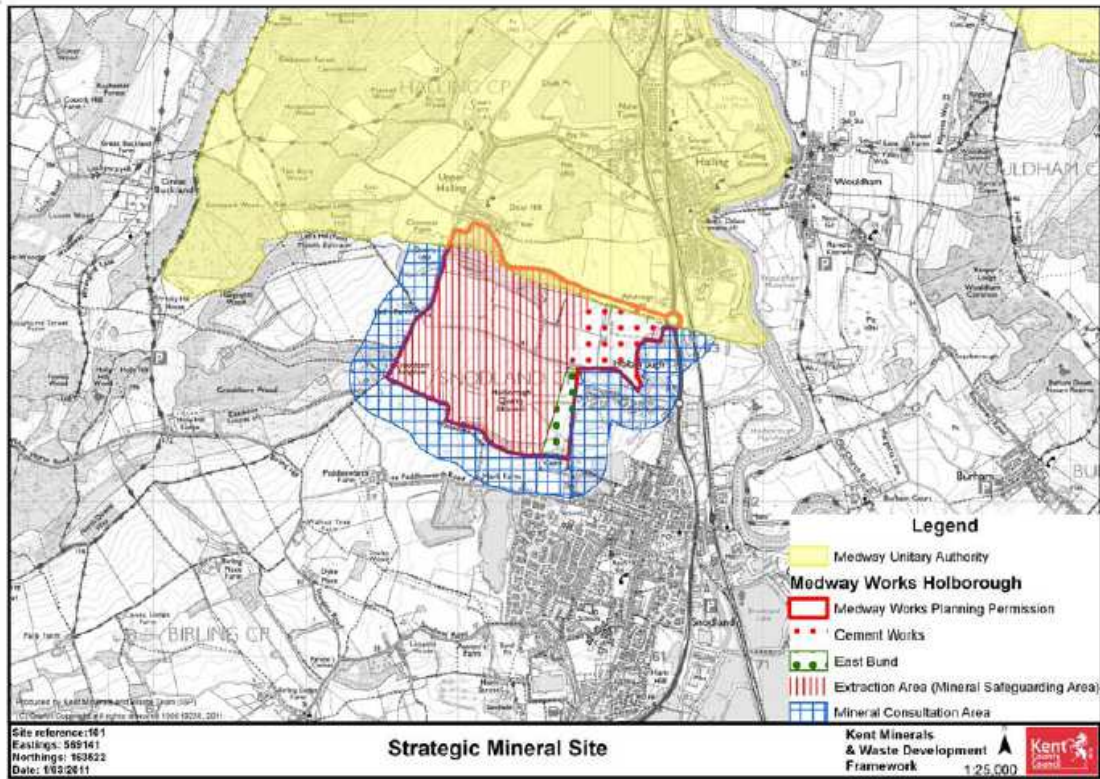


Figure 16 Medway Works, Holborough



Policy DM 7

Safeguarding Mineral Resources and Importation Infrastructure

Planning permission will only be granted for non mineral developments which are incompatible with safeguarding the mineral within a Mineral Safeguarding Area and/or importation infrastructure within a Safeguarded Wharf or Railhead identified on the Key Diagram in Appendix D where:

- the mineral can be extracted satisfactorily prior to the incompatible development taking place; or
- the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority that the mineral is either not of economic value or does not exist; or
- the incompatible development is of a temporary nature and can be completed and the site restored to a condition that does not inhibit mineral extraction within the timescale that the mineral is likely to be needed; or
- In the case of a wharf or railhead the applicant can demonstrate that additional/replacement capacity at another wharf or railhead is available in Kent which is similar to or better than the facility that it is replacing in terms of accessibility, location in relation to the market, suitability and size of the berth for dredgers, barges or ships, suitability/size of adjacent available land for processing and stockpiling of minerals and there are no incompatible developments in close proximity which could jeopardise the operation of the replacement site; or
- it constitutes development which is exempt from mineral safeguarding policy, namely householder applications or it is infill development of a minor nature in existing built up areas.

Policy CSM 8

Oil, Gas and Coal Bed Methane

Planning permission will be granted for proposals associated with the exploration, appraisal and development of oil, gas (including shale gas and natural gas), coal-bed methane, abandoned mine methane and underground coal seam gasification subject to:

- development taking place in appropriate locations where the proposals do not have significant adverse impacts on amenity or the environment; and
- there being no significant impact upon sensitive water receptors including groundwater, water bodies and wetland habitats; and
- all other environmental impacts being mitigated to ensure that there is not a significant adverse impact upon the local environment or communities; and
- exploration and appraisal operations are for an agreed, temporary length of time; and
- the drilling site and any associated land being restored to a high quality standard and appropriate after-use which supports the local landscape character.

Policy CSW 3

Waste Reduction

All new development should minimise the production of construction, demolition and excavation waste and manage any waste sustainably. New development should incorporate into its design adequate space for the occupiers of the proposed buildings to store waste separately from recyclable and compostable materials prior to their collection. The following details shall be submitted with the planning application, except for householder applications:

- (a) The measures to be taken to show compliance with this policy on waste reduction; and
- (b) A site Waste Plan detailing the nature and quantity of any construction, demolition and excavation waste to be sent off site and the destinations.