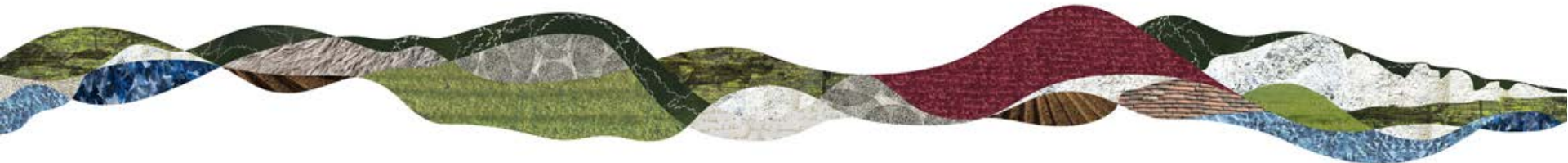


Planning Committee Meeting 14 December 2017

Agenda Item 13 Joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan



Recent Background

NPA: 29/11/2016

Reporting of Proposed Submission Draft Joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan

Regulation 19 Consultation

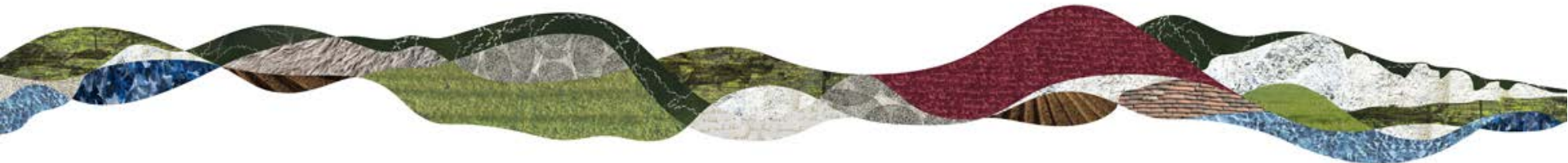
Public consultation undertaken between January and March 2017

Submission of Draft Plan to Government

May 2017

Examination

Hearings were held in September 2017 in Chichester – the Examination is still open until the Inspector publishes his report



Key Messages from the Inspector

- Recommend deletion of the soft sand strategy from the Plan as it is not justified or consistent with national policy
- This would involve the modification of Policy M2 (Soft Sand) and the deletion of references to planning for a declining amount of sand extraction from within the National Park (“managed retreat”)
- The deletion of the Ham Farm soft sand allocation site from Policy M11 (the West Hoathly Brickworks site remains)
- As modified, Policy M2 would require both Authorities to commence a single issue silica sand review. Without this commitment in the Plan it would be found unsound.

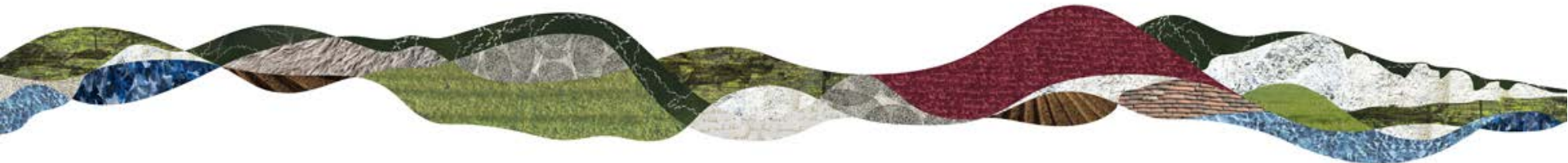


- Policy M1 (Sharp Sand and Gravel) has been modified to ensure maintenance of a 7 year supply through the plan period
- Policy M3 (Silica Sand) has been modified to ensure ‘best use’ of this valuable resource
- The modification of Policy M5 (Clay) to reflect that it is an ‘industrial mineral’ and not an aggregate
- Policies M7a and M7b (Hydrocarbons) have been modified to ensure consistency with national policy and legislation
- Some of the Development Management policies have been modified to ensure they are justified, effective and consistent with national planning policy



Next Steps

- Subject to the approval of SDNPA and WSCC Members the schedule of Modifications will be published for public consultation for eight weeks commencing in January 2018
- Only comments on the modifications will be considered
- Following the consultation, the modifications and any representations received will be submitted to the Inspector for his consideration
- The Inspector will then publish his report. It is possible that the Inspector may reconvene the Hearings, although he has not to date given an indication that this is likely
- If no further modifications are recommended by the Inspector and a report is received indicating that the draft Plan is sound given the modifications then it is proposed that it will be adopted by both Authorities in the summer of 2018
- The Plan will then become part of the Development Plan for the National Park



Timetable

Key Stage	When
Approval of the Modifications consultation by SDNPA and WSCC	December 2017
Public representations on the soundness of the proposed modifications	January to March 2017
Inspectors final report published	April/May 2017
Adoption by SDNPA and WSCC	June/July 2017

Recommendations

The Committee recommends the National Park Authority to:-

1. Agree the proposed Modifications to the draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan for publication and public consultation on their soundness followed by submission to the Inspector
2. Agree primary weight should be placed on the draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan, in conjunction with other material considerations, when determining minerals development proposals in the interim period until the date of adoption
3. Agree to undertake a single issue (soft sand) joint review of the Plan after adoption

