

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2014****Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY, PLANNING AND  
CORPORATE SERVICES****MINERALS LOCAL PLAN ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON SAND AND  
GRAVEL PROVISION: SHELFORD WEST – COMMENTS RECEIVED****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Committee with an overview of the responses received to the Minerals Local Plan Additional Consultation on Sand and Gravel Provision – Shelford West.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Minerals Local Plan is a statutory document that all Minerals Planning Authorities must prepare. It identifies sites and sets out policies against which all minerals development proposals are assessed and determined by the County Council. The overall aim of the Plan is to ensure that sufficient minerals are provided to meet expected demand in the most sustainable way and to safeguard proven mineral resources from being unnecessarily sterilised by other development.
3. The current Plan was adopted in December 2005 and was prepared under previous Government legislation. This plan is now becoming out of date and work has begun on preparing a new plan to replace it. This will look ahead to 2030.
4. Following approval at October 2014 Environment and Sustainability Committee, public consultation on the proposed additional site at Shelford West for future sand and gravel extraction was undertaken for an 8 week period between 15<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
5. A total of 3,203 responses from 3,089 respondents have been received on the additional consultation on the Shelford West site which can be broken down as follows:
  - Support: 9;
  - Object: 3,038;
  - General comments: 156.
6. In addition to the above one petition was also received which contained 1,396 signatures.
7. All comments received on this consultation are still being analysed at this stage and as yet no conclusions can be drawn.

## Next Steps

8. Following consideration of all the comments received for all three Preferred Approach consultation stages (October 2013, May 2014 and October 2014) by both officers and the Minerals Project Group, responses to these comments will be drafted and agreed through Committee.
9. A Submission Draft document will be prepared, taking into account any comments received from the Preferred Approach and other consultation stages. Approval will be sought through the Environment and Sustainability Committee and then Full Council to publish it for a further period of consultation.
10. The Minerals Local Plan Submission document, along with all representations received, will then be considered at Environment and Sustainability Committee and Full Council and if approved will be formally submitted to the Secretary of State and subsequently will be subject to an independent examination by a Planning Inspector. The Inspector's role is to consider the 'soundness' of the whole plan.
11. If considered sound then the Local Plan can be adopted. Adoption is scheduled for Autumn 2016.

## **Other Options Considered**

12. There are no alternative options to consider as the report is for information only.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

13. This report is for information only.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

15. There are no direct financial implications as this report is for information only.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

16. There are no direct implications for Sustainability and the Environment

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That Environment and Sustainability Committee note the report.

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### **Constitutional Comments**

17. As this report is for noting only constitutional comments are not required.

### **Financial Comments**

18. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All

