

## **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (the Plan) Refresh**

### **Regulation 18 Public Consultation**

The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) was adopted in July 2016 with some limited changes adopted in 2020 as part of the Early Partial Review.

The National Planning Policy Framework (2021) (NPPF) and legislation require that Local Plans should be reviewed to assess whether they require updating at least once every five years. Having been adopted five years ago, the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 has been reviewed to assess whether updates to the Plan's Vision, Strategic Objectives, policies and supporting text are required.

The review concluded that while much of the KMWLP is still relevant, some updates are needed in response to relevant Government policy and legislation published since 2016 including the following:

- Updates to the National Planning Policy Framework;
- legislation and policy concerning the need to adapt to, and mitigate, climate change and associated low carbon growth;
- new policy relating to the management of low-level radioactive waste; and,
- policy and legislation concerned with achieving a circular economy where more waste is prevented or reused.

A number of further minor changes are proposed which are intended to improve the clarity of the policies. None of the proposed changes seek a fundamental shift in the way minerals will be supplied and waste will be managed in future.

Details of the proposed changes to the KMWLP are available on the County Council's website: [www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste).

**The consultation period runs from Thursday 16th December 2021 until midnight on Wednesday 9th February 2022.**

Comments can be submitted via our website [www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste), via email to [mwlp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mwlp@kent.gov.uk) or by post to Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, 1st Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy team via 03000 422370 or [mwlp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mwlp@kent.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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