

SURREY MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN – ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Executive Summary

Surrey County Council has published its Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Issues and Options for public consultation. The consultation period expires on 7 March 2022. The Issues and Options consultation is the first formal stage of the Local Plan preparation process. It sets out the various issues and challenges facing future minerals and waste management in the county and the policy options to address them. Officers have prepared a response for the Executive to note. This is attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RESOLVE That

- (i) the response to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Issues and Options consultation, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (ii) delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning to submit the Council's response (as set out in Appendix 1 to the report) to Surrey County Council before the end of the consultation period; and
- (iii) delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to continually engage with the County Council and respond to any future consultation on the subsequent stages of the Plan-making process if this is deemed necessary.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To ensure that the views of the Council regarding minerals and waste management and development are fully considered by the County Council during the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendations set out above.

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Background Papers: None.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Surrey County Council has started the preparation of its Minerals and Waste Local Plan. As a first formal stage, it has published an issues and options document for consultation. The consultation period expires on 7 March 2022. Under the Duty to Cooperate, the Council has been invited to comment. The Council's response is attached as Appendix 1. Members are requested to note the comments so that they can be submitted to the County Council by the consultation deadline.

2.0 Summary of key comments raised in the Council's response

- 2.1 The Council's response covers the following key points:

- The need to relocate the existing operations at the Aggregate Yard to a suitable and appropriate location;
- The need to adopt an approach to waste management that focusses on prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery over disposal;
- The need to adopt a higher (more than 10%) amount of biodiversity net gain as a minimum expectation; and
- The need to protect the integrity of the Green Belt in any site identification process.

3.0 Timescales for the subsequent stages of the Plan-making process

- 3.1 The timescales for the subsequent stages of the Plan-making process are:

- Preferred options consultation – June 2022 to October 2022
- Pre-submission Plan consultation – early 2023
- Submission to the Secretary of State – mid 2023
- Examination in Public – mid to late 2023
- Adoption – early 2024.

- 3.2 Officers will continue to engage with the County Council at all these key stages.

4.0 Corporate Strategy

- 4.1 The adoption of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan can make a meaningful contribution to the Corporate Plan. It could reduce the volume of waste arisings, minimise HGV movement on residential roads and associated carbon emissions.

5.0 Implications

Finance and Risk

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications for preparing the Council's response.
- 5.2 The Council has an obligation under the Duty to Cooperate to engage with the County Council in preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. There is a risk that the Council could fail this duty if it did not engage with the County Council constructively and in an on-going basis during the preparation of the Plan.

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Equalities and Human Resources

5.3 There are no equalities or human resources implications for preparing the response.

Legal

5.4 If/when adopted, the Minerals and Waste Local Plan will be part of the development plan for the area. It will have to be taken into account when preparing planning policy documents and making other planning decisions. It will provide the framework for determining applications for minerals and waste development in the Borough.

5.5 Under the Duty to Cooperate, the Council has a duty to engage with the County Council in preparing the Plan.

6.0 Engagement and Consultation

6.1 The views of the relevant sections of the Council have collectively informed the Council's response.

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