

West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan

Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Adoption Statement

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Working in Partnership



1. Introduction

- 1.1 The West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan has been produced by West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority (known as 'the Authorities'). The Joint Minerals Local Plan covers the period to 2033 and sets out a vision and strategic objectives. It includes strategies for mineral planning and use-specific policies to deliver those strategies, together with generic development management policies against which proposals for mineral development will be assessed. It also allocates a strategic mineral site and includes a monitoring and implementation framework.
- 1.2 The Joint Minerals Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 26 May 2017. Mr Jonathan Manning was appointed as the Planning Inspector to conduct an independent examination into the Joint Minerals Local Plan. The Hearing sessions on the Joint Minerals Local Plan took place in September 2017.
- 1.3 The Authorities received the Inspector's Report on 30 May 2018. The Report concluded that, subject to a number of modifications which had been proposed by the Councils, the Joint Minerals Local Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Inspector therefore concluded that the Joint Minerals Local Plan is sound.
- 1.4 The Joint Minerals Local Plan has been formally adopted by the Authorities and came into force on 20 July 2018. It therefore forms part of the statutory Development Plan for each authority.
- 1.5 Article 9 of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive requires that when a plan or programme is adopted (in this case, the Joint Minerals Local Plan), the consultation bodies, the public and any other Member States consulted on the Environmental Report (the Sustainability Appraisal- known as the SA Report) are informed and specific information is made available.
- 1.6 The table below sets out the information to be specified and where that information has been made available:

SEA Requirement	Documents Produced	Section of the Sustainability Appraisal for the Adopted Joint Minerals Local Plan
The Plan as adopted	Regulation 26 notice	n/a
How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Joint Minerals Local Plan	<p>Sustainability Appraisals</p> <p>Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening of Likely Significant Effects</p> <p>Habitats Regulations Assessment – Appropriate Assessment of Sites</p>	Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 of main SA Report (December 2016), and the Main Modifications SA Addendum (December 2017).
How the environmental report has been taken into account	<p>Sustainability Appraisal</p> <p>Draft Joint Minerals Local Plan</p> <p>Proposed Submission Joint Minerals Local Plan</p>	Chapters 5 and 6 of main SA report (December 2016), and the Main Modifications SA Addendum (December 2017).
How opinions expressed and results of public consultation have been taken into account	<p>Consultation response documents produced throughout development of the Joint Minerals Local Plan</p> <p>Summary of Publication Representations and Responses from West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority – 16 January 2017 – 13 March 2017. (May 2017)</p>	Appendix 1-3 of main SA report (December 2016)

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The reasons for choosing the Joint Minerals Local Plan as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives considered	Consultation response documents Sustainability Appraisal Statements on the Duty to Cooperate	Chapters 2, 5 and Appendix 4-7 of main SA Report (December 2017)
The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan	Annual Monitoring Report Joint Minerals Local Plan monitoring framework Sustainability Appraisal	Chapter 7

- 1.7 The table above gathers information already produced in support of the Joint Minerals Local Plan to fulfil the requirements of the Post Adoption Statement.
- 1.8 Statutory consultees and members of the public were given the opportunity to comment on various stages of the SA documentation and draft versions of the Joint Minerals Local Plan.
- 1.9 Chapter 4, Appendix 4 and 7 of the SA Report outline the various technical appraisals undertaken which have informed the development of the Joint Minerals Local Plan.
- 1.10 An additional appraisal was undertaken of the Main Modifications to the Plan following the hearing part of the Public Examination in September 2017. This appraisal was prepared as an addendum to the main SA Report and was included as part of the consultation on the Main Modifications which ran from 15 January to 9 March 2018.
- 1.11 The detail of earlier appraisals is contained within the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report (Regulation 18) published in April 2016. This document should be read in conjunction with all the SA documents, the Habitats Regulation Assessments, the draft Plan and the statements on the Duty to Cooperate, which provide further detail to the assessment of policy alternatives and the decisions taken throughout the preparation of the Joint Minerals Local Plan. These documents are all available within the Examination Document Library via: www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.