

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN – ISSUES & OPTIONS**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To set before Committee the response made on behalf of the District Council following consultation with all Councillors.

**2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 Nottinghamshire County Council has begun the process of preparing a new Minerals Local Plan. The Plan will set out future requirements for Minerals (including brick clay, gypsum and sand and gravel), and potential sites and policies to management and meet these requirements. The first stage of this has been the production an Issues & Options paper. Committee may well recall that the District Council objected to a previous iteration of the Minerals Local Plan which was submitted by the County Council for Examination in 2017 and subsequently withdrawn.
- 2.2 It was not possible to present a report to Economic Development Committee before the Issues & Options paper consultation concluded on 14 January 2018. Therefore, given the District Council’s previous objections, Officers consulted all Members on a proposed draft response to seek their views before finalising a response.

**3.0 Response to the Consultation**

- 3.1 Following the consultation with Members set out in paragraph 2.2 Officers finalised a response to the County Council which is attached at **Appendix A**. Question 4 is of particular significance – the District Council had serious concerns about the methodology used to calculate the future need for sand and gravel in the withdrawn Minerals Local Plan. The methodology used in the current consultation document appears to address the concerns raised at the previous stage. Officers will report subsequent stages to the Committee.

**4.0 Equalities Implications**

- 4.1 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.

**5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report and the consultation response included at Appendix A are noted.**

**Reason for Recommendation**

**So that the report can be noted**

Background Papers

Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Issues & Options Paper.

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