

PLANNING AND ECONOMY PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION – 28 MARCH 2024

HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN (PARTIAL UPDATE) CONSULTATION RESPONSE – UPDATED RESPONSE FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL’S CALL-IN PROCEDURES

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1. To agree the final response to the Hampshire County Council’s Mineral and Waste Plan: Partial Update as set out in section 4 and Appendix 1 of this report.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to agree the Council’s final response to Hampshire County Council’s (HCC) Minerals and Waste Plan: Partial Update. The Council’s proposed position was published in its original form¹ on 22 February 2024. This decision was called by seven councillors and in accordance with the Council’s Call-In procedures, was considered at a meeting of the Council’s Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel² held on 7 March 2024. This Panel resolved to refer the matter for a debate at a subsequent special Full Council meeting³ on 26 March 2024.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Through the processes provided for by the Council’s constitution, the original proposed decision as published on 22 February 2024 has been the subject of scrutiny and debate, culminating in the special meeting of full Council held on 26 March 2024.

- 3.2. At this meeting, the following motion was agreed:

“This Council, as a consultee to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, is concerned about the continued reliance on the Avon Vally for extraction, and the impacts that this may cause locally. There are strong and heartfelt concerns and objections, and we ask that the Hampshire County Council and the Secretary of State take the concerns raised by the local community into account and carefully consider them during the examination of the proposed plan.

Furthermore, that both Hampshire County Council and the Secretary of State needs to ensure that if, following examination, the Plan does retain the proposed allocations that the development considerations are suitably drafted to ensure that any developments that come forward are subject to appropriate site specific policies and controls to manage development and ongoing operations. To this end whilst the Portfolio Holder has prepared a detailed, technical response, this Council requests that he considers any further concerns raised to Council tonight, before submitting a final response to the consultation.”

¹ <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=1159&LLL=0>

² <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=7875&x=1>

³ <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=193&MIId=8051>

- 3.3. During the course of the debate, a number of matters were discussed with a wide variety of views expressed. There was particular reference to the concerns expressed by members of the public living in and around the proposed Midgham Farm site, along with observations from those who had experience of the extraction and operation of existing sites.
- 3.4. Following the meeting, the Portfolio Holder has had the opportunity to reflect on these discussions and has agreed to submit the representation set out in Appendix 1 to this report. This representation has been amended from the original proposed response to acknowledge the public concerns about the proposals and to seek further reassurance and changes to the Plan that the impacts of the proposed development would be appropriately managed.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. Following a full and thorough consideration of the Council's position in relation to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, the representations in Appendix 1 set out the considered and final position.
- 4.2. Having concluded the Council's Call-In procedures in respect of this matter, this updated decision is not subject to further Call-In.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None arising from this report.

6. CRIME & DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Subject to the mitigation measures sought in the proposed representations, and already provided for in the Minerals and Waste Plan, the environmental impacts arising from the proposed development are capable of being appropriately mitigated. There are no crime & disorder/equality & diversity implications.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.

Sign: Cllr Derek Tipp

Date: 28 March 2024

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Date on which notice given of this Decision – 28 March 2024