

Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	12th April 2024
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

UPDATE ON MINERAL AND WASTE MATTERS

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee of the latest position with regard to mineral and waste matters which affect both City and County Councils.

2. **MINERAL PLANNING**

- 2.1 The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan was adopted in March 2021. A statutory review of the Plan will take place in 2026 to determine if all or part of it requires updating.
- 2.2 The County Council is supporting the annual survey of aggregate sales which helps to monitor trends in local demand for aggregates (sand, gravel, and crushed rock). This is being co-ordinated by the East Midlands Aggregate Working Party which brings together representatives of mineral planning authorities and mineral operators to who meet to discuss delivery of aggregates on a regional basis. The Working Party is chaired by the County Council Planning Policy Manager.
- 2.3 This year a common nationwide survey is being carried out which happens every four years and helps ensure consistent national data on aggregate production. British Geological Survey is carrying out the study as commissioned and funded by DHLUC, but each mineral planning authority is supporting the survey by helping to disseminate, chase returns, collate and check the data received. The survey was issued on 4 March and operators have until the end of May to return their sales data for 2023. This is then aggregated to avoid commercially sensitive data being revealed from individual sites.
- 2.4 A revised planning application has been submitted to the County Council and Nottingham City Council to allow for the extraction, processing, sale and distribution of sand and gravel, and subsequent restoration together with the necessary associated infrastructure and access improvements on land off Green Street, Mill Hill and land at Barton in Fabis off Chestnut Lane.
- 2.5 The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan, adopted in March 2021, has allocated the land at Mill Hill near Barton in Fabis as a new sand and gravel quarry with an estimated reserve of three million tonnes. The site profile (MP2p) contained within the Minerals Local Plan provides a detailed description of the site characteristics and outlines the implementation issues that may arise and what issues will need to be addressed within a planning application. The new

application seeks to extract aggregates over a smaller footprint to that which is proposed in the Minerals Local Plan while, at the same time, extracting aggregates from land within the administrative area of Nottingham City.

- 2.6 As a consequence of a review of geological information and the consultation responses received during the consideration of a previously withdrawn planning application, some areas currently designated within the Minerals Local Plan have been omitted from the proposed extraction area boundary in the new application. The application therefore seeks now to extract a total of 2.55 saleable million tonnes (Mt) of aggregates; around 2.05 saleable Mt are within land allocated in the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan (compared to 3 Mt identified in the Mineral Plan) , the balance of 0.50 saleable Mt is within the administrative area of Nottingham City Council.
- 2.7 Officers are presently assessing the application which was received in February. Considering the application forms an important cross boundary matter, members of the Joint Committee may wish to receive a further presentation on this proposal in due course. The views of the Joint Committee are sought.

3. WASTE PLANNING

- 3.1 The County and City Councils are preparing a single joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. An initial consultation on the new Local Plan, including a 'Call for Sites' was completed in May 2020. A Draft Waste Local Plan was approved by Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Council in January 2022. The Draft Waste Local Plan was consulted on between the 7th February and 4th April 2022.
- 3.2 The Pre-Submission Draft Plan was published for formal consultation on 30 August with a six-week period to invite representations on the Plan's Soundness (i.e., is the Plan justified, effective, compliant with national planning policy, and meets the requirements of the relevant regulations). Following officer consideration and the compiling of additional submission documents, the Waste Plan was approved for submission to the Secretary of State by the County Council on 7 December and the City Council on 4 March . It was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on Tuesday 5 March and a Planning Inspector, Stephen Normington has now been appointed to examine the Plan.
- 3.3 Following this process which will involve the holding of public hearing sessions (currently proposed for week commencing 14 October), the Inspector will prepare a report to both Councils. Subject to any modifications being recommended and accepted, the Plan can be then adopted by both Councils. It is hoped that the Plan will be able to be adopted in the first quarter of 2025.

4. OTHER MATTERS

- 4.1 Following the site visit made to Bio Dynamic and Enva in December, a further visit has been planned for members of the Joint Committee to a waste processing facility. The City Council had arranged a visit to the Eastcroft energy from waste processing facility in Nottingham on Thursday 14 March but owing to a last-minute operational issue with the Eastcroft facility the visit had to be postponed. The visit will be re-scheduled shortly.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Joint Committee note the report on mineral planning issues and the progress on the preparing and adopting an up-to-date Joint Waste Local Plan.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 6.1 [County Application - Mineral extraction Mill Hill , Barton in Fabis](#)
- 6.2. [City application - Mineral extraction - Land at Barton In Fabis](#)

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