

Meeting:	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT</b>
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From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

ITEM 4

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN and NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

### **1 SUMMARY**

1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing:

- The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.
- The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan;

### **2 BACKGROUND**

#### *Minerals*

2.1 The County Council is preparing a revised Minerals Local Plan. It will cover the County area (policies for the City are included in its Land and Planning Policies document - Part 2 Local Plan).

2.2 Following completion of several stages of consultation, including an Issues and Options stage which took place between 20 November 2017 and 14 January 2018 and consultation on a Draft Minerals Plan document which took place between 27 July and 28 September 2018, the County Council approved the Plan for formal publication at its meeting on 11 July 2019.

2.3 The key themes and issues emerging from the public consultation stage were as follows:

- Two site allocations included in the draft plan were withdrawn by the minerals industry due to technical reasons (one of these being an extension to the existing quarry at East Leake)
- The minerals industry argued that the identified provision for sand and gravel over the plan period was inadequate due to expected future growth and falling reserves in surrounding areas.
- General agreement that there should be a geographical spread of sand and gravel quarries across Nottinghamshire to meet demand from different markets.

- Objections from specific local communities affected by quarries. This related to the impacts on the environment and local amenity. There was considerable level of responses, objecting to the proposed allocation of land at Mill Hill, Barton in Fabis, close to the boundary with the City.
- Objections from individuals and action groups regarding the wider development of shale gas in terms of the environmental impact of this type of development and also the need for a separate shale gas policy in the minerals plan.

2.4 Officers have considered all responses and amended the Plan where appropriate. This has included adding a further allocation as an extension to the existing Besthorpe East sand and gravel quarry which was supported by local residents and the removal of the Botany Bay sand and gravel quarry since this is no longer deemed necessary. Several amendments / minor redrafting of policies has taken place to ensure the Plan is compliant with the revised National Planning Policy.

2.5 The Plan will be published on Friday 30 August and will be open for representations to be received until Friday 11 October. It will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination along with the representations made. It is hoped that the examination will take place in Spring 2020 and the Plan is able to be adopted by the end of 2020.

### *Waste*

2.6 The County and City Councils have agreed to prepare a single Joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy, adopted by both Councils in December 2013. The proposed Plan will provide updated strategic planning policies for the development of future waste management facilities, set out detailed development management policies and where necessary, identify specific sites appropriate for waste treatment and disposal.

2.7 It is envisaged that there will be initial consultation on the new Local Plan in late 2019, with final preparation in 2020 and adoption in 2021 as set out in both Councils Local Development Schemes.

2.8 Work is continuing on provide updated monitoring information on waste management, carry out research on waste movements from and to Nottinghamshire and prepare Waste Needs Assessment document. The Joint Committee has set up a Joint Councillor Working Group to help oversee development of the Joint Waste Plan and it will meet on September 18<sup>th</sup> to consider the evidence gathered so far and what will be included in the forthcoming consultation on the scope and issues/options for the Plan.

2.9 Until the new Plan is in place, planning applications will be determined against the adopted Joint Core Strategy 2013, alongside key policies from the existing Waste Local Plan (Jan 2002) which have been saved.

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

3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

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

4.1 None.

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