

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Runnymede)

Update: Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan

17 September 2012

KEY ISSUE

To provide an update on the current consultation on the Aggregates Recycling Development Plan Document (ARDPD).

SUMMARY

This report summarises the current consultation taking place on the proposed main and additional modifications to the ARDPD, the updated Environmental Report and compliance of the ARDPD with the National Planning Policy Framework. The consultation runs until 28th September 2012.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Committee were previously advised (7th November 2011) on key aspects of the Surrey Minerals Plan including progress with the ARDPD. The ARDPD was submitted to the Secretary of State on 16th December 2011 and an independent examination is under way. 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.
- 2 Consultation on Main and Additional Modifications, Updated Environmental Report and Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2.1 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. It is proposed to delete 5 sites (see MM8, MM9 and MM16). The sites are Whitehall Farm, Egham, Homers Farm, Bedfont and Watersplash Farm, Halliford (the operators are not proposing to carry out aggregate recycling on these sites), Charlton Lane, Shepperton (has been granted planning permission for another waste use) and Stanwell Quarry (was granted planning permission for temporary aggregate recycling after the submission of the ARDPD to Secretary of State).
- 2.2 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 <u>Additional Modifications</u> but it is not necessary to request the Inspector to recommend these.
- 2.3 The Environmental Report (ER) is the outcome of the strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal of the submission version of the ARDPD. It is necessary to update the <u>ER</u> in the context of the proposed modifications.
- 2.4 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 and which shows that the ARDPD is compliant. Main Modification (MM1) proposes the inclusion of a new Policy setting out a presumption in favour of sustainable development so that the ARDPD is consistent with national policy.

- 2.5 Views are being sought on only the foregoing until 28 September 2012 and not on the ARDPD as originally submitted.
- 2.6 Most of the proposed sites in the ARDPD are already identified in the Surrey Minerals and Waste Plans. It is not anticipated that all of the sites will necessarily come forward as firm proposals for aggregates recycling. In Runnymede borough the submission of the ARDPD included potential temporary facilities at:

Addlestone Quarry, Addlestone

Hamm Court Farm, Chertsey

Milton Park Farm, Egham

Whitehall Farm, Egham (this site is proposed to be deleted –see para 2.1 above)

Penton Hook Marina, Chertsey

And potential permanent sites at:

Lvne Lane. Chertsev

Land adjacent to Trumps Farm, Longcross

3 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

3.1 The Inspector will be informed of the views received on the consultation and thereafter will provide the county council with his Report. Following that, should the Inspector find the ARDPD sound and legally compliant, the county council will consider adoption of the ARDPD.

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BACKGROUND

Aggregates Recycling Joint DPD proposed document for submission to the Secretary of State incorporating Main & Additional Modifications and minor amendments (with tracked changes).

Information leaflet.
Response form.