

Surrey Minerals Plan Surrey Waste Plan

Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document

Information Leaflet

Surrey County Council is responsible for producing an Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document (ARDPD) to guide future proposals for the recycling of construction, demolition and excavation waste. The adopted Surrey Minerals Plan includes targets for the provision of recycled aggregates at a rate of at least 800,000 tonnes per year by 2016 and 900,000 tonnes per year by 2026, higher than the current production rate. Suitable sites for aggregates recycling facilities are identified in the ARDPD. The ARDPD was submitted to the Secretary of State on 16 December 2011 and an independent examination by a Planning Inspector is underway.

The consultation relates to the ongoing examination of the ARDPD, an update to the Environmental Report, and the National Planning Policy Framework which sets out the Government's planning policies for England.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

The purpose of the independent examination is to assess whether the ARDPD has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound. Under the Localism Act 2011 the local planning authority may, during the independent examination, ask the Inspector for modifications that are necessary to make the document sound and suitable for adoption. These are referred to as Main Modifications. The county council has asked the Inspector to recommend such Main Modifications, should he be so minded, in the Report on the examination into the ARDPD. Additional Modifications which improve the document but do not materially affect the policies set out in the ARDPD may also be made. The county council proposes such Additional Modifications but it is not necessary to request the Inspector to recommend these.

Your views are sought on the Main Modifications and Additional Modifications only and not on the Aggregates Recycling DPD as originally published.

Updated Environmental Report

The Environmental Report (ER) is the outcome of the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and sustainability appraisal (SA) of the submission version of the ARDPD. The SA/SEA assesses the capacity of the policies proposed in the ARDPD to give rise to impacts and effects that could have implications for the sustainable development, and in particular the environment, of the county. It is necessary to update the ER in the context of the proposed modifications. Your views are sought on the update.

Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework

The ARDPD was prepared and submitted for independent examination prior to the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework in March 2012 (the Framework). The Framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It replaces the majority of planning policy guidance under which the ARDPD was prepared. The county council has prepared a document which assesses the compliance of the ARDPD with the Framework. Your views are sought on the compliance of the ARDPD with the Framework.

Documents and how to comment

All documents including the response form are available at <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/mineralsplan>, at County Hall in Kingston and all Surrey libraries and borough and district council offices from 17 August 2012.

Please email your response form to mdf@surreycc.gov.uk or return the form or other written submission to: Room 389, Surrey County Council, Freepost KT2451, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2BR (no stamp required) by 28 September 2012.

If you have any questions about this consultation please call 03456 009 009