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Dear Sir/Madam,

Central & Eastern Berkshire - Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Duty to Cooperate (DtC) strategic mineral and waste movements

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (known hereafter as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities') are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan (the Plan) which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area for the period up to 2036. The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, and improve, update and strengthen the policies and provide details of strategic sites that are proposed to deliver the vision. The next stage for the Plan is the pre-submission consultation, planned for late autumn 2019.

Hampshire Services, (part of Hampshire County Council), is working in collaboration with the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities to produce the Plan and so is coordinating this Duty Cooperate request on behalf of the four authorities.

In line with the chapter titled '*Maintaining effective cooperation*' from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which states "*Local planning authorities and county councils (in two tier areas) are under a duty to cooperate with each other...on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries... Strategic policy-making authorities should collaborate to identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans...*"¹ Hampshire Services would like to confirm the mineral and/or waste movements that have been established between your authority and the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities, are in line with the figures you have identified. Additionally, this letter is a request for information on possible planning or capacity restrictions that may impact future waste management or the movement of minerals between the authorities.

The Plan will, in principle, aim for net self sufficiency, which means it will plan for waste management facilities with enough capacity to manage a certain amount of

¹ NPPF Paragraph 24 and 25

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/810197/NPPF_Feb_2019_revised.pdf

waste that is the same to the amount anticipated to arise within the Plan area. However, due to the limited availability of site proposals, this will primarily be delivered through a criteria policy and there will be an ongoing reliance on Energy from Waste facilities in other authorities.

Waste

Utilising the Environment Agency's Waste Data Interrogator (WDI) and Hazardous Waste Data Interrogator (HWDI), strategic waste movements have been identified in line with the South East Waste Planning Advisory Group (SEWPAG) (2014) thresholds, which are as follows:

- 5,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) inert waste
- 2,500 tonnes per annum (tpa) non-hazardous waste
- 100 tonnes per annum (tpa) hazardous waste

The Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities will use the above SEWPAG thresholds as a guide in defining strategic waste movements, following waste data extraction from the Environment Agency's Waste Data Interrogator.

The information in the attached appendix to this letter details the quantities of waste movement between your authority and the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities. The reports have been extracted from the Waste Data Interrogator for the year 2017, and the 'waste received' function has been used rather than 'waste removed' since the former is considered to be more reliable.

Minerals

The appendix to this letter sets out the mineral movements between your authority and the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities. Please consider the movements and inform Hampshire Services of any known reason(s) as to why these movements may be unable to continue into the future. They are based on figures from the Local Aggregate Assessment.

After considering the information in this letter and the attached appendices, please could you answer the following questions:

1. Do you consider the enclosed information to be accurate? If not, please explain any discrepancies.
2. Are you aware of any (planning related) reasons as to why minerals and waste movements, similar to those in the attached, cannot continue in the future? If so, please state facility end dates where possible.
3. Please provide details on whether the waste sites considered in the appendix (if applicable) are safeguarded or are likely to be safeguarded in the future.
4. Do you have any further information or comments on minerals and waste data, or specific site information?
5. Do you consider the movements set out in the appendices to be a strategic matter for your authority? If you consider the movements to be a strategic matter, do you consider that a Statement of Common Ground is necessary to collaborate on the issue?

Please submit your response to the Planning Policy team at Hampshire Services via iceb@hants.gov.uk by **13 September 2019**. If a response is not received from you by the stated date, it will be assumed there are no known issues with the continued

movement of minerals and / or waste between your authority and the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and for the previous Duty to Cooperate meetings. Hampshire Services would like to meet with you again in September, after you have had a chance to consider the figures in the appendices and will be in touch to organise a meeting at a time and venue suitable to you.

For further information on the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult

Should you have any further queries, please contact the Planning Policy team at Hampshire Services via the contact details provided at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

*Hampshire Services



*Hampshire Services, part of Hampshire County Council, is working in collaboration with the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities to assist them in the preparation of the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. Data sharing arrangements are in place for the purposes of this collaboration project.

Appendix 1: Central and Eastern Berkshire and <insert authority name> Council Waste Movements

Strategic imports to Central and Eastern Berkshire from <insert authority name> Council WPA

Inert waste

There were no identified strategic inert waste imports to Central and Eastern Berkshire from <insert authority name> Council WPA

<OR POPULATE THE TABLE BELOW WITH APPROPRIATE FIGS>

Receiving WPA	Receiving site name	Operator	Tonnage
Total			

HIC waste

There were no identified strategic HIC waste imports to Central and Eastern Berkshire from <insert authority name> Council WPA

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Receiving WPA	Receiving site name	Operator	Tonnage
Total			

Hazardous waste

There were no identified strategic hazardous waste imports to Central and Eastern Berkshire from <insert authority name> Council WPA

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Receiving WPA	Receiving site name	Operator	Tonnage
Total			

Strategic exports from Central and Eastern Berkshire to <insert authority name> Council WPA

Inert waste

There were no identified strategic inert waste exports from Central and Eastern Berkshire to <insert authority name> Council WPA

<OR POPULATE THE TABLE BELOW WITH APPROPRIATE FIGS>

Origin WPA	Receiving site name	Operator	Tonnage
Total			

HIC waste

There were no identified strategic HIC waste exports from Central and Eastern Berkshire to <insert authority name> Council WPA

Hazardous waste

There were no identified strategic hazardous waste exports from Central and Eastern Berkshire to <insert authority name> Council WPA

Origin WPA	HWDI classification	Tonnage
	Not specified	159
Total		159

Please note: tonnages have been rounded up to whole integers

It has not been possible to match up the data from the HWDI with the WDI in terms of the information related to hazardous waste. Therefore, we are not able to identify which sites in Central and Eastern Berkshire generated this waste and which sites in Leicestershire received the waste. If you have any information related to these figures or current waste movements, we would be grateful to receive it.

Appendix 2: Central and Eastern Berkshire and Leicestershire Council - Mineral Movements

There were no identified strategic mineral imports from Leicestershire Council to Berkshire*

There were no identified strategic mineral exports from Central and Eastern Berkshire^ to Leicestershire Council

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Our last Duty to Cooperate letter (August 2017), used and referenced the 2014 British Geological Society (BGS) minerals data. As the BGS has not yet released new data, we will not repeat the figures from last time, but would appreciate any new / updated minerals information which you may consider to be of a strategic nature or of use to the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities, particularly in regard to the emerging Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

Please note:

*Berkshire consists of Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council

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