

Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	8 June 2018
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

ITEM: 6

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following withdrawal of the Minerals Local Plan from examination in May, the County Council has begun to prepare a revised Minerals Local Plan. It will cover the County (the City's minerals policies are included in its draft Part 2 Local Plan). The Plan has now been through the initial stage of consultation concerning Issues and Options which took place between 20 November 2017 and 14 January 2018.
- 2.2 There were 88 respondents to the Issues and Options consultation and responses are currently being assessed and logged prior to being published on the County Councils website. The main issues emerging concerned:
- a) Level of provision in the Plan for sand and gravel: - whilst responses from the community consider the forecast demand for sand and gravel too high, mineral industry representatives consider the forecast is too low;
 - b) Extensions versus new quarries – most respondents consider all proposals should be assessed on their merits, rather than priority being afforded e.g. to extensions;
 - c) Geographical spread of sites: there was clear support for a geographical spread of future sites, subject to environmental considerations.
- 2.3 A call for sites was also made in association with the Issues and Options stage. In total 24 sites were submitted by mineral operators or landowners. This is made up of 14 new quarries and 10 extensions and involves potential sites for extraction of sand and gravel, Sherwood sandstone, Clay and Gypsum.
- 2.4 Responses to the consultation on policy options have now been assessed and further assessments undertaken of the submitted sites. A Strategic Transport

Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Landscape Assessment has been completed to evaluate each site. A Sustainability Appraisal is being undertaken.

- 2.5 One of the key aspects of the Plan is to promote a geographical spread of sites to ensure mineral extraction takes place close to markets and reduces where possible transport impacts of HGV vehicles on the road network. Around 30% of all of sand and gravel sites submitted by operators/landowners were in the Nottingham area and it considered important to allocate sites which are closely related the Nottingham market and support growth and regeneration projects in the forthcoming plan. It is likely that several sites will need to be allocated for sand and gravel extraction in the Nottingham area, along with a similar number in the Newark area and Idle Valley areas in the north of the County.
- 2.6 A draft Plan is due to be presented to the Communities and Place Committee on 19 July 2018 for approval to carry out a period of public consultation and engagement on the draft proposals which will extend into September.
- 2.7 It is suggested that the Joint Committee should receive a presentation on the Draft Local Plan at its meeting in September

3 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 That the Joint Committee note and welcome the progress with preparing the new Minerals Local Plan.
- 3.2 That the Joint Committee agree to receive a presentation on the Draft Minerals Local Plan at its meeting on 7 September 2018.

4 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 4.1 None.

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