

Meeting:	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT</b>	
Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group	<b>Agenda Item: 5</b>

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs committee of progress on the new Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and the next stage of public consultation on the draft plan document.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

The County Council as the Minerals Planning Authority has a statutory requirement to prepare a Minerals Local Plan. The plan covers Nottinghamshire (excluding the City Council administrative area) up to 2036. The overall aim of the plan is to ensure a steady and adequate supply of minerals is provided along with up to date planning policies against which future minerals developments will be assessed.

- 2.1 Nottinghamshire is rich in a wide variety of minerals – in fact most of the county overlies at least one potential surface or underground resource. Sand and gravel, gypsum and clay are our largest extractive industries, all of which are nationally important. Other minerals worked include building stone, silica sand and oil.

The first stage in the preparation of the new Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan was the Issues and Options consultation which took place between 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The feedback from this stage of consultation (as set out in the report submitted to June Committee) has been used to inform the preparation of the next stage in the minerals plan known as the Draft Minerals Local Plan.

#### Draft Minerals Local Plan public consultation stage

- 2.2 The Draft Minerals Local Plan sets out the County Council's draft approach to minerals planning over the period to 2036. It identifies expected future demand for aggregates minerals, site specific allocations to meet the identified need and detailed planning policies.
- 2.3 The Draft Plan has been published online for consultation with local communities and the minerals industry with a closing date for receipt of comments being 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- 2.4 The biggest minerals shortfall over the plan period is for the supply of sand and gravel, where an additional 14.8 million tonnes of supply will need to be

identified over the plan period. This is based on the most recent average sales data set out in the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Aggregates Assessment published in October 2017.

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 impacts of HGV vehicles on the road network. The three main extraction areas are the Idle Valley in the north of the county, near Newark and near Nottingham.

As a result of the identified shortfall, the Draft Plan proposes the following extensions to existing permitted quarries:

- Bawtry Road West
- Scrooby Thompson Land
- Scrooby North
- Langford Lowfields South and West
- Langford Lowfields North
- East Leake North

And the following new greenfield quarries:

- Botany Bay
- Mill Hill near Barton In Fabis

The Draft Plan also proposes extensions to the existing Sherwood Sandstone quarries at Bestwood II and Scrooby Top, an extension to the existing permitted clay pit at Dorket Head known as Woodborough Lane and a southern extension to the existing Bantycok gypsum quarry near Newark.

A series of public exhibitions are being planned at libraries across the county, and meetings will be held with Parish Councils where requested, to discuss issues.

Next steps

- 2.5 Feedback from the consultation process will be used to inform the next stage of the minerals local plan. The next stage in the development of the minerals plan will be the formal public consultation on the Minerals Local Plan - Submission Draft document. This document is expected to be published in spring 2019

### **3 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 That the Joint Committee note the publication of the Draft Minerals Local Plan.
- 3.2 That the Joint Committee agree to receive further reports on the Minerals Local Plan.

## **4 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

4.1 None.

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