

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12 SEPTEMBER 2018

DRAFT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To set before Committee the details of the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Consultation and approve the District Council response to the Consultation.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 In the Draft Minerals Local Plan, Nottinghamshire County Council sets out future requirements for minerals (including sand and gravel, brick clay, and gypsum), identifies potential extraction sites and introduces policies to manage this development. An earlier iteration of the Minerals Local Plan, which the District Council objected to, was submitted by Nottinghamshire County Council for Examination in 2017 and subsequently withdrawn.
- 2.2 At the end of 2017, the County Council published a Minerals Local Plan Issues & Options paper for consultation. This document satisfactorily addressed the serious concerns that the District Council had earlier raised about the methodology used to calculate the future need for sand and gravel. As reported to 17 January 2018 Committee an Officer response following consultation with all Members was submitted to the County Council setting out that the District Council was therefore broadly supportive of the proposed approach in the Issues & Options paper.

3.0 Relevant Issues

- 3.1 The same methodology and figures for sand and gravel that were in the Issues & Options paper have been carried forward in the document that is being consulted on now. The figures are significantly lower than those in the withdrawn plan and no new quarries are suggested in Newark & Sherwood District. Instead, extensions are proposed to Bantymock Quarry South and to quarries at Langford Lowfields. This is an approach that the District Council has previously endorsed as being more sustainable than opening new sites.
- 3.2 The only site specific matter of relevance is that significant archaeological potential has been identified at South Muskham. Policy DM6: Historic Environment, of the Draft Minerals Local Plan, states that no development shall take place within the archaeological resource area at South Muskham.

4.0 Proposed Consultation Response

- 4.1 The consultation closes on Friday, 28 September. The proposed District Council response is attached at **Appendix A**. This response has been prepared following consultation with Members whose wards have site specific proposals within them. Subject to any additional comments from the Committee it is proposed that Appendix A form the District Council's response to the Nottinghamshire Draft Minerals Local Plan.

5.0 Equalities Implications

- 5.1 None identified, it is not believed that this issue will have different implications for different groups with protected characteristics. Furthermore the District Council is a consultee in the Minerals Local Plan process which is the responsibility of the County Council who will need to ensure that the Plan meets the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) Appendix A, subject to any additional comments from Committee, be approved as the District Council's response to the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

Reason for Recommendations

So that the report can be noted and a District Council response can be submitted on the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

Background Papers

Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan; (available on Nottinghamshire County Council's website (<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/minerals-local-plan/new-minerals-local-plan>) A hard copy is available from the Planning Policy Business Unit.

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