

APPENDIX B

Consultation Responses

The informal but very important public consultation stages have now been completed. These used the approaches set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement – the statutory document that sets out how the Council will consult and involve communities in its minerals planning functions. This began with a broad 'Issues and Options' consultation in 2012 which identified the key issues that needed to be considered.

The Preferred Approach consultation document published in October 2013 considered the main options for each mineral and explained which options were preferred and which were not preferred and why. It showed how account was taken of the various consultation responses the County Council received on the Issues and Options consultation and also showed how the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal have influenced the document. The document included draft planning policies as well as draft site specific allocations for all mineral types. It was made clear that it was a Preferred Approach document and Members had not yet made any decisions on which sites would be included in the final Local Plan.

Due to the comments received on this document, a further round of consultation on the sand and gravel provision section of the document was required. This was undertaken in May 2014. As part of this, the operator for a site at Shelford west that was previously considered undeliverable, submitted further information to show that the site could be delivered and it was necessary to undertake a further round of consultation on this site in October 2014.

In total from all previous stages of consultations, 6953 representations from 5090 people or organisations were received along with 16 petitions. The total comments received from the three preferred Approach stages can be split between comments on the relevant sections of the plan as follows:

- Chapter 1: Introduction: 21;
- Chapter 2: Overview, Vision and Strategic Objectives: 51;
- Chapter 3: Strategic Policies: 106;
- Chapter 4: Minerals Provision Policies (including proposed site allocations): 5,309;
- Chapter 5: Development Management Policies: 152;
- Remainder of Plan: 146.

These comments have all been used to inform the preparation of the submission draft document, where appropriate.

A Consultation Statement has been prepared which provides a summary of the comments received and sets out how these have been addressed. This is set out in Appendix C.