

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PLANNING and TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**17 November 2010**

**Report of the Director of Planning Transport and Leisure**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)**

**1 MINERALS AND WASTE CORE STRATEGY ISSUES CONSULTATION**

**Summary**

**Kent County Council is preparing a new Minerals and Waste Development Framework. This will consist of a Core Strategy as well as a Mineral Sites Development Plan Document and a Waste Sites Development Plan Document (DPD). The Core Strategy is the first document to be prepared. This report outlines the issues raised in the consultation document and recommends a response to be made to Kent County Council. The deadline for comments is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

**1.1 Introduction**

- 1.1.1 The Kent Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (KMWCS) is an important statutory planning policy document which will set out the vision and objectives for minerals and waste developments in Kent up to the end of 2030. It will also contain the strategy for minerals and waste development in Kent. The KMWCS will contain policies and maps which will be used for decision making in relation to minerals and waste proposals in the County.
- 1.1.2 The 'Issues' consultation is the first stage in the process of preparing the Core Strategy.
- 1.1.3 A stakeholder workshop involving representatives from neighbouring authorities, Kent districts and environment groups, e.g. the Environment Agency took place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, at which the Borough Council was represented at officer level.

**1.2 Issues and Response**

- 1.2.1 The issues discussed at the workshop were grouped into 'General', 'Minerals' and 'Waste'.
- 1.2.2 Annex A to this report sets out the recommended response to this consultation.

### **1.3 Legal Implications**

- 1.3.1 Producing the Minerals and Waste Development Framework is a statutory requirement. Once Kent County Council formally adopts the suite of Development Plan Documents (DPDs), the allocations in the M & W DPDs will need to feature on the Council's Local Development Framework Proposals Map, for information.

### **1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.4.1 At this stage in the consultation process on the MWDF there are no financial or value for money considerations.

### **1.5 Risk Assessment**

- 1.5.1 The consultation is an opportunity for the Council to help shape the vision and objectives for minerals and waste developments in Kent up to the end of 2030. If representation is not made at this stage, there is the risk that the resulting Core Strategy, which will shape where minerals and waste allocations are proposed in the Minerals and Waste Sites DPDs, will not effectively consider the concerns and priorities of this Council.

### **1.6 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

### **1.7 Policy Considerations**

- 1.7.1 No policy considerations.

### **1.8 Recommendation**

- 1.8.1 That the representation made on the KMWDF Core Strategy Issues Consultation set out in Annex 1 to this report be approved for submission to Kent County Council.

The Director of Planning Transport and Leisure confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework:  
Minerals and Waste Core Strategy - Issues  
Consultation (September 2010)

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<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
a. Has an equality impact assessment on the policy (to which the activity relates) already been carried out?	No	This will be a matter for Kent County Council as the plan-making authority.
b. Is the decision in line with the policy?	Yes	
<b>Note:</b> <i>If the answer is 'no' to either of the above questions, then the activity must be 'screened' for equality impacts using the questions below.</i>		
c. Does the activity have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	Not at this stage but this will, in any case, be a matter for Kent County Council as the plan-making authority.
d. Does the activity make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	Not at this stage but this will, in any case, be a matter for Kent County Council as the plan-making authority.
<b>Note:</b> <i>If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above questions, then a full equality impact assessment is required.</i>		