authority must be certain that the outcome of 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 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 will have the statutory opportunity to comment on the proposed further changes to the Plan and the draft Kent Mineral Sites Plan including details of the nominated hard rock site. The Council will again use a variety of communication methods as set out in the County Council's Statement of Community Involvement. All relevant groups within the county will be engaged without bias to any one definable group within the community as a whole. Accessible documents will be available and material in hard copy

In addition to local communities, all statutory consultees will be 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

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>It is considered that the positive impacts and the benefits of mineral development and waste management facilities are felt on a Kent wide geographical basis. The positive impacts are spatial to Kent, and therefore the impacts will be unlikely to be seen in relation to any identified protected group to a lesser or greater extent than the general population.</p> <p>In updating the KMWLP, the Council will ensure that the required waste management infrastructure matches the known and reasonably anticipated waste arisings and will ensure that overall net waste management self-sufficiency is achieved over the Plan period. This will help to ensure that the community is not subjected to environmental and social impacts that would otherwise occur if more than the waste capacity required in Kent to meet net self-sufficiency was developed and managed in Kent. Assessing waste arisings data and matching this to Kent’s waste capacity is part of ongoing annual monitoring that the County Council undertakes.</p> <p>The continued effective safeguarding of finite minerals (and their importation facilities) to ensure needed supply to the communities of Kent will facilitate the maintenance of the infrastructure and enable efficient use of local resources for the required new level of development to the benefit of all defined groups of the general population of Kent.</p> <p>The Plan has a role in ensuring that the steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals will facilitate the maintenance of the infrastructure and enable efficient use of local resources for the required new level of development to the benefit of all defined groups of the general population of Kent.</p> <p>The Plan has a role in ensuring that net biodiversity gains are recognised by the policies of the Plan will help to ensure that the biodiversity of Kent is maintained and enhanced to the benefit of all defined groups of the general population of Kent.</p> <p>The Plan is required to accord with the national planning policy targets to reduce carbon emissions over the Plan’s period, thus limiting the Plan’s effect on climate change, this will be to the benefit of all defined groups of the general population of Kent.</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