

Agenda Item 9 Report PC23/24-12

Report to	South Downs National Park Authority
Date	l9 October 2023
Ву	Director of Planning
Title of Report	The Joint South Downs National Park Authority, East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council Waste and Minerals Local Plan Review: Main Modifications Consultation
Purpose of Report	To request that the National Park Authority agree that the Proposed Modifications and supporting documents are published for a representation period of eight weeks
Decision	

Recommendation: That the National Park Authority:

Agree that the Proposed Modifications to the Submission draft of the Joint South Downs National Park Authority, East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council Waste and Minerals Local Plan Review Revised Policies document, and its supporting documents, are published for a representation period of eight weeks.

I Introduction

- 1.1 This matter was reported to Planning Committee on 12th October 2023. Due to the short timescale between that meeting and this one any comments from Planning Committee will be reported verbally.
- 1.2 The South Downs National Park Authority has been working in partnership with East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council (the Authorities) in the preparation of minerals and waste planning policy for East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and the area of the National Park within the County and City. Together, the Authorities have prepared the Waste and Minerals Plan (WMP, 2013), and the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan (WMSP, 2017). These adopted plans form the Waste and Minerals Local Plan (WMLP) which is used by each of the Authorities in the determination of planning applications for waste management activities, and minerals extraction and infrastructure in the Plan area.
- 1.3 Over the past few years, the Authorities have been undertaking a partial review of the WMLP (primarily focussed on minerals planning matters) and in November 2022 the proposed Waste and Minerals Revised Policies document was subject to an independent Examination in Public, which was conducted by two Examining Inspectors from the Planning Inspectorate. The Inspectors raised no concerns over the soundness of the majority of the Revised Policies document and no concerns around legal compliance were raised. However, and as tends to be the case with Local Plans, the Inspectors have requested that the Authorities propose some modifications to certain policies to ensure that the Plan can be found 'sound' and subsequently adopted by the Authorities.

1.4 Officers have drafted a series of modifications to the plan to address the matters raised by the Inspectors. These modifications now need to be subject to a formal period of consultation for eight weeks, following which the Inspectors will consider any representations and decide whether to find the Plan sound. This report summarises the modifications proposed and sets out the next steps in the Examination.

2 Background

- 2.1 The modifications being proposed to the Submission draft of the Revised Policies document are only in response to the issues raised by the Inspectors and/or to reflect any updated policy and guidance. It would not be appropriate to introduce modifications and/or additions to the Plan that fall outside of this scope. To do so would risk the Examination period for the Plan being further protracted, or even undermine the likelihood of the Plan being found to be 'sound' and therefore capable of being adopted by the Authorities for decision making purposes.
- 2.2 The Inspectors issued the following statement on 5th September 2023:
- 2.3 "Following minor revisions to the draft Main Modifications (MMs), the Inspectors are content that these are in a suitable form to be used for public consultation subject to prior completion of a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). There is no need for the SA and HRA of the MMs to have received any prior comment from the Inspectors in advance of the commencement of the consultation process. However, these (SA and HRA) should be sent to the Inspectors on completion and should be made available as part of the consultation process.
- 2.4 The Inspectors wish to be formally advised of the date of the commencement of the consultation process and the date by which the Authorities require any public comments to be received. On completion of the consultation process it is expected that the Authorities will provide the Inspectors with a schedule of any responses received in respect of each MM. In addition, a schedule of any comments that the Authorities may wish to make in respect of the responses received should also be provided, indicating clearly whether any further changes to the MMs are considered necessary or confirming that no change is required".
- 2.5 In summary, the modifications being proposed are;
 - To reduce the end of the Plan period to 2030 so that it is consistent with the existing WMLP. Such a change has necessitated the need for proposing changes to certain policies (e.g. previously quoted figures for matters such as aggregate need have been recalculated to account for the shorter plan period).
 - Setting out clearer explanation that justifies the figures for aggregate need over the plan period and including a slight increase to the provision figures compared to those in the Submission Revised Policies Document due to the revised housing data (this provision can be met with existing permitted capacity).
 - Amendments to policies concerning safeguarding of minerals resources and associated infrastructure, as well as the policy and supporting text that sets out requirements for when Local Planning Authorities consult the Minerals Planning Authority on non-mineral related development proposals in the safeguarded areas.
 - Set out the commitment to a full review of the WMLP once this partial review has been completed, as well as the timescales for doing so.
 - Provide further clarity on how certain proposed revised policies will be applied in practice.
- 2.6 The proposed modifications do not include any additional waste or minerals allocations. Should approval to publish the proposed modifications be given, the consultation period is expected to commence on the 27 October 2023 and end on the 22 December 2023. Any representations made will be for the Inspectors to consider and only once they have had a chance to review these will we know if any further hearing sessions will be held as part of the Examination process.

- 2.7 The proposed modifications will be accompanied by the following supporting documents which are available to view at <u>https://eastsussex-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/folder/95335</u>
 - Waste and Minerals Local Plan Main Modifications Habitat Regulations Assessment
 - Waste and Minerals Local Plan Review Sustainability Appraisal Addendum (August 2023)
 - Aggregates Data Technical Paper Addendum [R-AG07]

3 Conclusion

- 3.1 With the Waste and Minerals Revised Policies document now at the Examination stage, it is clear that the Authorities are at a significantly advanced stage in the preparation of this Plan. To enable the Examination to be concluded, and a positive outcome to be reached by the Planning Inspectors, some modifications need to be made to the version of the Plan that was originally submitted for Examination. The Authorities need to give interested parties the opportunity to comment upon these proposed modifications and, should such comments be forthcoming, it will be for the Inspectors to consider these as part of their considerations of the Plan.
- 3.2 Approval to publish and consult on the proposed modifications will therefore allow the Authorities to progress the Waste and Minerals Revised Policies towards adoption, thereby ensuring an up-to-date Plan exists in which to consider relevant planning applications against.
- 3.3 East Sussex County Council will consider a similar report at Cabinet on the 28 September and Full Council on the 10 October. Brighton and Hove City Council has delegated decisions on modifications consultations to officers.

Implication	Yes*/No				
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	Following consultation, should the Inspectors find the Plan to be sound there will be further reports to Planning Committee and the National Park Authority in order for it to be adopted.				
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	The Resources required to progress this Joint Local Minerals and Waste Plan are incorporated in the medium term budget.				
How does the proposal represent Value for Money?	The costs for all joint waste and minerals planning work are reviewed on a yearly basis to assess Value for Money.				
Which PMP Outcomes/ Corporate plan objectives does this deliver against	Local Plans in the SDNPA seek to support the vision of the PMP and the Corporate Plan higher level targets and objectives				
Links to other projects or partner organisations	ESCC, BHCC				
How does this decision contribute to the Authority's climate change objectives	A sustainability appraisal was undertaken which included a consideration of climate change impact. This is available on the ESCC website.				
Are there any Social Value implications arising from the proposal?	None				
Has due regard been taken of the South Downs National Park	Due regard, where relevant, has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as				

4 Other Implications

Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	contained within the Equalities Act 2010. The consultation exercise will comply with equalities requirements An Equality Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by ESCC to support the Review. The EIR has informed preparation of the document and the consultation.					
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	The WMLP Review has been considered in light of statute and case law and any interference with an individual's human rights is considered to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised.					
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	None					
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	None					
Are there any Data Protection implications?	None					

5 Risk Management

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
A legal challenge to a Local Plan can be launched by way of judicial review within six weeks of the LPA publishing a decision to adopt the Plan.	Low	Medium	Officers at the SDNPA are satisfied the proposed Modifications meet the legal requirements for Development Plans and the proposed consultation is part of these requirements.

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Appendices:	I. Schedule of Main Modifications 13 September 2023
	2. Schedule of Additional (non-material) Modifications 11 August 2023
	3. Schedule of Policy Map Modifications 21 April 2023
Internal Consultees:	SDNPA Consultees; Chief Executive; Director of Planning; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer; Legal Services,
External Consultees:	None
Background Documents:	None

The modifications below are expressed either in the conventional form of strikethrough for deletions and <u>underlining</u> for additions of text, or by specifying the modification in words in *italics*.

Text in bold and light blue is a hyperlink and can be clicked on to access the document or website to which the link points. For example, this is a link to the *East Sussex County Council website*.

The page numbers and paragraph numbering below refer to the submission local plan, and do not take account of the deletion or addition of text. As set out in the Additional Modifications, new paragraphs are marked using the # placeholder symbol. Paragraph and footnote numbering will be updated to be consecutive prior to the adoption of the Plan. References using page numbers will also be updated as required.

Ref	Page	Policy/ Paragraph	Main Modification
MM01	1-5	Section 1 and Section 2	 Introduction East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority (the Authorities) have responsibility for planning the future management of waste and production of minerals. To guide those decisions the Authorities are required to prepare Minerals and Waste Local Plans which contain policies that guide where minerals and waste developments should go. These policies are then used to make decisions on planning applications for waste management and minerals activities. The Waste and Minerals Local Plan (WMLP) is currently comprised of the:
			 Waste and Minerals Plan 2013 (WMP), and

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			 Waste and Minerals Sites Plan 2017 (WMSP). 1.3 The purpose of the review principally focuses on minerals provision, as well as updating and clarifying certain other policies, it is not a complete review of the WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan. This document therefore sets out proposed revisions to specific policies within the WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan. The Plan Area for this and the other WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan documents is the administrative areas of East Sussex and Brighton & Hove, including part of the South Downs National Park-and the Plan period for the policies within this document is 						
			 2019-2034 inclusive (15 years). This period differs from the period covered by the existing WMLP. However, at the completion of this review, a full plan review of the entire WMLP will be undertaken which will provide an opportunity to align the Plan period. The revised policies include two key changes: East Sussex and Brighton & Hove to become more reliant on aggregates from the marine sources and other 						
			 sources outside of the Plan Area. Providing increased protection for minerals and minerals related infrastructure against inappropriate development being located nearby. <u>1.# This partial review of the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is being undertaken due to the findings of the Inspector at the Examination into the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan adopted in 2017. The Inspector at this Examination into the partial being located by according to the generative of located was according to the second by according to the generative of located in the second by a second </u>						
			Examination considered this Plan to be sound but concluded that the current rate of land-won aggregates in the Waste and Minerals Plan could not be maintained with the current allocated sites, and therefore indicated that a review of the minerals policies within this Plan would be required prior to the end of the Plan period. For this reason,						

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			the Revised Policies Document has primarily focussed on minerals, and more specifically, aggregates provision in the			
			Plan Area. The proposed strategy is one based on importation and the sustainable use of aggregates. Where a clear			
			and obvious need for updates and clarity have been required to other policy areas, these have also been undertaken.			
			However, what is not in scope as part of this review is the waste management provision policies.			
			1.4 A number of updates to clarify and consolidate existing policies are also proposed, along with an additional			
			policy for the provision of an additional area of clay extraction at Aldershaw Farm. No other alterations to the			
			existing strategy are being proposed at this time.			
			1.5 This document, if adopted, will join joins the other WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan documents in			
			forming part of the Development Plan for the administrative areas set out in Paragraph 1.3. This means that relevant			
			policies within the WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan documents apply to all development within this area, not			
			just proposals for waste and minerals development, and that other local authorities within this area will need to			
			consider relevant WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan policies when determining planning applications. Similarly,			
			other relevant Development Plan documents besides the WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan will need to be			
			considered when determining applications for waste and minerals development.			
			1.6 Once this review has been completed, a composite version of the Waste and Minerals Local Plan comprising			
			of the Waste and Minerals Plan and the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan, incorporating the changes proposed in this			
			document will be published. <u>This will result in a single document containing all the Waste and Minerals Local Plan</u>			

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			Policies in one place rather than three individual documents. The policies within this review will be in accordance with the 'Vision for the Plan Area to 2030' timeframe of the original Waste and Mineral Local Plan policies. The plan period for the Waste and Minerals Local Plan will then allow for all of the adopted plan policies (original and revised) to align until 2030. The synchronising of the timeframes for all the Waste and Mineral Local Plan policies will result in a joined up coherent Plan that should provide clarity for all users. Although Paragraph 22 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that "strategic policies should look ahead over a period of 15 years" it is considered that as this review is only a partial plan review it would be simpler for users if the new policies shared the same time frame as the original Waste and Minerals Plan policies. This will also avoid inconsistency between policies and ensure they are justified by the evidence base. Consequently, new policies within this document share the same plan period of							
			the original Waste and Minerals Plan.1.#Upon completion of this partial review it is proposed to swiftly undertake a full review of all of the policieswithin the Waste and Minerals Local Plan in order that a fully updated Waste and Minerals Local Plan can beproduced. This review will enable expected forthcoming national policy changes, as well as matters such assecondary legislation and guidance published in relation to the Environment Act, to be taken into consideration. Thiswill then inform the creation of long-term strategic policies beyond the current 2030 Plan period. This review willcommence immediately on adoption of this Plan and is anticipated to be completed by 2027.							
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			For the avoidance of doubt the Plan period for the Revised Policies Document (this document) is 2019 - 2030 (11							
			Years).							
			How to read this document							
			1.7 As the Authorities are proposing to make amendments to specific parts of the WMP Waste and Minerals Plan							
			and WMSP Waste and Minerals Sites Plan this document is written in the style of an amendment document. On the							
			following pages there is a table which lists all the policies in the WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan and their							
			status.							
			1.8 Over the remainder of the document, to help show and explain the amendments, the following special							
			notations are used:							
			Explanation							
			Commentary text explaining the proposed changes can be found in these grey bordered boxes. For reference, these							
			boxes will be retained in the adopted Revised Policies Document but will not appear in the consolidated Waste and							
			Minerals Local Plan document. This does not form part of the revised policies and will not be included in the final							
			Plan.							
			How the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended.							

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			Text in bold explains what alterations are being proposed, for example if sections are proposed to be deleted or						
			added.						
			Text in ital	ics is proposed text on which comm	ents are bei	ng sou g	;ht.		
			The Authori	ities intend to publish a document t	nat consolid	ates al	three doo	cuments in due course.	
			2. Sı	ummary of <u>Minerals and</u>	d Waste	e Loc	al Plar	<u>n</u> Policy Review	
			2.1 Bel	ow is a complete list of adopted and	l draft polic	ies <mark>of t</mark>	he Waste a	and Minerals Local Plan from the WMP	
			Waste and I	Minerals Plan, WMSP Waste and Mine	erals Sites P	lan and	this docu	ment, the Revised Policies Document	
				cies proposed for deletion are struck					
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					ne policies s	noutu i	e applied	in the determination of planning	
			application	5.					
			Policy Number						
			Overarching Strategy						
			WMP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable WMP 33 Adopted None. WMP2 Minerals and Waste Development WMP 36 Adopted Replaced by RV1. WMP2 Affecting the South Downs National Park WMP 36 Adopted Replaced by RV1.						
			<u>RV1</u>	Minerals and Waste Development affecting the South Downs National	<u>RPD</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Direct replacement for WMP2. Refers to new policy RD1 and existing WMP8b.	

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				Park and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty					
			WMP3a	Promoting Waste Prevention, Re-use and Waste Awareness	WMP	40	Adopted	None.	
			WMP3b	Turning Waste into a Resource	WMP	42	Adopted	None.	
			WMP3c	Production of Energy from Waste (EfW)	WMP	45	Adopted	None.	
			WMP3d	Minimising and Managing Waste During Construction, Demolition and Excavation	WMP	46	Adopted	None.	
			WMP3e	Waste Management In New Development in the Plan Area	WMP	48	Adopted	None.	
			WMP4	Sustainable Provision and Use of Minerals Providing for Waste	WMP	50	Adopted	No change to policy but amendments to monitoring and implementation.	
				Providing for Waste					
			WMP5	Provision of Built Waste Facilities	WMP	53	Adopted	None.	
			WMP7a	Sustainable Locations for Waste Development (Excluding Land Disposal)	WMP	61	Adopted	Replaced by RW1, no other policies affected.	
			WMP7b	More Detailed Criteria for Waste Development	WMP	62	Adopted	Replaced by RW1, no other policies affected.	
			RW1	Sustainable Locations for Waste Development (Excluding Land Disposal)	RPD	22	Draft	Direct replacement for WMP7a & b. Explanatory text refers to policy WMP8 & WMP22.	
			SP1	Waste Site Allocations	WMSP	14	Adopted	None.	
			SP2	Areas of Opportunity on Previously Developed Land	WMSP	15	Adopted	Makes reference to WMP25.	
			SP3	Areas of Search	WMSP	16	Adopted	Makes reference to WMP25.	
			SP4	Physical Extension of Existing Waste Site	WMSP	17	Adopted	None.	

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			SP5	Existing Industrial Estates	WMSP	19	Adopted	Makes reference to deleted WMP7a and deleted WMP27, which are replaced by RW1 and RD1. Refers to retained policies WMP25, WMP26, WMP 28a, WMP24a.
			WMP8a	Land Disposal of Non-Inert Waste	WMP	67	Adopted	None.
			WMP8b	Deposit of Inert Waste on Land for Beneficial Uses	WMP	69	Adopted	None.
			WMP8c	Management of Landfill Gas	WMP	70	Adopted	None.
			WMP9a	Hazardous Waste	WMP	72	Adopted	None.
			WMP9b	Low Level Radioactive Waste	WMP	75	Adopted	None.
			WMP10	Management of Waste Water and Sewage Sludge	WMP	77	Adopted	None.
			WMP6	Safeguarding Waste Sites	WMP	58	Adopted	None.
			SP6	Safeguarding Waste Sites	WMSP	22	Adopted	None.
			SP7	Waste Consultation Areas Providing for Minerals of	WMSP	23	Adopted	Refers to retained policies WMP6, SP4.
				Providing for Minerals				
			WMP11	Provision of Aggregates	WMP	81	Adopted	Replaced by RM1.
			RM0	Sustainable Use of Aggregates	RPD	24	Draft	Stand alone new policy.
			RM1	Provision of Aggregates	RPD	31	<u>Draft</u>	Direct replacement for WMP11, no other policies affected.
			WMP12	Provision of Gypsum	WMP	83	Adopted	None.
			WMP13	Provision of Clay	WMP	85	Adopted	References retained policy WMP4.
			<u>RM2</u>	Provision for an additional extraction area at Aldershaw Farm	<u>RPD</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Stand alone new policy.
			WMP14	Safeguarding Mineral Resources	WMP	88	Adopted	Replaced by RM3 also references replaced WMP2.
			SP8	Mineral Safeguarding Areas for land won minerals resources within the Plan Area	WMSP	25	Adopted	Replaced by RM3.

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			<u>RM3</u>	Safeguarding Mineral Resources	<u>RPD</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Combined replacement policy for WMP14 & SP8.
			RM4	Prior Extraction of Minerals	RPD	40	Draft	
			WMP15	Safeguarding Wharves and Railheads	WMP	90	Adopted	Direct replacement by RM5.
			SP9	Safeguarding wharves and railheads within the Plan Area	WMSP	27	Adopted	Direct replacement by RM5.
			<u>RM5</u>	Safeguarding Minerals Infrastructure	<u>RPD</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Combined replacement for WMP15 & SP9. Also references retained policy WMP18.
			SP10	Safeguarding facilities for concrete batching, coated materials	WMSP	28	Adopted	Replaced by RM6.
			<u>RM6</u>	Safeguarding facilities for concrete batching (etc)	<u>RPD</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Direct replacement for SP10.
			SP11	Minerals Consultation Areas	WMSP	29	Adopted	Replaced by RM7. References SP8, 9 & 10.
			<u>RM7</u>	Minerals Consultation Areas	<u>RPD</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Direct standalone replacement for SP11.
			WMP16	Exploration for Oil and Gas	WMP	92	Adopted	None.
				Overarching Policies				
			WMP17	Restoration	WMP	94	Adopted	Supporting text references deleted policy WMP27 which is being replaced by RD1. Supporting text references retained policies WMP 28 a & b, WMP 24 & WMP 25.
			WMP18	Transport - Road, Rail and Water	WMP	97	Adopted	Supporting text references deleted policy WMP15. Supporting text references retained policy WMP26.
			WMP19	Co-location of Complementary Facilities	WMP	98	Adopted	None.
			WMP20	Community Involvement and Benefits	WMP	100	Adopted	None.
			WMP21	Opportunities for Sustainable Waste Management and Minerals Production in Other Development	WMP	102	Adopted	None.
			WMP22	Expansion and Alterations Within Existing Waste Facilities	WMP	103	Adopted	None.

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				Development Management Policies				
			WMP23a	Design Principles for Built Waste Facilities	WMP	106	Adopted	Supporting text references retained policies WMP20, WMP 24 & 24b.
			WMP23b	Operation of Sites	WMP	107	Adopted	Supporting text references retained policies WMP20, WMP 24 & 24b.
			WMP24a	Climate Change	WMP	109	Adopted	None.
			WMP24b	Resource and Energy Use	WMP	109	Adopted	None.
			WMP25	General Amenity	WMP	110	Adopted	None.
			WMP26	Traffic Impacts	WMP	112	Adopted	Supporting text references retained policy WMP18.
			WMP27	Environment and Environmental Enhancement	WMP	113	Adopted	Replaced by RD1. References policy WMP 2.
			<u>RD1</u>	Environment and Environmental Enhancement	<u>RPD</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>Draft</u>	Replaces WMP27. No other policies referenced in text.
			WMP28a	Flood risk	WMP	117	Adopted	Supporting text mentions policy WMP7 which is to be deleted and replaced by policy RW1.
			WMP28b	Water Resources and Water Quality	WMP	118	Adopted	Supporting text mentions policy WMP7 which is to be deleted and replaced by policy RW1.
				Diagrams				
				Waste Key Diagram	WMP	156		None.
				Minerals Key Diagram	WMP	157		None.
			Notes					
			1.	All policies within the WMLP Waste	e and Mine	rals Loc	<u>al Plan</u> are	e considered to be strategic policies. See
				paragraphs 20-23 of the <u>National F</u>	Planning Po	licy Fra	<u>mework</u> N	PPF for further information.
			2.	Some policies appear out of docur	nent order	above s	o that the	y appear correctly grouped in the table.

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MM02	17	4.12 & Policy RV1	3. In this table WMP means the Waste and Minerals Local Plan, WMSP means Waste and Minerals Sites Plan and RPD is the Revised Policies document (this document). 4.12 Quarries and quarrying operations have the potential to impact heavily upon the landscape and surrounding environment, therefore the setting of any proposed development within the context of the National Park or AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is also an important consideration. The scale and extent of development within all these designated areas should be limited, while development within their setting should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated areas. 4.## As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development which falls within the South Downs National Park or High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty should clearly demonstrate how it will contribute to the outcomes, objectives and priorities of the relevant Management Plan. Applications should clearly reference the specific outcome, objective or priority and provide further information as to how the planning proposal will contribute to the objectives of the Management Plan.
			 4.13 Minerals and waste development not considered to be major should be carefully assessed. Weight should be given towards conservation of the landscape's natural beauty, the conservation of wildlife and cultural heritage and the need to avoid adverse impact upon recreational opportunities within these areas. Policy RV1: Minerals and waste development affecting the South Downs National Park and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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			a) Minerals and waste development in the South Downs National Park and the High Weald AONB Area of Outstanding
			Natural Beauty will have regard to the relevant Management Plan.
			b) Major minerals and waste development ¹ -in the South Downs National Park or High Weald AONB Area of Outstanding
			Natural Beauty will be refused other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated to be in
			the public interest. In this respect, consideration will be given to relevant information, including:
			i. the need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations; and
			ii. the impact of permitting or refusing the development upon the local economy; and

¹ In the case of minerals and waste proposals, all applications are defined by the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010 as 'major'. However, for the purpose of this policy, the potential for significant impacts on the National Park and AONB will be dependent on the individual characteristics of each case. When assessing what constitutes "major development" within a protected landscape the guidance set out in Footnote 60 to the NPPF will be applied. ¹ When assessing what constitutes "major development" within a protected landscape the guidance set out in Footnote 60 to the NATIONAL Planning Policy Framework will be applied, this states that whether a proposal is 'major development' is a matter for the decision maker, taking into account its nature, scale and setting, and whether it could have a significant adverse impact on the purposes for which the area has been designated or defined.

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			iii. the cost of and scope for developing outside the designated area South Downs National Park or High Weald
			Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or meeting the need in another way; and
			iv. any detrimental effect on the environment, landscape and/or recreational opportunities and the extent to
			which it could be moderated.
			c) Small-scale waste management facilities ² for local needs are not precluded from the National Park or AONB Area
			of Outstanding Natural Beauty where they meet the requirements of Policy Policies RD1 and RW1.
			d) Proposals for the backfilling of redundant quarries within the National Park or AONB Area of Outstanding Natural
			Beauty need to conform with (b) above and additionally demonstrate net long term benefits to the National Park or
			AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and that they meet Policy WMP 8b criteria (a) to (e).

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² <u>Smaller, localised facilities can be essential in helping to provide local solutions for collecting, sorting, bulking, and transferring and treating wastes in complementing the waste treatment provided at larger-scale facilities. Smaller scale facilities are defined as those seeking to meet a localised need generally of a particular settlement area, in contrast to larger scale facilities that provide benefits to the whole Plan Area.</u>

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			The South Downs National Park and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are identified on the Policies
			<u>Map.</u>
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	22	Policy RW1 – End of Policy	To identify broad areas (Areas of Focus) within the Plan Area within which more sustainable opportunities for
		RW1	locating waste recycling and recovery facilities are more likely to be found.
			Introduction
			5. <u># This policy relates to waste treatment facilities, i.e. facilities involved in processes in the waste hierarchy</u>
			excluding land disposal. Transfer facilities are included because they play a fundamental part in moving waste to and
			from the facilities referred to in this policy, and increasingly waste transfer is being integrated with waste processing
			(such as that which takes place at Materials Recovery Facilities) at the same site and so there is less distinction
			between them. Land disposal is covered separately in Policy WMP8.
			5.2 National policy requires local planning policy to give a clear indication to industry about the areas where
			development might be acceptable and to provide flexibility to allow for responses to changes in circumstances.
			Paragraph 4 of the National Planning Policy for Waste sets out that when considering suitable locations for waste
			management development Local Plans should consider a broad range of locations including industrial sites, looking
			for opportunities to co-locate waste management facilities together and with complementary activities, giving

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			priority to the re-use of previously-developed land, sites identified for employment uses, and redundant agricultural
			and forestry buildings and their curtilages. Paragraph 5 continues to explain that existing and potential transport
			infrastructure to support the sustainable movement of waste, and products arising from resource recovery, seeking
			when practicable and beneficial to use modes other than road transport should also be a consideration when
			identifying suitable locations. Additionally, paragraph 176 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that
			great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads
			and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty which have the highest status of protection in relation to these issues.
			5.3 This policy relates to waste treatment facilities, i.e. facilities involved in processes in the waste hierarchy
			excluding land disposal. Transfer facilities are included because they play a fundamental part in moving waste to and
			from the facilities referred to in this policy, and increasingly waste transfer is being integrated with waste processing
			(such as that which takes place at Materials Recovery Facilities) at the same site and so there is less distinction
			between them. Land disposal is covered separately in Policy WMP8.
			5.# The Authorities are all signatories to the South-East England Waste Planning Advisory Group (SEWPAG)
			Statement of Common Ground, which is an agreement between all Waste Planning Authorities within the South-East
			England Region. In this Statement, the signatories agree that their plans will provide for the development of facilities
			that will manage waste produced within, and beyond, their areas based on net self-sufficiency and in accordance
			with the waste hierarchy. In seeking to meet this agreement, this policy steers waste management development

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			towards those areas with better transport links, and more urban areas, which should assist in minimising the distance
			which waste travels to be managed.
			5.# All policies within the Waste and Minerals Local Plan must support the Strategic Objectives set out in the
			Waste and Minerals Plan (pages 23 and 24). This Policy supports Strategic Objectives SO1, SO4 and SO8, and should
			be read in the context of other policies within the overarching and development management sections of the Waste
			and Minerals Local Plan documents.
			5.4 Policy WMP5 sets out the estimated additional waste management capacity that is required during the Plan
			period to achieve net self-sufficiency. This policy (RW1) identifies areas hereon called 'Areas of Focus' where the best
			opportunities for the development of waste recycling and recovery facilities are most likely to be found. Areas of
			Focus indicate broadly the areas where the greatest sustainability benefits are likely to be achievable based on the
			application of national policy. However, this policy recognises that there may be sites which are acceptable in
			principle but are beyond the Areas of Focus. For example, there may be sites just outside of the Areas of Focus
			where there may be overriding sustainability reasons for permitting development, such as supporting movement up
			the waste hierarchy or being well-related to the strategic road network. The policy therefore does not precisely
			define boundaries, and the overall sustainability benefits of proposals will be considered on their merits.
			Consideration of locations within the Areas of Focus also needs to be balanced with ensuring the Plan is deliverable,
			and as such the Plan considers economic viability which is often influenced by economies of scale.

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			5.5 The Areas of Focus are those where the greatest sustainability benefits are likely to be achieved regarding
			new waste development or extensions to existing sites as they are more likely to be close to:
			waste arisings,
			better transport network,
			 complementary industries and waste development for potential co-location benefits,³
			• existing facilities where there is scope for physical site extension (for detail about alterations within the site
			boundary of existing facilities See Policy WMP 22).
			5.6 The Areas of Focus reflect the fact that the majority of the population and businesses in the Plan Area are
			located along the coastal strip so this is where the main proportion of the largest waste streams (C&I, CDEW, and
			LACW wastes) is either currently generated or likely to be in the future according to predicted growth areas in Local
			Plans. The Areas also reflect the road, rail and water transport connections within the Plan Area , the limited
			opportunity to transport waste via railheads, and the lack of abandoned agricultural and forestry buildings. This is in

³ See Policy WMP 19.

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			accordance with the proximity principle and seeks to minimise the distance over which waste must be transported
			before it can be managed. Areas outside the Areas of Focus are generally more rural and less densely populated and
			therefore it is likely that less waste is generated and there are fewer opportunities for maximising sustainability.
			Much of these areas are also covered by landscape designations of the AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and
			the SDNP South Downs National Park. The topic of sustainable transport via road, rail and water is further addressed
			under Policy WMP18 Transport - Road, Rail and Water, and the topic of co-location is addressed through Policy
			WMP19 Co-location of Complementary Facilities.
			5.7 The policy also recognises that with modern design and operational techniques, waste management facilities can increasingly be accommodated in general industrial areas as a B2 use class, and even more so with the revised waste hierarchy which includes 'preparation for reuse'. Detailed criteria to manage the potential impacts of development is covered in the development management policies later in the Plan Document. Proposals will also be subject to the relevant statutory pollution control regulatory frameworks.
			5.8 Applicants are expected to make reasonable efforts when seeking to demonstrate that there are no suitable
			sites within the preferred locations under criteria A2 and B2. The level of detail should be appropriate to the scale
			and type of facility being proposed.
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			5.9 Sites identified within the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan and Schedule of Suitable Industrial Estates are all
			considered to be within the Area of Focus and located on one or more of the types of land specified under criteria
			B1; as such these sites are considered in accordance with this Policy.
			Policy RW1: Sustainable Locations for Waste Development (excluding land disposal)
			The principle of the development will be supported where:
			A1 The site is located within a broad Area of Focus indicated on the Key Diagram and described in paragraph
			5.5, or

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			A2 It has been demonstrated there are no suitable sites available within the Areas of Focus to meet identified
			needs, or the proposed development is a small-scale facility / extension to existing facility predominantly to meet
			smaller, more localised needs only ⁴ .
			In addition to criteria A1 or A2 the proposed development must also demonstrate:
			B1 The proposed development is located on: general industrial land including general industrial estates,
			employment land (B2/B8 uses), previously-developed land, or land already in waste management uses; or
			B2 There are no suitable sites available within the locations listed under criteria B1; or

⁴ Smaller, localised facilities can be essential in helping to provide local solutions for collecting, sorting, bulking, and transferring and treating wastes in complementing the waste treatment provided at more strategic larger-scale facilities. <u>Smaller scale facilities are defined as those seeking to meet a</u> localised need generally of a particular settlement area, in contrast to larger scale facilities that provide benefits to the whole plan area. See Policy RV1 for additional requirements in relation to waste management development within the South Downs National Park and High Weald Area of Outstanding <u>Natural Beauty</u>.

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			B3 The proposal is located at a minerals working or landfill site and the development's lifespan will be limited to the lifespan of the minerals operation or landfill site ⁵ , unless there are overriding reasons why the lifespan should be extended.
MM04	24	Policy RM0, paragraphs 6.6 and 6.7.	 Policy RM0: Sustainable use of aggregates Innovative p 1. To maximise the sustainable use of aggregates, proposals that: a) minimise the quantities of aggregates used in construction, and b) prioritise the use of recycled and secondary aggregate over virgin aggregate, are encouraged and will be supported. 2. Applicants should demonstrate the sustainable use of aggregates as part of their wider consideration of resources used when designing their developments. These design choices should be documented and presented through Design

⁵ The lifespan of a site may, but does not necessarily, include restoration phases.

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		and Access, Sustainability or Circular Economy statements. Applicants should engage with any design panels to
		explain their approach, where possible.
		3. East Sussex County Council will work with stakeholders and delivery partners and support will be given to Local
		Plan policies that promote sustainable aggregate use as part of design or Circular Economy policies within Local Plans
		being prepared by the District and Borough Councils within East Sussex.
		6.6 Policy RMO is a starting point, for setting a clear direction in relation to ensuring the sustainable use of
		aggregates. As knowledge and experience develops into good practice it will inform future reviews of the plan, under
		which this policy may be refined.
		6.7 Applicants should address the use of aggregates as part of their wider consideration of resources used when
		designing their developments. These design choices should be documented and presented through Design and Access,
		Sustainability or Circular Economy statements as applicable. Applicants are also encouraged to engage in any design
		panels, where available.
25- 32	Explanation of Policy RM1 – End of Policy	Provision of Aggregates <u>for the Plan Area</u> (RM1)
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		The current adopted WMLP Waste and Minerals Local Plan makes provision for 0.1 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of
		land-won aggregate during the <u>Plan plan</u> period, and commits the Authorities to providing a land bank of 7 years
		permitted aggregate reserves. The permitted sites identified to contribute to this provision in the WMLP Waste and
		Minerals Local Plan are Lydd Quarry (area in East Sussex), and Novington sandpit located within the SDNP South
		Downs National Park. This provision rate is therefore a combined rate including both sharp sand and gravel and soft
		sand.
		In coming to the 0.1 mtpa provision rate the Authorities maintained that the Plan Area was a "special case"
		recognising the particular circumstances of:
		low production;
		remote reserves;
		high dependence on marine landings; and
		large area affected by environmental constraints/designations
		Following the Public Examination into the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan in 2016, the Inspector concluded in his
		report that "[] the Plan cannot maintain provision for the production of land-won aggregates at a rate of 0.10
		mtpa throughout the Plan period. There will be no permitted reserves at that date because either mineral working
		under the planning permissions will cease in accordance with a condition of the permission or the workable reserves
		will be depleted at current rates of production. For that reason alone it will not be possible to maintain a land-bank
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			of at least 7 years". The Authorities accepted the Inspector's conclusions and recognise that the WMLP Waste and
			Minerals Local Plan aggregate provision levels need to be reassessed.
			Soft Sand
			The main source of soft sand in the South East (the Lower Greensand Formation) runs through Kent, Surrey,
			Hampshire, West Sussex and peters out just over the border of East Sussex. There has been limited working of this
			material in the Plan Area in recent times. Novington Sandpit is the only permitted soft sand site and lies within the
			South Downs National Park in the East Sussex Plan Area. It is understood that there is a reserve of around 250,000
			tonnes still to be worked as part of the extant planning permission.
			However, the site has been inactive since 2013 and any reported sales figures prior to that date are considered to be
			confidential. On that basis it is not possible to calculate an LAA rate and it assumed that the need for soft sand in the
			Plan Area has entirely been met through imports for at least six years.
			The Authorities have worked with the other South East Mineral Planning Authorities to agree a Position Statement on
			Soft Sand. This sets out the context for soft sand provision at a regional level. Following on from that work, the
			Authorities have entered into a Statement of Common Ground with Kent County Council and West Sussex County
			Council which acknowledges the current reliance on imported materials to meet the needs of the Plan Area and

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			explains the process each Mineral Planning Authority will go through to meet the 'steady and adequate supply of
			minerals' required by the NPPF ⁶ .
			Future Provision
			The NPPF National Planning Policy Framework states that mineral planning authorities should plan for a steady and
			adequate supply of aggregates by preparing an annual <i>Local Aggregate Assessment</i> (LAA) to forecast demand, based
			on a rolling average of 10 years sales data and other relevant local information. The LAA should include an
			assessment of all supply options including land won, marine dredged, secondary and recycled sources. The
			Authorities have carried out a review of aggregate provision, and further details and calculations are set out in the
			latest LAA Local Aggregates Assessment.
			During the Call for Evidence and Sites (CFES) the operator of Lydd quarry submitted proposed extension areas for the
			site. These were considered for inclusion in the draft Plan but were not considered acceptable as allocations due to

⁶ Paragraph 213.

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			the significant harm mineral working would cause to the interests of designated sites located within the vicinity of
			the proposals. In addition, the Authorities consider that there are adequate and suitable alternative supplies of
			material to the proposals which would result in lesser environmental effects. No other aggregate sites were
			submitted at the CFES Call for Evidence and Sites stage.
			Following consultation on the draft Revised Policies in 2020 some representations were received relating to
			aggregates and the provision of material to the Plan Area. These include comments and queries concerning marine
			dredged aggregate-(MDA), recycled aggregates and the calculation and methodology of provision levels. The operator
			of Lydd quarry also submitted a revised proposal for a quarry extension with more clarified extraction proposals. Th
			Authorities have reassessed the proposed allocations but consider that the issues of harm to designated sites remain
			and alternatives exist. The proposed allocations are therefore not included in the draft Plan.
			New aggregate data has been collected and published since 2020, mainly as a result of the annual aggregate
			monitoring surveys. Revised housing projections figures are also now available which indicate that forecasts of
			demand for aggregates over the Plan period may now be higher since the publication of the consultation document
			2020. Data is set out in the latest LAA Local Aggregates Assessment and the supporting documents including the
			Aggregate Data Technical Paper.
			Following the consultation on the draft Revised policies in 2020, Policy policy RM1 and supporting text have been
			revised to reflect the matters above. In summary, the following chapter now includes further explanation of how

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			provision will be secured for the Plan Area together with updated information and data. Policy wording has been
			clarified to confirm that new rail and wharf infrastructure would be supported and where relevant minor corrections
			have also been made. Some issues are covered further in the Aggregates <u>Data</u> Technical Paper, which also include <u>s</u>
			detailed workings of the methodology of assessing supply and demand in the Plan Area.
			How the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended
			It is proposed that this This section replaces Provision of aggregates WMP11 (pages 78-81) in the WAP Waste and
			Minerals Plan, and Section 4 Providing for Minerals paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6 (page 24) in the WMSP Waste and
			Minerals Sites Plan.
			Purpose of Policy RM1
			To ensure sustainable provision for an appropriate level of aggregates for consumption in the Plan area over the
			duration of the Plan period.
			Introduction
			6.8 Historically there have been low levels of extraction of 'land-won' aggregates in East Sussex, and imports of
			marine dredged aggregate (MDA), crushed rock and other aggregates have been important in meeting local
			construction needs. These have been imported via a mixture of rail, road and wharf. Within the Plan Area two types
			of aggregate resource are to be found: sharp sand and gravel, and soft sand, which have different uses. Sharp sand

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			and gravel uses include concreting applications and soft sand, also known as building sand, uses the include
			production of mortar.
			6.9 There is currently one working sharp sand and gravel extraction site in the east of the Plan area at Lydd.
			Lydd quarry straddles the East Sussex/Kent border and extraction is currently taking place within East Sussex.
			Approximately 50% of the production is exported to Kent and extraction at this site is due to cease in January 2027 i
			is estimated that less than a year of reserves remain. If this site were to contribute to future aggregate provision in
			the Plan Area, further reserves at the quarry would need to be identified. The area around Lydd Quarry is
			constrained by both <u>n</u> National and <u>i</u> International environmental designations including <u>SSSI</u> <u>Site of Special Scientific</u>
			Interest, Special Protection Area and Ramsar site. The designations cover or are adjacent to all the sand and gravel
			resource in this part of the County.
			6.10 The majority of land-won sharp sand and gravel deposits in East Sussex are found in the coastal areas and
			river valleys. Having assessed these resources, the Authorities have concluded that identification of feasible
			extensions or new land - won sites in the Plan area is not possible due to the environmental constraints which are
			considered overriding.
			6.11 Apart from production at Lydd quarry and road imports from outside the Plan Area, aggregate supply is
			currently received through the Ports of Shoreham, Newhaven and Rye, and at a railhead at North Quay in Newhaven
			Marine imported material is also exported by rail from a different rail head at East Quay, Newhaven. There are also

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			permitted CDEW construction, demolition and excavation waste sites producing recycled aggregates which can in
			some cases substitute for sharp sand and gravel end-uses, and secondary aggregates, such as brick waste, are also produced and imported into East Sussex.
			6.12 A new aggregate processing plant, aggregate bagging plant, concrete batching, and rail siding extension has
			recently been constructed at Fishers Wharf, Newhaven Port. The operation involves the import of marine dredged
			aggregate (MDA). The plant has now commenced operation with both marine imports being received and rail export
			taking place. Once fully implemented the The development will provides up to 0.42 0.586 million tonnes per annum
			(mtpa) of new import capacity. The majority of the material will be is sold and used within the Plan area including
			for concrete batching. and a A proportion of the imported marine dredged aggregate is will be exported from the
			site by rail <u>currently to the London area.</u>
			6.## The main source of soft sand in the South East (the Lower Greensand Formation) runs through Kent, Surrey,
			Hampshire, West Sussex and peters out just over the border of East Sussex. There has been limited working of this
			material in the Plan Area in recent times. Novington Sandpit is the only permitted soft sand site and lies within the
			South Downs National Park in the East Sussex Plan Area. It is understood that there is a reserve of around 250,000
			tonnes still to be worked as part of the extant planning permission. However, the site has been inactive since 2013
			and any reported sales figures prior to that date are considered to be confidential.
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			6.13 The Plan Area appears to have been reliant on soft sand imports for a number of years. The Authorities have
			undertaken a number of surveys to confirm this assumption, and to understand where the material is imported from
			and how the need for soft sand is currently being met. As a partner Authority for waste and minerals plans in
			Hampshire, West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton and <u>&</u> Hove, the SDNPA South Downs National Park Authority is
			working on a unified position across the South Downs National Park relating to the provision of soft sand that is
			consistent with national policy within a designated landscape.
			6.## The Authorities have worked with the other South East Mineral Planning Authorities to agree a Position
			Statement on Soft Sand. This sets out the context for soft sand provision at a regional level. Following on from that
			work, the Authorities have entered into a <i>Statement of Common Ground</i> with Kent County Council, Maidstone
			Borough Council, Surrey Council and West Sussex County Council, which is specifically related to making
			provision for soft sand within Local Plans, in line with national planning policy requirements to ensure that a steady
			and adequate supply can be maintained in the administrative areas of the Parties. The Statement of Common
			Ground commits all the Parties to various actions including safeguarding of resources and an agreement that the soft
			sand resource within their areas may contribute to the needs of other areas. In particular it is recognised that any
			apparent soft sand surplus in Kent is acknowledged as having potential to meet a wider need in the South East. As
			the East Sussex Plan Area relies on imports from both West Sussex and Kent (and other areas), additional reserves in
			the market could help meet a steady and adequate supply for the three Authorities in the future.
			Future Provision

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			6.14 Government policy requires mineral planning authorities to plan for a steady and adequate supply of
			aggregates and so in undertaking the WMLP Review the Authorities have assessed how provision can be continued in
			the Plan Area. Much of the supporting evidence for the WMLP review is set out in the Authorities' LAA. The most
			recent LAA Dashboard indicates that at current demand levels the rate for land-won material is 0.15 mtpa. This
			figure has been calculated on the basis of sales figures for sharp sand and gravel only as the only permitted soft sand
			site in the Plan area has not produced any mineral for some years. It is acknowledged that less than a years reserve
			exist at the only active sharp sand and gravel site in the Plan Area. The LAA also identifies rates for other types of
			aggregate provision including marine and rail imports. It is a particular characteristic of this Plan area that over 80%
			of aggregates consumed are imported (based on 2014 figures). Indeed, the Plan area has a long-standing unique and
			particular land-won aggregate situation which has been recognised as a "special case". ⁷

² During the review process for the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the Review of Policy M3 of the South East Plan the Councils requested to be treated as a special case. This recognised the particular circumstances of low production; remote reserves; and high dependence on marine landings; in an area largely affected by environmental constraints/designations.

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			6.## It is a particular characteristic of this Plan Area that about 90% of aggregates consumed are imported (based
			on 2019 figures). Indeed, the Plan Area has a long-standing unique and particular land-won aggregate situation which
			has been recognised as a "special case". ⁸ Consequently, the Plan Area has not been self-sufficient in land-won sand
			and gravel in the past and has had to rely on imports of aggregates for supply for many years. Mineral planning
			authorities which export aggregates to the Plan Area also need to prepare their own Plans and Local Aggregates
			Assessment to comply with national policy. The Authorities are therefore continuing to work with proximate
			authorities as part of the Duty to Cooperate to ensure that infrastructure facilities are safeguarded.
			6.## Government policy requires mineral planning authorities to plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregates by preparing Minerals Local Plans and Local Aggregates Assessments and to forecast aggregates demand based on sales data in their Local Aggregates Assessments. However, authorities must also consider other relevant
			local information in addition to the 10-year rolling supply, which seeks to look ahead at possible future demand,

⁸ During the review process for the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the Review of Policy M3 of the South East Plan the Councils successfully requested to be treated as a special case. This recognised the particular circumstances of low production; remote reserves; and high dependence on marine landings; in an area largely affected by environmental constraints/designations.
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			rather than rely solely on past sales. Such information may include, for example, levels of planned construction and
			housebuilding in their area and throughout the country. In undertaking the Waste and Minerals Local Plan Review the
			Authorities have therefore assessed how provision can be continued in the Plan Area.
			6.## The Authorities have been unable to apply Government guidance in using aggregate land won sales figures,
			owing to the small number of sites and limited data. Consequently, the estimate for future likely sales demand has
			focused on "other relevant local information", and in particular the demand for aggregates generated from local
			planned housing construction.
			6.## The Authorities have reviewed their methodology and have taken into account new and updated data. Details
			of the reassessment are set out in the updated Aggregates Data Technical Paper. The Authorities have established
			that their methodology of using housing as a proxy for construction also ensures adequate aggregates will be
			provided for both residential and non-residential construction. The Authorities have concluded that their
			methodology remains the most robust and appropriate available.
			6.## The Authorities have also reapplied their methodology with more recent housing forecasts to calculate
			revised provision figures as follows. There has been a slight increase to the provision figures compared to those in
			the Submission Revised Policies Document due to the revised housing data. Taking into account the shortened Plan
			period ending in 2030, for the 11-year plan period there will be a total sales demand of between 17.2 million tonnes
			and 18.4 million tonnes of aggregates which averages at between 1.57 and 1.67 million tonnes per annum. Note,
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			these averages are based on the total for the Plan period, and the annual demand will vary from year to year
			depending on the exact demand at that time.
			6.## The Authorities consider that this provision can be met with existing permitted capacity. Further details on
			capacity are detailed below.
			6.15 If demand for aggregates in the Plan Area were to remain constant then the total rate of aggregates for
			provision over the Plan period would be around 0.7 mtpa. The Authorities are also required to assess the effect of
			demand changes on provision. To do this the Authorities have used projections of homes and infrastructure over the
			next decade. Calculations carried out for the Review (see Aggregates Data Technical Paper) indicate that aggregate
			demand requirements could double, meaning that the total provision for the 15 year Plan Period (15 years from 2019,
			therefore to 2034) could be in the region of about 1.48 mtpa.
			6.16 Unused permitted capacity remains at all infrastructure and processing facilities which could be utilised in
			the future with the minimum of constraints. A significant amount of aggregates imported into Shoreham Port on the
			West Sussex side are consumed in the Plan Area and it is understood that additional unrestrained capacity remains at
			the Port. There is also further capacity available for the production of recycled and secondary material (see
			Aggregates Data Technical Paper).
			6.17 In terms of quantity, the supply of MDA marine dredged aggregate, from Fisher's wharf, once fully
			operational, would effectively provides an equivalent amount of aggregate to substitute for land-won sharp sand and
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			gravel from Lydd where resources are near exhaustion. It is also necessary to ensure that the end uses of these
			materials and their markets are comparable, and that sufficient reserves of MDA marine dredged aggregate are
			available. In terms of continuing supply to the existing market area, the Fishers Wharf development at Newhaven
			Port could provide for the western side of the Plan Area, and the Authorities consider that any market variations to
			the east could be compensated for by, for example, further imports using existing capacity at Rye Harbour as well as
			from Kent. The Crown Estate advises that marine aggregate is wholly interchangeable with land based sand and
			gravel, and can perform the same technical tasks. Reserves off the south coast of Sussex and Hampshire are circa 80
			million tonnes with a life of 24 years at 10 year average levels of extraction. New capacity is also expected to come
			on stream in the very near future. The environmental impact of dredging is considered at the application stage of the
			Marine Licencing system which is determined by the Marine Management Organisation.
			6.## The British Geological Survey Local Aggregates Survey (2019) indicates that a significant amount of
			aggregates imported into Shoreham Port are consumed within the Plan Area and it is understood that additional
			capacity remains at the Port. Shoreham Port straddles the boundary between Brighton & Hove and West Sussex
			minerals planning authority areas. The majority of the minerals wharves are located in West Sussex; West Sussex
			County Council, as minerals planning authority, report the Port sales figures in their Local Aggregates Assessment,
			and this underpins the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan which safeguards the wharves to ensure a continued
			steady and adequate supply of aggregates. The Authorities recognise that the supply from Shoreham Port is
			accounted for in the West Sussex Local Aggregates Assessment and that it would not be appropriate for the

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			Authorities to attribute capacity from Shoreham for potential supply to the Plan Area. It is however important to
			understand the contribution that Shoreham wharves do make to the Plan Area, therefore a proxy figure derived from
			Crown Estate marine dredged aggregate landing statistics has been used to represent a minimum annual supply to
			the Plan Area. Further details are set out in the Aggregates Data Technical Paper. The Authorities continue to work
			with West Sussex County Council as part of the Duty to Cooperate to ensure steady and adequate supplies continue.
			6.## Unused permitted capacity remains at all infrastructure and processing facilities, including for the production
			of recycled and secondary material, which could be utilised in the future with the minimum of planning constraints.
			In particular further capacity could be available via the Permitted Development rights which exist for some wharves
			and may not have been included in the permitted capacity figures, and also if non-operational wharves were to be
			re-established. There may also be opportunities to increase capacity by improving the operation and efficiency of
			existing sites.
			6.18 An assessment of the existing capacity at permitted import and processing facilities in the Plan Area
			indicates that adequate capacity exists to accommodate the proposed level of aggregate provision set out in policy
			<u>RM1. at least double the current levels of demand. Recent revised housing projections (2020 data) however point to</u>
			a possible higher level of demand, (although this assumes current building methods endure). All In addition, the
			Authorities have identified that more capacity is and will be imminently available. Further details are set out in the
			Local Aggregates Assessment and the updated Aggregate Data Technical paper.

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			6.19 It is acknowledged that if demand were to exceed these levels, there could potentially be shortfalls in supply
			during the Plan period. However, the Authorities consider that the market is likely to respond in such circumstances
			to enable additional provision by, for example, diverting exports. In the past regardless of the aggregate demand at
			that time, supply has occurred and construction has taken place in the Plan Area. In addition, if demand is high
			enough it could be that market conditions are favourable for new import and recycling infrastructure and/or sites
			which, where appropriate, would be supported by RM1 and other policies in this Plan. Furthermore, the amount of
			aggregates needed in new buildings may reduce over time as construction methods change in response to net zero
			carbon requirements. The sustainable use of aggregate is supported in policy RMO.
			6.20 With regards to soft sand it is considered that the most appropriate approach is to safeguard the soft sand
			resource and not allocate any further sites in the Plan Area. It is not appropriate to designate Areas of Search in a

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			protected landscape and no aggregate sites have been put forward during the consultation process in either the
			National Park or the AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.9,10,11
			6.21 The Authorities consider that based on current evidence there are no acceptable or feasible <u>further</u> land-won
			sites resources available, and that in the context of the Plan Area's long established "special case", future provision in
			the Plan Area has to be supplied from a combination of recycled and secondary material, and rail, wharf and other

⁹ Any future applications for soft sand extraction in the National Park will need to address paragraph 177 of the NPPF and Policy SD3 of the South Downs Local Plan.

¹⁰ Mineral extraction is considered to be 'major development' as defined in the Glossary of the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u> and the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Paragraph 177 of the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u> states that planning permission should be refused for major development in National Parks other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated that the development is in the public interest. Footnote 60 of the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u> states that the question of whether a development proposal is 'major' in a National Park is a matter for the decision maker, taking into account its nature, scale and setting, and whether it could have a significant adverse impact on the purposes for which the area has been designated or defined.

¹¹ Paragraph 177 of the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u> relates primarily to the determination of planning applications in protected landscapes. However, to ensure that all local plan allocations are deliverable, it is also necessary to consider the issue of major development at the plan making stage.

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			aggregate imports. This provision strategy does not therefore include land-won material from within the Plan Area
			and does not require the allocation of sites or setting of a specific "landbank" for aggregates.
			6.22 The Plan strategy for meeting the sand and gravel needs of the Plan Area is therefore through supporting and
			encouraging imports through existing permitted facilities, as well as utilising permitted recycled and secondary
			aggregate capacity, and encouraging sustainable usage of aggregates. Proposals for new rail and wharf import
			infrastructure will also be supported, where appropriate. To ensure that that supply is secured and maintained
			through import facilities it is important that minerals infrastructure, including wharf and rail heads, are adequately
			safeguarded. This is covered in policy RM5. In addition, any extensions or improvements to existing safeguarded sites
			which improve the operation and/or efficiency of the landing, processing, handling and storage of minerals will
			normally be supported. The reuse of existing infrastructure will be supported where appropriate.
			6.23 The strategy aims to protect and support every mechanism for enabling supply. This will allow provision for
			at least a doubling of current demand which for the 11-year plan period which equates to a total sales demand of
			between 17.2 million tonnes and 18.4 million tonnes of aggregates, averaging at between 1.57 and 1.67 million
			tonnes per annum (mtpa) peaking at just over 2mtpa in 2027/28. just over 22 million tonnes (mt) of aggregates over
			15 years at an average of approximately 1.48 mtpa, peaking at 2.02 mtpa in 2025/26. Of the 22mt 17.2 to 18.4 mtpa,
			between 14.43 mt & 16.56 mt 11.5 and 14.3 mtpa will be sourced from imports, using existing permitted facilities <u>in</u>
			the Plan Area and beyond.

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			6.## Aggregate supply and demand in the Plan area Area, including the annual provision figure, will be
			continually monitored via the Authorities' Monitoring Report and the Local Aggregate Assessment, and will be
			reviewed when required. by national legislation.
			6.## The Authorities will commit to reviewing the methodology used to predict demand and establish aggregates
			provision for the forthcoming full Review of the Waste and Minerals Local Plan. In doing this the Authorities will
			collaborate with industry, proximate Mineral Planning Authorities, and district and borough Councils in the Plan Area
			to ensure all relevant information is considered. The Authorities will continue to work closely with proximate Mineral
			Planning Authorities that supply the Plan Area, to ensure that they continue to protect, maintain and enhance
			existing infrastructure and capacity.
			6.24 In the event that Where proposals for land-won aggregate proposals are received they will be supported, in
			principle, subject to consideredation against existing the Development Plan policies as a whole. Of particular
			relevance are the overarching principles set out in Policy WMP4, Policy RD1 (Environment and Environmental
			Enhancement) and other development management policies. All Plans should be read as a whole and criteria based
			policies within the WMLP ensure that there is complete policy coverage for any future proposal.
			6.25 Proposals for new sites and additional capacity for aggregate importation infrastructure and recycled and
			secondary aggregate production will be supported and encouraged through the pre-application advice process also be
			subject to the environmental protection requirements set out in other plan policies.

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			6.26 Proposals which may involve marine operations should also consider Policies S-AGG-3 and S-AGG-4 from the
			MMO South Marine Plan. These policies refer to proposals in areas where high potential aggregate resource occurs,
			and local sourcing of aggregates respectively.
			Policy RM1: Provision of aggregates for consumption in the Plan Area
			1. The Authorities will enable support the provision of at least 22 17.2 million tonnes and 18.4 million tonnes
			(averaging 1.48 mtpa between 1.57 and 1.67 million tonnes annum) of aggregate material over the the <u>11-year</u> Plan
			period by seeking to protect, maintain and enhance existing:
			a) aggregate importation infrastructure and capacity; and
			b) recycled and secondary aggregate production.
			2. Proposals for new rail and wharf import infrastructure, and additional capacity for a) and b) (including increased
			operational capacity within the site boundary of existing infrastructure) will be supported. In particular, support will
			be given to proposals which further enable sustainable provision of aggregates by sea and/or rail.
			3. Proposals for land-won aggregate extraction, including extensions of time and physical extensions to existing sites,
			will be supported where consideration against other policies in the Development Plan indicates there would be no
			unacceptable adverse impacts.

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MM06	34- 35	Paragraph Policy RM2 – 6.30	 Policy RM2: Provision for an additional extraction area at Aldershaw Farm For an An area of additional clay extraction, may be proposed in connection with the specialist tile manufacturing facility at Aldershaw Farm as identified on Map 10.2 [Minerals Sites and Infrastructure Map]. // To to be acceptable in principle, proposals for an additional extraction area must demonstrate that the following criteria are met: An assessment of the impact on the Ancient Woodland (Screen Wood and Lane Wood) must be carried out. An Ecological Impact Assessment must be carried out to demonstrate how impacts on biodiversity features, including Ancient Woodland (Screen Wood and Lane Wood) and Beauport Park Local Wildlife Site, have been avoided in line with the mitigation hierarchy. Where necessary and in accordance with Natural England and the Forestry Commission's standing advice, appropriate buffers should be incorporated, and mitigation provided, to the satisfaction of both bodies. The impact on the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty must be assessed and appropriate mitigation should be included, if required, in consultation with the High Weald AONB Area of Outstanding Natural
			Beauty Unit and Natural England. iii. An assessment of the impact on the Beauport Park Local Wildlife Site must be carried out; and where necessary appropriate mitigation provided, in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the County Ecologist. Beauport Park Local Wildlife Site should be safeguarded, and where necessary, appropriate mitigation provided, in

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			consultation with and to the satisfaction of Natural England or a suitably qualified ecological advisor of the Council's
			choosing.
			iv. Access to the site is through the existing brickworks.
			An appropriate mitigation and environmental enhancement scheme for the operations and restoration of the entire
			extraction site would be required as part of any permission.
			Proposals must demonstrate how they have considered relevant Policies in the <u>Waste and Minerals Plan</u> WMP , <u>Waste</u>
			and Minerals Sites Plan WMSP and the Development Plan (relevant Local Plan). Any application will be assessed in
			accordance with relevant development plan policies taking into account any material considerations.
			Further Guidance
			6.29 Protected and notable species may be present within or in the vicinity of any future additional area of
			extraction. Appropriate assessments and surveys should be carried out in accordance with standing advice and
			development management policies within this Plan.
			6.30 Any restoration plan should be supported by a landscape and ecological management plan.
			6.## A Transport Assessment and Site Management Plan for the management of impacts arising from vehicle
			movements including dust reduction measures and wheel washing facilities should be prepared and submitted with

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			any planning application. It is advised that the applicant engages in pre-application discussions with National
			Highways prior to the submission of any application.
MM07	35	Inserted after 6.30	Introduction to Minerals Safeguarding
			The following section sets out the Policies on Mineral Resources and Infrastructure safeguarding including a policy on
			minerals consultation areas. These policies (RM3 - RM7) are designed to be read concurrently.
			 <u>Safeguarding aims to avoid the unnecessary sterilisation of mineral resources, where non-mineral development effectively prevents and/or unduly affects the ability to extract the underlying mineral.</u>
			Safeguarding also aims to prevent the loss of key minerals infrastructure and avoid unreasonable constraints
			on their operation (including workings at active and proposed extraction sites) that may result from the
			introduction of proximate sensitive development. For example, there may be conflicts of use and disturbance
			where a residential development is developed in close proximity to a minerals wharf facility from the impact
			of noise or light pollution, dust, traffic movements or impact on visual amenity.
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			The National Planning Policy Framework (2023) requires that where the operation of an existing business could have
			a significant adverse effect on new development in the locality, the applicant of the new development (or 'agent of
			change') should be required to provide suitable mitigation before the development has been completed, this is
			known as the 'agent of change principle'. The 'Agent of Change' (Paragraph 187 of the National Planning Policy
			Framework 2023) principle and the term 'incompatible development' are closely linked; incompatible development
			refers to development which places unreasonable constraints on the workings of existing businesses/facilities. Both
			concepts are applied within the safeguarding policies.
			For some types of non-mineral development the impact upon safeguarded sites may be negligible. Accordingly, the
			Authorities consider that the following categories of development/application type would be unlikely to pose a
			threat to safeguarded areas and are therefore exempt from the Policy requirements of RM3, RM5, RM6 and RM7. The
			exemptions are referred to as excluded development. They would apply to sites located in Mineral Safeguarding
			Areas and Mineral Consultation Areas; to the requirements for prior extraction; and for consultations relating to both
			mineral resources sites and minerals infrastructure sites. Those listed would also be exempt from the requirements
			of Mineral Resource and Infrastructure Assessments.
			Excluded Development
			• Householder planning consent: Applications for alterations to existing single buildings including works within
			the boundary/garden of a house i.e. domestic extensions, conservatories, loft conversions, dormer windows,
			garages and similar structures (car ports, outbuildings) within the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse;

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			 Applications for Advertisement Consent; Applications for Listed Building Consent; Lawful Development Certificate for existing use, proposed use, or operation or activity in breach of a planning condition; Applications for Tree Works (including consent under Tree Preservation Orders and notification of proposed works to trees in conservation areas); Application for non-material amendments; Developments within a conservation area within existing urban areas. Overview of safeguarding policies Policy Overview of Policies RM3 This policy safeguards locally important feasible land-won mineral resources and permitted extraction sites from sterilisation and incompatible development. In cases where sterilisation may occur, prior extraction is required unless it can be
			demonstrated that this is not feasible. The Mineral Safeguarding Areas are identified on the Policies Map. RM5 This policy safeguards minerals infrastructure (wharves and railheads) and associated capacity. Wharves and railheads are the key bulk transport routes in the Plan Area. Using the 'Agent of Change' principle the policy protects the safeguarded facilities

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				from negative impacts resulting from non-minerals development which may not be
				compatible with the operation of minerals infrastructure sites.
			RM6	This policy safeguards other types of minerals plant and infrastructure, for example
				for concrete batching, coated materials manufacture, and other concrete products,
				facilities for plasterboard and clay manufacture, from encroachment from
				incompatible development.
			<u>RM7</u>	This policy identifies Minerals Consultation Areas.
				In cases where the Local Planning Authority considers that a non-minerals
				development affects or could potentially affect an existing minerals site or facility,
				consultation with the Minerals Planning Authority is required.
				Proposals within Minerals Consultation Areas, unless identified on the excluded
				development list, require consultation with the Mineral Planning Authority.
				Outside Mineral Consultation Areas, Local Planning Authorities may come to a
				judgement of the potential impact on an existing minerals site or facility and should
				therefore consult with the Minerals Planning Authority.
			Paragraph 210e of the Nation	nal Planning Policy Framework 2023 states that planning policies should safeguard
				tial sites for: bulk transport, handling and processing of minerals; the manufacture of
			concrete and concrete produ	ucts; and the handling, processing and distribution of substitute, recycled and secondary

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			aggregate material. Sites falling within these categories are safeguarded by various policies ¹² within the Waste and Minerals Local Plan. The Role of District and Borough Councils in Minerals Safeguarding
			In two-tier authority areas, such as much of the Plan Area, the District and Borough Councils play a key role in the implementation of the Waste and Minerals Local Plan. The role of District and Borough Councils in Minerals Safeguarding is to: <u>Have regard to the Waste and Minerals Local Plan when identifying areas for development in Local Plans and determining planning applications; and,</u>

¹² RM5 safeguards bulk transport sites (wharves and railheads) and the handling and processing of minerals at these sites. RM6 safeguards sites for manufacture (including concrete and concrete products) and associated handling and processing. Recycled and secondary aggregates are safeguarded by Policies WMP6 and SP6 of the Waste and Minerals Local Plan.

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			 <u>Consult with the relevant Mineral Planning Authority on development proposals in accordance with the Plan policies and take into account their views; and</u> <u>Identify Minerals Safeguarding Areas on their Policies Maps.</u> <u>The responsibilities set out above have been agreed in direct cooperation with the District and Borough Councils and continual work on the delivery of these will be achieved through the Duty to Cooperate.</u>
MM08	36- 40	Purpose of Policy RM3 – End of Policy RM4	Purpose of Policy RM3 To ensure known mineral resources of local and national importance are safeguarded and that safeguarded mineral resources are not sterilised by development by encouraging their extraction prior to development. Introduction 6.31 The National Planning Policy Framework requires MPAs Mineral Planning Authorities to prevent mineral resources from being unnecessarily sterilised. Sterilisation of known or potential resources would reduce the ability and flexibility to supply future demand. However, it is also important to find a balance between protecting mineral resources for the future and allowing for necessary development of some of those areas.

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			6.32 Government advice contained in the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u> and other guidance ¹³ requires
			mineral planning authorities to define Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs) which should contain resources that are of
			local and national importance to warrant protection for future generations. Mineral safeguarding allows for potential
			resource <u>s</u> to be examined; however, there is no presumption that resources defined in <u>Mineral Safeguarding Areas</u>
			ASAs will be worked. To ensure safeguarding is effective and provides a meaningful function, the Plan seeks to
			safeguard resources.
			6.33 In addition to Mineral Safeguarding Areas, Minerals Consultation Areas have also been defined by the
			Authorities. These are areas where Local Planning Authorities (District & Borough Councils) will consult with the
			Authorities on alternative development proposals, not including excluded development. They have been identified
			using information on known minerals resources, existing permitted extraction and transport infrastructure sites. The
			Mineral Consultation Areas in the Plan Area cover the same areas as the Mineral Safeguarding Areas plus a 100-metre
			buffer. Further bespoke Mineral Consultation Areas based on site specific circumstances, other than those included

¹³ British Geological Survey (BGS) guidance for Mineral Safeguarding published in 2011.

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			within Policy RM7, may be considered through future reviews of the Plan. Policy RM7 sets out consultation
			requirements for developments within or proximate to Minerals Consultation Areas.
			6.## There might be specific circumstances when the Local Planning Authority may wish to consult the Mineral
			Planning Authority for proposals which do not fall within a Minerals Consultation Area but are near to a minerals site.
			This will be down to the judgement of the Local Planning Authority but could include, for example, a proposed
			development that potentially would be affected by Heavy Goods Vehicle movements from an existing minerals site.
			6.## Where an application is made for non-mineral development within a Minerals Safeguarding Area identified in
			this Plan, then the determining authority will consult the Minerals Planning Authority for its views on the application
			and take them into account in its determination. For non-minerals development determined by the Authorities e.g.
			schools and waste management, the safeguarding policies will equally apply.
			Review of Mineral Safeguarding Areas
			6.## The Authorities have not received any evidence or intelligence to support the inclusion of any new or
			amended Minerals Safeguarding Areas, therefore other than the Mineral Safeguarding Areas included on the Policies
			Map, no other Mineral Safeguarding Areas are confirmed within the Plan.

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			6.## The Mineral Safeguarding Areas will be reviewed under future reviews of the Plan. Any intelligence provided,
			such as geological data and workability of the resource, by the industry or site operators will be taken into
			consideration in the review process. Other matters to be taken into account in these reviews include:
			 Proposed urban extensions and site allocations for non-minerals uses in adopted local plans;
			Consultation with stakeholders including landowners and local district/borough councils;
			• The accessibility of the minerals resource i.e. whether it can be practicably and feasibly worked.
			6.## Furthermore, as part of future reviews of the Plan the need to safeguard infrastructure (safeguarded by
			Policy RM5), and production and manufacture sites (safeguarded by Policy RM6) will also be reviewed.
			Minerals Resource Assessments and Prior Extraction
			6.## The National Planning Policy Framework requires that Mineral Planning Authorities should set out policies to
			encourage the prior extraction of minerals, where practical and environmentally feasible, if it is necessary for non-
			mineral development to take place.
			6.34 Where non-mineral development is proposed which could potentially sterilise minerals resource, developers
			will be required to carry out investigation work to ascertain whether economically feasible mineral resources are
			present and whether prior extraction is practicable. It is for the developer or site proposer to demonstrate whether
			prior extraction is not feasible. The results of this work should be reported in a 'Minerals Resource Assessment' which
			should be proportionate to the nature and scale of the proposal (for more detail see separate guidance on

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			safeguarding). The developer will be expected to have regard to The Minerals Products Association and the
			Planning Officers' Society Minerals Safeguarding Practice Guidance (April 2019) in preparing a Mineral Resource
			Assessment.
			6.## For the Authorities to raise no objection to the non-mineral development, they will need to be satisfied that
			either minerals sterilisation will not occur (either because the mineral resources are not economically feasible or
			that an appropriate and practicable level of prior extraction can take place) or because there is an overriding need
			for the development.
			6.## In forming its view on the proposed development the Mineral Planning Authority will consider the conclusions
			of the Minerals Resource Assessment, including on prior extraction, and provide advice to the Local Planning
			Authority.
			6.## Where planning permission is granted for the prior extraction of minerals, conditions will be imposed to
			ensure that the site can be adequately restored to a satisfactory after-use should the main development be delayed
			or not implemented.
			Sharp Sand & Gravel

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orked in the past in the Plan Area. However, these deposits have now
strained by both national and international environmental designations.
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Court Farm, Scotney Court extension and Wall Farm) are currently being
. The continued safeguarding of these sites is therefore not considered
ydd Quarry, including Broomhill, is constrained by both national and
nd further working is not feasible due to the irreversible harm this would
hich are considered overriding. Therefore, Broomhill is no longer
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resources. Furthermore, surface development on river terrace deposits is
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			6.35 Clay sites and permitted Gypsum reserves and soft sand are safeguarded. No strategic need for chalk
			extraction was identified in the WMP, and there is no evidence to suggests that the situation has altered. No areas
			have therefore been identified to safeguard chalk resource within the review.
			Soft Sand
			6.36 When considering proposals for mineral extraction, national policy ¹⁴ requires planning authorities to 'provide
			the provision of non-energy minerals outside of National Parks, the Broads, Areas of Outstanding Natural beauty and
			World Heritage Sites, scheduled monuments and conversation areas' where practicable. In considering proposals for
			mineral extraction, minerals planning authorities should as far as is practical, provide for the maintenance of
			landbanks of non-energy minerals from outside National Parks, the Broads, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and
			World Heritage Sites, scheduled monuments and conservation areas ¹⁵ . However, the soft sand resource within East

¹⁴ NPPF 2021 paragraph 211.

¹⁵ National Planning Policy Framework 2023 paragraph 211.

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			Sussex lies entirely within the boundary of the South Downs National Park. This soft sand resource then extends
			through the <u>SDNP</u> <u>South Downs National Park</u> and its boundary in West Sussex and Hampshire.
			6.37 As soft sand resource Soft sand resource in the south east is a regionally important mineral that, for certain
			end uses, cannot be easily substituted. It is relatively limited and constrained by a number of designated
			landscapes ¹⁶ . The Authorities have entered into a Statement of Common Ground with Kent County Council, West
			Sussex County Council, Surrey County Council and Maidstone Borough Council in which the agreed position is to
			safeguard any soft sand resource in the respective plan areas. Moreover, the South East England Mineral Planning
			Authorities have agreed a Joint Position Statement on Soft Sand that sets out the overall supply position within the
			South East and is designed to underpin statements of common ground. Therefore, the Plan safeguards the extent of
			the soft sand resource in East Sussex.
			Other Minerals

¹⁶ South East Soft Sand Position Statement.

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			6.## Clay sites and permitted Gypsum reserves are safeguarded. No strategic need for chalk extraction was
			identified in the Waste and Minerals Plan, and there is no evidence to suggests that the situation has altered. No
			areas have therefore been identified to safeguard chalk resource within the Review.
			6.38 The Authorities consider that the following categories of development/application type are exempt from the
			Policy requirements of RM3, RM4, RM5 and RM7. The exemptions would apply to sites located in MSAs and MCAs; to
			the requirements for prior extraction; and for consultations relating to both mineral resources sites and minerals
			infrastructure sites. Those listed would also be exempt from the requirements of Mineral Resource and Infrastructure
			Assessments.
			Excluded Development
			 Householder planning consent: Applications for alterations to existing single buildings including works within
			the boundary/garden of a house i.e. domestic extensions, conservatories, loft conversions, dormer windows,
			garages and similar structures (car ports, outbuildings) within the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse
			Applications for Advertisement Consent
			Applications for Listed Building Consent
			Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) for existing use, proposed use, or operation or activity in breach of a
			planning condition
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			works to trees in conservation areas)
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			Application for non-material amendments
			 Applications for small-scale urban infill development within existing built-up areas i.e. the development of a
			small gap between existing buildings/enclosed by other types of development
			 Developments within a conservation area within existing urban areas
			Policy RM3: Minerals Safeguarding Areas
			Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs), as shown on the Policies Map, identify potentially feasible viable land-won
			mineral resources and <u>permitted</u> sites <u>which remain feasible</u> viable .
			Proposals for non-minerals development on or near the Mineral Safeguarding Areas MSA that would sterilise or
			prejudice the extraction of the mineral resource, or result in incompatible development, should not be permitted
			unless it can be demonstrated, within a Mineral Resource Assessment, that:
			a) the development is not incompatible with any permitted minerals operations; and
			b) mineral extraction in advance of surface development (prior extraction) would not be practical and feasible.
			Development proposals within areas shown as Mineral Safeguarding Areas on the Policies Map or that may affect a
			mineral operation or resource, must demonstrate that mineral resources will not be sterilised and the development is
			not incompatible with any permitted minerals operations.
			The Authorities will periodically review and update MSAs as required.

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			Prior Extraction of Mineral Resources (RM4)
			Explanation
			Prior extraction of minerals resources is required by the NPPF (2021) to be promoted and considered for development
			proposals which would sterilise resources. Following an assessment of viability of sand and gravel resource within the
			Plan Area, it is proposed that no additional sharp sand and gravel resource will be safeguarded. A prior extraction
			policy is required to ensure that soft sand resource (all of which is to be safeguarded), clay and gypsum reserves are
			appropriately safeguarded and does not become sterilised. A separate policy requiring prior extraction where
			feasible and practicable has been included.
			No changes to the direction of this Policy have been made since the 2020 consultation. For clarity, some minor
			updates to the supporting text have been made.
			Purpose of Policy RM4
			To ensure the best and most sustainable use of minerals by seeking their extraction prior to development.
			6.39 The NPPF requires that MPAs should set out policies to encourage the prior extraction of minerals, where
			practical and environmentally feasible, if it is necessary for non-mineral development to take place. Where non-
			mineral development is proposed, developers may be required to carry out investigation work to ascertain whether
			there are economically viable mineral resources present and whether prior extraction is practicable. The results of
			this work should be presented within a Minerals Resource Assessment (MRA) which should be proportionate to the

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			nature and scale of the proposal. Guidance on preparing a MRA can be found within the separate guidance document
			on safeguarding. The Minerals Resource Assessment may conclude that prior extraction is not practicable due to
			constraints and location, delay to construction timetable, and effect on landform thereby making the site not viable
			for the proposed development.
			6.40 The Mineral Planning Authority will consider the conclusions of the Minerals Resource Assessment, including
			on prior extraction, in forming its view on the proposed development and provide advice to the Local Planning
			Authority.
			6.41 Where planning permission is granted for the prior extraction of minerals, conditions will be imposed to
			ensure that the site can be adequately restored to a satisfactory after-use should the main development be delayed or not implemented.
			6.42 Policy RM4 must be read in conjunction with the Excluded Development list, please refer to paragraph 6.38 for further details.
			Policy RM4: Prior Extraction of Mineral Resources
			All developments permitted within or near Mineral Safeguarding Areas should undertake prior extraction unless it can
			be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the MPA that:
			a) The mineral resource would not be sterilised by the proposed development. and/or

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			b) The mineral cannot be practically or feasibly extracted.
MM09	42 - 43	Paragraph 6.47 – End of Policy RM5: Safeguarding Minerals Infrastructure	 6.47 Proposals affecting safeguarded mineral infrastructure sites or the associated <u>Mineral Consultation Areas</u> MCAs including rail depots, wharves, concrete batching and asphalt plants, and aggregate recycling sites should be supported by a Mineral Infrastructure Assessment (MIA). This should provide sufficient evidence which is proportionate to the nature and type of development, to enable the <u>Minerals Planning Authority MPA-</u>to assess whether the proposed development is likely to have an adverse effect on the facility including its capacity. Further guidance on preparing the <u>Minerals Infrastructure Assessment MIA-</u>can be found within the <i>separate guidance document on safeguarding</i>. Proposals will be expected to have regard to <u>The Minerals Products Association and the Planning Officers' Society Minerals Safeguarding Practice Guidance (April 2019) in preparing a Minerals Infrastructure Assessment.</u> 6.48 The NPPF National Planning Policy Framework requires that existing businesses and facilities should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on them as a result of development permitted after they were established. Development proposals in the vicinity of safeguarded wharves (including vacant wharves) and railheads should be designed to minimise the potential for conflicts of use and disturbance (e.g. light disturbance, noise pollution, dust, odour, other emissions, impact on visual amenity of potential occupiers and impacts arising from traffic movements

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			associated with Minerals Infrastructure sites), in line with the Agent of Change principle as set out within the
			National Planning Policy Framework NPPF ¹⁷ .
			6.49 The Joint Area Action Plan-(JAAP) for Shoreham Harbour which was adopted in October 2019 sets out the
			future vision and planning policies for the Shoreham Harbour regeneration area. The intention is to consolidate port
			related uses in the eastern harbour arm. It is important that wharf safeguarding policies are applied to ensure
			capacity is maintained whilst regeneration proposals come forward.
			6.50 Shoreham Port is partly within West Sussex, so landings at wharves in the West Sussex part may also help
			meet demand in the western part of the Plan Area. On that basis, provision of equivalent capacity (tonnage) of
			minerals wharfage within either part of Shoreham Port may be acceptable subject to similar safeguarding by West
			Sussex County Council as Minerals Planning Authority. Future joint working by authorities on the Joint Area Action

¹⁷ Paragraph 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework NPPF (20212023). 62

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			Plan JAAP has been addressed through a Statement of Common Ground which has been agreed between the
			Shoreham Harbour Planning Authorities and the Shoreham Port Authority.
			6.51 The wharves and railheads safeguarded for the purposes of minerals transportation are listed on the Policies
			Map. A list of the permitted mineral infrastructure sites is published alongside the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on
			the County Council's website. It is updated periodically outside the Annual Monitoring Report process. Updated GIS
			layers are re-issued accordingly.
			6.52 Policy RM5 must be read in conjunction with the Excluded Development List, please refer to paragraph 6.## for further details.
			Policy RM5: Safeguarding Minerals Infrastructure
			Existing, planned and potential minerals wharf and railhead facilities (including rail sidings) and their consequential
			capacity are safeguarded in order to contribute towards meeting local and regional supply for aggregates and other
			minerals as well as supporting modal shift in the transport of minerals. The need for railheads and minerals wharves will be monitored.
			Capacity for landing, processing and handling and associated storage of minerals at wharves in Shoreham, Newhaven
			and Rye Ports is safeguarded. Alternative use proposals should demonstrate that there is no net loss of capacity for
			handling minerals within a port.

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			Proposals for non-minerals related uses within the vicinity of an infrastructure site should be designed to minimise
			the potential for conflicts of use and disturbance in accordance with the Agent of Change principle. Proposals for
			incompatible non-minerals development should not be permitted.
			The Authorities will support the co-location of railheads and minerals wharves with processing capacity subject to it
			being demonstrated that this does not adversely affect space requirements for operational use.
			The Authorities will periodically review and update Mineral Infrastructure Safeguarded Areas as required.
MM10	44- 46	Section Safeguarding facilities for concrete batching (etc.) (RM6) – From Title to end of Policy	Safeguarding other minerals plant and infrastructure facilities for concrete batching (etc.)
			(RM6)
			Explanation
			To ensure the plan remains relevant throughout the Plan Period, it is proposed that the list of safeguarded facilities
			is removed from the policy wording and is moved to the Policies Map. The Policies Map would be periodically
			reviewed and updated as necessary.
			Since the 2020 consultation, the direction of the Policy remains the same. The Policy -wording has been amended to
			strengthen the wording and emphasise the limited circumstances in which permission may be granted. Reference to
			the agent of change principle has been added to supporting text to ensure consistency with other policies.

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			How the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended
			It is proposed that This section replaces pages 27-28 of the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan. Policy SP10 is
			proposed to be superseded by RM6, as drafted below.
			Purpose of Policy RM6
			To ensure adequate provision of minerals of the plan area by protecting infrastructure facilities from encroaching
			development.
			6.53 Whilst the development management of concrete batching and similar facilities are generally district and
			borough council planning matters, in order to provide a comprehensive safeguarding mechanism for minerals
			infrastructure in the Plan Area it is considered appropriate to safeguard such sites in the WMLP.
			6.54 The NPPF requires that planning policies safeguard existing, planned and potential sites for: the bulk
			transport, handling and processing of minerals; National policy requires other types of mineral infrastructure to be
			safeguarded. This includes existing, planned and potential sites for the handling and processing of minerals; the
			manufacture of concrete and concrete products; and the handling, processing and distribution of substitute, recycled
			and secondary aggregate material. No such sites were received in response to the Call for Evidence and Sites
			consultation, and a need for additional facilities has not been identified. However, existing and potential sites are
			safeguarded. Safeguarded facilities will be reviewed through future reviews of the Plan.

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			6.## Whilst the development management of concrete batching and similar facilities are generally district and
			borough council planning matters, in order to provide a comprehensive safeguarding mechanism for minerals
			infrastructure in the Plan Area it is considered appropriate to safeguard such sites in the Waste and Minerals Local
			<u>Plan.</u>
			6.## Facilities for the production of clay products are usually safeguarded by RM3. However, in instances where
			facilities exist but no quarrying is taking place and where the facility is not time-limited they are safeguarded by
			RM6.
			6.55 Development proposals within the vicinity of safeguarded <u>minerals plant and infrastructure facilities concrete</u>
			batching, coated materials manufacture and other concrete products must be compatible with the operations at the
			safeguarded concrete and concrete products sites in accordance with the Agent of Change Principle and national

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			policy ¹⁸ . Where the operation of an existing facility could have a significant adverse effect on new development
			(including changes of use) in its vicinity, the applicant (or 'agent of change') is required to provide suitable
			mitigation before the development has been completed. Proposals should be accompanied by a proportionate
			Minerals Infrastructure Assessment (MIA) comprising a compatibility assessment. Further guidance on preparing the
			MIA Minerals Infrastructure Assessment can be found within the separate guidance document on safeguarding.
			Proposals will be expected to have regard to The Minerals Products Association and the Planning Officers'
			Society Minerals Safeguarding Practice Guidance (April 2019) in preparing a Minerals Infrastructure Assessment.
			6.56 Safeguarded concrete batching facilities are listed identified on the Policies Map.
			Policy RM6: Safeguarding other minerals infrastructure facilities for concrete batching, coated materials
			manufacture and other concrete products within the Plan Area

¹⁸ Paragraph 187 of the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework (2023)</u> states that proposals must ensure that the new development can be integrated effectively with existing businesses and existing facilities should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on them as a result of development permitted after they were established.

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			Facilities for production and manufacture, including concrete batching, plasterboard production and brick
			manufacture etc. concrete batching, coated materials manufacture and other concrete products are safeguarded
			against development that would unnecessarily sterilise the facility or prejudice its use. Where these facilities are
			situated within a host quarry, wharf or rail depot facility they are safeguarded for the life of the host site. The
			safeguarded facilities are identified in the Policies Map.
			Development proposals that do not comply with the Agent of Change requirements for non-minerals development on
			or near the site and that would prejudice the use of the facility, or result in incompatible development, should not
			be permitted. Planning permission will only be granted where it is demonstrated that:
			• the proposed development is in accordance with a site allocation in an adopted local plan or neighbourhood plan;
			the site is no longer needed;
			the proposal is of a temporary nature; or
			the capacity of the site can be relocated elsewhere.
			The Authorities will periodically review and update safeguarded facilities as required.
MM11	45- 47	Minerals Consultation Areas (RM7) –	Minerals Consultation Areas (RM7)
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	rage	Paragraph 6.58	Explanation Based on local constraints and changes to the surroundings of safeguarded sites, it is proposed that the extents of some Mineral Consultation Areas are altered dependent on the constraints of each site. These can be found in on the Policies Map. The proposed wording of this policy would allow the Minerals Planning Authority MPA discretion to raise concern in cases where the minerals sites and facilities may be adversely affected by non-minerals development. In response to representations received during the 2020 consultation, to avoid confusion, reference to Mineral Safeguarding Areas MSAs-has been removed from the supporting text and the exemptions list has been moved earlier in the document. How the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended It is proposed that This section replaces Minerals Consultation Areas (SP11) on pages 28 & 29 of the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan WMSP. Purpose of Policy RM7
			To ensure appropriate consultation is undertaken by Local Planning Authorities on alternative development proposals.

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			6.57 Policies RM3, and RM5 and RM6 seek to safeguard land-won minerals resources and minerals infrastructure
			from sterilisation and incompatible development. Minerals Consultation Areas (MCAs) are required to be defined by
			National Policy (National Planning Policy Framework 2023 NPPF 2021). They are a means to ensure that, in
			determining non-minerals development by another local planning authority within the Plan Area, account is taken of
			the need to safeguard such assets. Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority can
			achieve this consideration within their own decision taking. In the County of East Sussex outside the South Downs
			National Park, local planning authorities need to consult the Minerals Planning Authority on relevant applications. T
			ensure a manageable process, Policy RM7 below sets out how the consultation process will be implemented.
			6.## Minerals Consultation Areas are drawn up based on the safeguarded site boundaries and extended to include
			a buffer zone of 100 metres. In cases where the Mineral Planning Authority has observed that the effect upon a
			safeguarded area or site is potentially greater in a particular locality, bespoke Minerals Consultation Areas have bee
			included. These areas are Rye Harbour and East Quay, Newhaven. Future bespoke Mineral Consultation Areas may b
			considered through future reviews of the Plan.
			6.## At Rye Harbour, the Minerals Consultation Area extends to include the two safeguarded wharf sites
			(Rastrums Wharf and the "Old ARC" Wharf) and a wider area around the harbour to ensure the Minerals Planning
			Authority is consulted on proposals for residential or other types of sensitive development. Similarly, at East Quay,
			Newhaven, a wider buffer is applied to reflect the urban surroundings.

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			Policy RM7: Minerals Consultation Areas						
			Within the County of East Sussex outside the South Downs National Park, the local planning authority will consult the						
			Minerals Planning Authority on non-minerals development affecting, or potentially affecting, existing minerals sites						
			and facilities identified in the Policies Map. Neighbourhood planning groups will also need to consult the relevant						
			MPA where allocating land affecting MSAs in their Neighbourhood Plan.						
			Types of planning applications not included within the excluded development list which fall into a Mineral						
			Consultation Areas (MCA) will require the consultation of the Minerals Planning Authority. MCAs will be updated when						
			necessary and included in Annual Monitoring Reports, and the local planning authorities informed accordingly.						
			Within the County of East Sussex outside the South Downs National Park:						
			• Types of planning applications not included within the excluded development list which fall into a Mineral						
			Consultation Areas will require the consultation of the Minerals Planning Authority.						
			• The local planning authority will consult the Minerals Planning Authority on non-minerals development that						
			affects or may affect, existing minerals sites and facilities identified on the Policies Map.						
			Neighbourhood planning groups will also need to consult the relevant Minerals Planning Authority where						
			allocating land affecting Mineral Safeguarding Areas in their Neighbourhood Plan.						

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			6.58 Minerals Consultation Areas do not apply to development considered unlikely to affect Mineral Safeguarding
			Areas MSAs. Please see Excluded Development (page ##) paragraph 6.## for further details.
	50- 52	Purpose of Policy (RD1) - Paragraph 7.11	Purpose of Policy To conserve and enhance the built and natural environment including: natural assets; biodiversity and geodiversity; landscapes; historic environment; geology and geomorphology; Heritage assets; and landscape character.
			 7.4 The Plan Area has a range of natural and built features which are recognised for their environmental and / or historic qualities, a number of which are formally recognised via international, national, or local level designations. Within the existing policy hierarchy, sites or features designated at a national or international level receive statutory protection via legislation. Others designated at a more local level carry less policy weight in decision-making, although the Authorities recognise that such features are an important part of the local environment and should be safeguarded. 7.5 Policy RD1 sets out the Plan's policy in respect to of proposed minerals and waste development and the natural and historic environment. This policy is based on the principles set out in the NPPF National Planning Policy Framework also details information which applicants are expected to provide and contains guidance on how planning applications that affect environmental and historic sites should be determined in certain circumstances. Applicants are expected to provide the information as set out in the -NPPF

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			National Planning Policy Framework and the Minerals and Waste Planning -Minerals and Waste Planning Authority
			<u>Authorities</u> will follow the policy set out when determining planning applications.
			Policy RD1: Environment and Environmental Enhancement
			To conserve and enhance the built and natural environment development should:
			a) protect and enhance designated sites, areas and features of environmental, landscape and historic
			importance, as listed in Appendix 2;
			b) provide measurable net gain in biodiversity and enhancement of natural capital, as guided by the Sussex
			Nature Recovery Network and any future Local Nature Recovery Strategy, following the mitigation hierarchy with
			gain provided on site where possible, or at the best strategic location for nature's recovery; and
			c) maximise opportunities for functional habitat creation including inter-connectivity between habitats within
			and outside the site.
			Permission will not be granted where:
			x) a site or area of national or international importance is adversely affected, or an appropriate assessment has
			concluded that the plan or project may adversely affect the integrity of the site or area, unless there are no
			alternative solutions and there is an imperative overriding public interest for the development, or

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			x) a site or area of national importance (such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest) is adversely affected (either
			individually or in combination with other developments). The only exception is where the benefits of the
			development in the location proposed clearly outweigh both its likely impact on the features of the site that make it
			of special scientific interest, and any broader impacts on the national network of Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
			y) a site or area of international importance is adversely affected, or an appropriate assessment has concluded that
			the plan or project may adversely affect the integrity of the site or area, unless there are no alternative solutions
			and there are is an imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the development; or
			<mark>y-</mark> z) the development would have a significant adverse impact on such a site, area or feature as referred to in a)
			above.
			7.6 Proposals are expected to assess the topics raised under this Policy within an Environmental Statement,
			particularly if there are known features in the vicinity of the application site. <u>The level of biodiversity net-gain to be</u>
			provided using the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs metric is set at a minimum of 10% in Schedule
			14 of the Environment Act 2021, which is anticipated to come into effect during 2023. Until it comes into effect, net
			gain is interpreted as per the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. Applicants should,
			however, seek to secure a minimum of 10% net gain in biodiversity wherever possible, while maximising opportunities
			for functional habitat creation including inter-connectivity between habitats within and outside the site. Any
			proposals for net gain in biodiversity to be achieved should be proportionate to the proposed development and its
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			location in relation to the Nature Recovery Network. Applicants are expected to follow the latest biodiversity net-							
			gain best practice when addressing this policy.							
			7.7 The importance placed on the biodiversity within soils and its potential to store carbon has significantly							
			increased in the last few years. Both waste and minerals development can result in a large amount of soil							
			disturbance. The Environmental Statement accompanying such proposals should therefore include details of how soil							
			disturbance is to be minimised. Best practice examples are set out in the Defra Department for Environment, Food &							
			Rural Affairs publication 'Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites', and							
			the Institute of Quarrying's Good Practice Guide for Handling Soils in Mineral Workings. Natural England currently							
			recommends the adoption of the "Bed/Strip by Strip" methods (as described by Sheets A-D of the Guide), to							
			minimise damage to soil structure and achieve high standards of restoration.							
			7.8 A list of different types of designated sites, priority, legally protected and notable species & habitats,							
			(including irreplaceable habitats) are included in Appendix 2. To assist in identifying where there may be potential							
			impacts on Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Areas of Conservation, Natural England have published							
			Impact Risk Zones on the magic.defra.gov.uk website. Applicants are advised to review the Impact Risk Zones and							
			may wish to consider pre-application advice from Natural England. Where there is evidence that identifies an un-							
			designated environmental or historic site, area or feature as important, these are considered in the same way as							
			designated sites of similar characteristics, following best practice guidance in relation to species.							

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			7.## A functional habitat is defined as habitat which is capable of supporting the relevant species and						
			populations, biodiversity, and ecosystem processes over time, including its role in the wider landscape and habitat						
			network. Considerations include, but are not limited to, scale, connectivity, physical characteristics such as soils,						
			geology and hydrology, and pressures or barriers such as disturbance. For example, a development could propose the						
			creation of a wildlife corridor to connect two existing habitats, providing a commuting corridor for bats. To						
			demonstrate the habitat will be functional for this purpose, proposals should include details on links with the wider						
			habitat network, scale and structure of the wildlife corridor, appropriate species planting, adequate distances from						
			disturbance such as noise and light pollution and demonstrate how the habitat will serve certain functions for a						
			specific species.						
			7.9 When assessing significance, the appropriate tests as set out in the <u>NPPF</u> <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u>						
			2023, where relevant, should be applied. At the time of publication, this is paragraphs 176, 180, 181 (natural						
			environment), 194 and 197-205 (heritage assets) of the NPPF National Planning Policy Framework 2023(Feb 2021).						
			7.10 In the cases where proposed development may affect the integrity of sites or areas that are subject to the						
			Habitat Regulations and Appropriate Assessment, the presumption is that development should not be permitted. This						
			follows the broad approach set out in the NPPF National Planning Policy Framework 2023 and the Habitats Directive						
			and will be appropriate for the vast majority of proposed developments. The Habitats Regulations do make an						
			exception in instances where, subject to a number of strict requirements, there are clear imperative reasons of						
			overriding public interest for the development. When considering the proposal due weight will be given to the						

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			 approach the applicant has taken to follow the Habitats Regulations, and the reasons of overriding public interest that are put forward. 7.11 Where appropriate, the Authorities will include planning conditions that provide for notification, evaluation and (if confirmed) recording of important natural or archaeological features that may be encountered and, where relevant, the retrieval of finds and placing in recognised national collections. Agreements for restoration, after-care and after-use will be flexible to allow for active conservation of any interest, as they are discovered, throughout the life of the planning permission.
MM13	53- 57	Section 8. Implementation and Monitoring	 8. Implementation and Monitoring How the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended 8.1 It is proposed that the <u>The</u> implementation and monitoring table in section 7 of the Waste and Minerals Plan (pages 120-137) is updated. Entries for policies WMP4, WMP7a, WMP7b, WMP11, WMP14, WMP15 and WMP27 would be deleted and replaced with the table below. Introduction 8.2 Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the policies in the Plan is important to establish whether they are being successful in achieving their aims. Monitoring also allows corrective action to be taken if the aims of

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			 the Plan are not being met. Performance of the policies is currently and will continue to be evaluated yearly and reported via the Local Aggregates Assessment and Annual Monitoring Report. 8.# In this table ESCC means East Sussex County Council, BHCC means Brighton & Hove City Council, and SDNPA means South Downs National Park Authority. 								
			Policy	Delivery Body/Mechanism	Key Delivery Partners	Delivery Target (how much, when, where)	Delivery Indicator	<u>Trigger</u>	<u>Action</u>		
			RW1 - Sustainable Locations for Waste Development	ESCC, BHCC, SDNPA Strategic waste facilities developed in the most sustainable locations.	Waste industry Minerals industry	Strategic facilities located consistent with the approach identified in the Plan.	Locations of waste facilities consistent with policy.	Pattern of regular approval of developments not in conformity with Policy RW1.	Review of policy approach to locating new waste facilities as part of the review of the Plan.		
			WMP4	ESCC , BHCC, SDNPA Identification of locations for mineral infrastructure, processing of secondary minerals, and for recycling of mineral resources.	Minerals industry Environment Agency Landowners Port Authorities	A proportional increase in use of secondary or recycled materials in relation to total minerals used. Sufficient primary and secondary aggregates provided to the Plan Area over plan period.	Data about minerals produced in the Plan Area or imported into the Plan Area. Data about <u>construction</u> and demolition <u>C&D</u> waste being recycled at permitted waste sites.	A sustained decrease in the proportion of secondary and recycled aggregates used in the Plan Area. Duty to Cooperate discussions and/or survey data	Review of evidence to consider why the use of secondary and recycled aggregates is declining to inform the review of the Plan. Review strategic policy		

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								indicating a decline in available supply from outside the Plan Area	approach to minerals provision as part of the review of the Plan to take into account reduced available supply of secondary and recycled aggregates.
			RM0 Sustainable Use of Aggregates	ESCC, BHCC, SDNPA, Change in construction practices	District/Borough Councils Development Industry	Sustainable use of aggregates being a considered as a design consideration in the design of all developments.	Policy Citation Consideration of aggregate usage in design in random sample review of Design and Access Statement / Planning Statements. Demonstrable reduction in aggregate use.	Sustainable use of aggregates not being a design consideration in the majority of developments sampled.	Review development management approach to policy implementation.
			RM1 Provision of Aggregates	ESCC, BHCC, SDNPA Importation of aggregates by sea, rail, and road.	Minerals industry CDEW industry Environment Agency	Sufficient primary and recycled/secondary aggregates provided to the	Data on imports of aggregates to the Plan Area	<u>See WMP4</u> above	See WMP4 above

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			re se	Provision of ecycled and econdary ggregates for use in the Plan Area	Landowners Port Authorities MMO Crown Estate <u>Mineral</u> <u>Planning</u> <u>Authorities</u>	Plan Area over plan period.	Sales Consumption of aggregates in the Plan area. Data about C&D waste being recycled at permitted waste sites. Aggregate monitoring survey data.			
			Provision for m an additional th extraction fo	Policy RM2 is nonitored under ne arrangements or WMP13 Provision of Clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
			Safeguarding MineralSi Sa ResourcesSi a Re ePriorreExtraction of MineralsidMineralsccResourcesarRM4PriorDuExtraction of in MineralsMineralsur	SCC, BHCC, DNPA afeguarding of and-won esources and dentifying onsultation reas. evelopment ndustry to ndertake prior xtraction of	District/Borough councils. Minerals industry Environment Agency Natural England Development industry <u>Mineral</u> Planning <u>Authorities</u>	No viable resources sterilised	Number of applications for built development on safeguarded or consultation areas. Tonnage figures of prior extracted resources.	Viable resources sterilised by alternative development.	Review reasons for viable resources not being extracted to inform an assessment of the need to review the policy approach.	

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				minerals where feasible. Review Minerals Resource Assessments.			Review of Minerals Resource Assessments and number of applications for prior extraction proposals		
			RM5 - Safeguarding Minerals Infrastructure	ESCC & BHCC Identify and safeguard sites and capacities at wharves and railheads. Review Minerals Infrastructure Assessments.	District/Borough councils and regeneration area partners Port Authorities Minerals industry Waste industry Network Rail <u>Mineral</u> <u>Planning</u> <u>Authorities</u>	No net loss of wharf/rail capacity in the Plan Area.	Annual monitoring of wharf status (active or redundant) and existing rail sidings/tracks. Number of applications for built development on safeguarded wharves/rail sidings. Review of Minerals Resource Assessments and number of applications for prior extraction proposals	Net loss of minerals wharf/rail capacity in the Plan Area	<u>Consider</u> options for increasing wharf/rail capacity in the Plan Area through a review of the plan.
			RM6 - Safeguarding	ESCC, BHCC, SDNPA	Waste/minerals industry	No net loss of concrete batching	Ongoing monitoring of	<u>Net loss of</u> <u>concrete</u>	<u>Review policy</u> approach to

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			Facilities for Concrete Batching	Industry to address environmental protection in proposals.	Environment Agency Natural England <u>Mineral</u> <u>Planning</u> <u>Authorities</u>	facilities. Proposals should be compatible with batching plants.	conditions on waste developments.	<u>batching</u> facilities	safeguarding concrete batching facilities as part of the review of the Plan.
			RD1 - Environmental Environmental Enhancement	ESCC, BHCC, SDNPA Industry to address environmental protection in proposals.	Waste/minerals industry Environment Agency Natural England <u>Sussex Local</u> <u>Nature</u> <u>Partnership</u>	Proposals should avoid and minimise environmental impacts where possible and mitigate where necessary. Overall maintenance, and where possible enhancement, of environmental assets in the Plan Area. A net gain in biodiversity is delivered across the Plan Area.	Ongoing monitoring of conditions on waste developments. Enforcement cases or complaints about environmental assets related to waste/minerals developments. <u>Percentage of</u> <u>relevant</u> <u>Pproposals</u> resulting in <u>biodiversity</u> net gain. <u>Percentage of</u> <u>biodiversity net</u> gain secured. <u>Number and</u> type of	Target not met in consecutive years.	Review development approach to policy implementation.

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				biodiversity units lost or gained. Location of secured biodiversity net gain (on-site or off-site). Number of proposals considered to have an adverse impact on designated sites (see policy for definition of designated sites).	

Schedule of Additional Modifications

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This Schedule of Additional Modifications lists all proposed modifications to the Revised Policies Document that East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council, and the South Downs National Park Authority, (collectively known as the Authorities), have proposed during the Public Examination into the East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Revised Policies. Additional modifications are all those modifications not considered to be Main Modifications, and as such are generally minor in nature.

The additional modifications below are expressed either in the conventional form of strikethrough for deletions and <u>underlining</u> for additions of text, or by specifying the modification in words in italics.

Text in bold and light blue is a hyperlink and can be clicked on to access the document or website to which the link points. For example, this is a link to the East Sussex County Council website.

The page numbers and paragraph numbering below refer to the submission local plan, and do not take account of the deletion or addition of text.

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AM01	Whole Document	Whole Document	Paragraph numbers and other sequential numbers will be updated prior to publication of the final document.
AM02	Whole Document	Whole Document	Any minor typographical errors not listed below may be corrected should they be identified prior to publication.
AM03	Whole Document	Whole Document	Section 10 onwards to be renumbered to read Appendix 1: Maps, Appendix 2: List of Designated Sites, Areas and Features (RD1), Appendix C: Glossary, Appendix D: References, Appendix E: Copyright Notices.
AM04	Whole Document	Whole Document	Hyperlinks to be updated as required.
AM05	Whole Document	Whole Document	References to the Environment Bill are to be updated to read Environment Act.
AM06	Whole Document	Whole Document	The following acronyms are to be expanded within the text: NPPF: National Planning Policy Framework WMLP: Waste and Minerals Local Plan WMP: Waste and Minerals Plan LACW: Local Authority Collected Waste C&I: Commercial and Industrial AONB: Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty RPD: Revised Policies Document Any unnecessary acronym definitions, e.g. (MSA) or (MCA) will be removed.
AM07	Whole Document	Before each bold instruction that explains how the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended	Add heading: How the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended

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AM08	Whole Document	Bold instruction that explains how the Waste and Minerals Local Plan is amended	Change tense of text "It is proposed that this section" to "This section" (or words to that effect).			
AM09	Whole Document	After the Purpose of Policy (Yellow) Boxes	Add heading "Introduction" after Purpose of Policy box.			
AM10	1-5	Section 1 – Introduction & Section 2 – Summary of Minerals and Waste Local Plan Policy	Text is currently written referring to draft policy with potential adoption in future. Text to be updated to reflect adopted status of policies, if adopted. Tense of text to also be updated when referring to the review.			
AM15	15	4.1	4.1 The South Downs National Park (Deletion of paragraph numbering on heading)			
AM16	40	RM5 Explanation Box, Paragraph 1	Safeguarding protects existing, and planned and potential infrastructure, such			
AM17	58	Section 9 Title	Summary of Proposed Amendments			
AM18	59	Section 9 Table	WMP - Safeguarding Minerals Resources (WMP14) [p86-88]Replaced by RPD - Safeguarding Minerals Resources (RM3) [p35-38]WMSP - Safeguarding Minerals Resources (paragraphs 4.1-4.23) and Policy SP8 Minerals Safeguarding Areas for land won minerals resources within the Plan Area [p24-25]Replaced by RPD - Safeguarding Minerals Resources (RM3) [p35-38]	To consolidate the policy requirements into a single policy for added clarity. <u>New policy requirement to require</u> extraction of mineral resources prior to alternative development proposals commencing within Minerals Safeguarding Areas in some circumstances		

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			N/A New Policy RPD - Prior Extraction of Minerals (RM4) [p39-40] New policy requirement to require extraction of mineral resources prior to alternative development proposals commencing within Minerals Safeguarding Areas in some circumstances		
AM19	67	Section 11	The species and habitats of Section 41 Species (naturalengland.org.uk)		
AM20	68-72	Section 12	Deletion of all abbreviations no longer used in plan as a consequence of other changes.		
AM21	75	Section 14	Dates in Copyright notices section to be updated as appropriate. Alteration to text: Other information sourced internally from East Sussex County Council, the South Downs National Park Authority, and Brighton & Hove City Council and through submissions during the consultation process. All data used in this document is correct up until 21 April 2023.		

The modifications below are expressed either in the conventional form of strikethrough for deletions and <u>underlining</u> for additions of text, or by specifying the modification in words in italics.

The page numbers and paragraph numbering below refer to the submission local plan, and do not take account of the deletion or addition of text.

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PM1	2	N/A	Replace Inset Map Legend with Inset Map Legend below:
			Allocations Allocation (see map for policy) Allocations are considered to be safeguareded under RM3, RM5, WMP6 and / or SP6 as asplicable).
			Safeguarded Sites
			Minerals Site (RM3)
			Minerals Site Access (Private Track) (RM3)
			Minerals Facility (RM5)
			Wharf / Railhead (RM5)
			Concrete Batching etc. Plant (RM6)
			Waste Site (WMP6 & SP6)
			Minerals Site and Waste Management Facility (RM3, WMP6 & SP6)
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			Safeguarded Resources
			A Safeguarded Soft Sand Resource (RM3)
			Consultation Areas
			Minerais Consultation Area (RM7)
			Waste Consultation Area (SP7)
			South Downs National Park and High Weald Area of
			Outstanding Natural Beauty South Downs National Park and High Weals Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (RV1)
			Depicted on Waste and Minerals Local Plan Revised Policies - Policy RV1 Map ONLY





