

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

DECISION NO:

17/09028

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I agree to adopt the Kent Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document March 2017 and to delegate to the Director of Environment, Planning and Enforcement authorisation to make any further minor modifications which may be needed such as formatting changes and typographical errors in order to publish the Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document.

Reason(s) for decision:

National planning policy requires local plans, including those prepared by the Borough and District Councils, to safeguard mineral resources, minerals production and transportation infrastructure, and waste management facilities. This safeguarding plays an important role in delivering sustainable development, and it supports economic growth and our quality of life. It ensures that there is sufficient waste capacity to manage Kent's waste arisings such that the drive to net self-sufficiency is not compromised. It ensures that mineral and waste management resources are considered when determining planning applications and allocating sites for development within local plans.

In order for Kent County Council to facilitate its responsibility for safeguarding the Local Plan Examination for the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) recognised the need for the County Council to produce a safeguarding supplementary planning document (SPD) following the adoption of the Kent MWLP. The purpose of the SPD is to set out in detail the process that should be followed by the County Council, the Borough and District Councils and applicants when dealing with applications and local plan allocations that have implications for minerals and waste safeguarding.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

At the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee (ETCC) on 17 November 2016, a draft SPD was considered and endorsed for public consultation.

The public consultation ran from 5 December 2016 to 30 January 2017. The document was available via the Council's Consultation Portal, the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) webpage and direct consultation to some 2,500 parties on the MWLP database. This included Borough and District councils across Kent, mineral and waste operators, parish councils, statutory consultees, Members, planning consultants and those individuals who have previously expressed an interest in mineral and waste matters.

At the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 13 March 2017, Members of the Cabinet Committee agreed to endorse the final draft SPD

Any alternatives considered:

This is a statutory document

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

None



signed

4th April 2017

date

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