



STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Committee Meeting 9th June 2022 Item 22/0030

This paper is for **DECISION**

Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications

To AGREE any action required for review of the Proposed Main Modifications to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and follow up at Planning Committee meeting on 23rd June 2022..

Cost NIL

Background

Minerals and Waste Local Plan

**Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications – Monday 23rd May 2022 to 5pm
Wednesday 6th July 2022.**

The Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) is currently being examined by an independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's role is to assess whether the MWLP has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound (positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy). If the Inspector concludes that the MWLP is sound and meets the necessary tests, it can then be adopted by West Berkshire District Council (WBC) and will form part of the Development Plan for the District.

The Inspector issued a Post Hearings Note on Tuesday 1st March 2022. The findings are without prejudice to his final report but set out a number of modifications to the plan ("Main Modifications") suggested by WBC which the Inspector believes are necessary for the plan to be found sound. The Inspector has set out that WBC should proceed to publish a schedule of Proposed Main Modifications (MMs) for public consultation, in the same form as in the previously submitted examination document EXAM2.

These Proposed Main Modifications are now subject to a 6 week public consultation from **Monday 23rd May until 5pm on Wednesday 6th July 2022.**



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West Berkshire Council are seeking comments on the Proposed Main Modifications and also inviting representations on the accompanying updates to the Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment Report where they relate to the Proposed Main Modifications. Comments can also be submitted in relation to the additional examination documents EXAM8 – 15 & 20 which were submitted following the final hearing session. In addition, the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) has been updated in the light of Natural England advice on Nutrient Neutrality received on 16 March 2022 and comments are also invited on this.

Please note that representations may only be made in relation to the Proposed Main Modifications and not on other parts of the MWLP. Representations on the Proposed Submission MWLP have already been considered these during the examination and there is no need to make them again.

Inspection of documents and how to comment:

The consultation documents will be available to view from Monday 23rd May 2022 at <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/mwlpmm> and also at the Council Offices at Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD during normal office hours.

Representations can be made in writing or online and guidance on making representations is available on the Council's website.

Representation Form: This is available electronically on the Council's website <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/mwlpmm> and can be returned to:

- By email: mwdpd@westberks.gov.uk
- By Post: Minerals and Waste, Development and Regulation, West Berkshire Council, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD

Online: Representations can also be made online using the Local Plan Consultation Portal: <http://consult.westberks.gov.uk/portal>.

All representations must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 6th July 2022** in order to be considered by the Independent Planning Inspector.

If you have any queries relating to this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the Minerals and waste Team at mwdpd@westberks.gov.uk or 01635 519 111.