

Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development
Date of meeting:	23 June 2015
Subject:	Minerals & Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire Supplementary Planning Document
Report by:	City Development Manager
Wards affected:	all
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To set out the need for and the purpose of the draft Minerals & Waste Safeguarding SPD and recommend that it be published for consultation.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development

- a) **approves the draft Minerals & Waste Safeguarding SPD for consultation;**
- b) **authorises the City Development Manager to make editorial amendments to the SPD prior to publication, provided that the amendments do not alter the meaning of the SPD or do not affect Portsmouth.**

3. Background

- 3.1 As Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, the city council was a partner authority in the production of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (together with Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities) and adopted it as part of the development plan for Portsmouth in 2013. The Minerals & Waste Plan seeks to ensure that we have enough minerals for Hampshire's needs up to 2030 as well as ensuring there are enough facilities to effectively deal with our waste management requirements. It includes robust policies which are designed to balance the needs of the economy, the environment and communities in considering the need for and the location of minerals and waste development.
- 3.2 The Minerals and Waste Plan includes a number of policies relating to minerals and waste safeguarding. Particularly relevant in Portsmouth are:
- safeguarded minerals and waste infrastructure (Policies 16 and 26) and
 - safeguarded potential minerals and waste wharves and rail depots (Policy 34).

These relate to important minerals and waste sites such as the Incinerator, Kendalls Wharf on the Eastern Road, land in the Port / Dockyard and on a number of industrial estates across the city.

In addition, there is safeguarding for areas of known minerals resources (Policy 15), which mainly affects the non-urban areas in Hampshire.

- 3.3 The safeguarding policies seek to protect important viable mineral resources and sites by helping to avoid the sterilisation of mineral resources and the prejudicing of the operation of existing or proposed minerals and waste sites. This entails, for example, extracting minerals from the ground on greenfield sites before development occurs; avoiding introducing new 'sensitive receptors' such as housing or schools in proximity to potentially noisy waste or minerals sites; or considering safeguarded land for minerals and waste use before other uses are allowed.
- 3.4 The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been produced to provide guidance for local planning authorities, developers and other interested parties on the implementation of the safeguarding policies set out in the Plan. As an SPD the document does not introduce any new policies with regard to the matters above, but is a process document which sets out guidance to ensure that:
- District and Borough Councils consult effectively with the County (or in the case of the Unitary Authorities, when minerals and waste issues should be particularly considered)
 - Developers for non-minerals and non-waste developments consider safeguarding issues at the earliest stages of preparation of planning applications
- 3.5 If approved, consultation is due to take place during June - August 2015, with adoption of the SPD planned for December 2015.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The SPD supports the effective implementation of the Minerals and Waste Plan. Officers at the partner authorities (Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council and the New Forest National Park Authority) consider that it is helpful to set out further detail for communities, local authorities and potential applicants to explain the planning process with regard to safeguarding.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 5.1 The SPDs do not contain any additional policies over and above those in the Minerals & Waste Plan. The SPDs provide guidance on the implementation of the policies of the adopted Plan. As a result, it is considered that the documents have a low if not no impact on all groups. An Equalities Impact Assessment will be prepared as part of the preparation of the SPDs prior to adoption.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The report and recommendations give the opportunity to the Portfolio Holder to consider the documents in detail and signify approval before it is published as a draft document for consultation. The consultation is necessary having regard to regulation of production of supplementary planning documents.

7. Head of Finance Comments

7.1 There are no financial implications that arise as a result of approving the recommendation to consult on the draft Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document. Should any costs arise, they will be met from existing cash limited budgets or an alternative source of funding will be identified.

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Appendices: Minerals & Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire Supplementary Planning Document

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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