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Hampshire Minerals Waste Plan Partial Update Main Modifications Consultation Response

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Hello and thank you for consulting Cranborne Chase National Landscape on the Main Modifications to your Minerals and Waste Plan.

Because the consultation relates to the Main Modifications I have focused on that document and will refer to that document here.

MM7 [4.36] is **not sound** because it only refers to National Parks and the LURA 2023 modification to NP&AC 1949. S.245 LURA also modified s85 of Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 so that relevant authorities must seek to further the purposes of National Landscape designation – conserving and enhancing natural beauty – when making any decision affecting land in a NL. Unfortunately the Sandford Principle does not apply to NLs and, as currently worded, the modified text could give the impression that it does.

[4.38] is **not sound** because it confuses the statutory purposes of NL designation [conserving and enhancing natural beauty] with secondary aims provided in a Countryside Commission guidance document last century. You may wish to double check the purposes of Chichester Harbour NL because it is structurally part of Chichester Harbour Conservancy with a formal Board structure and s.86 and s.87 of CRoW 2000 may apply.

Policy 4.3 lacks clarity and therefore is **not sound**. What does ‘incorporate opportunities for recovery’ mean in relation a landscape scheme?

[4.42] is **not sound** because it omits ‘wildlife and cultural heritage’ from the items on which a development could have a potential significant adverse impact in a NL. This is rather strange as government statements are clear that wildlife and cultural heritage are important elements of natural beauty.

MM13 [4.104] There seems to be an important omission of National Landscape Management Plans, alongside National Park Management Plans, which could be seen as making that change **unsound**.

MM16 Policy 13 [5.42] Managing traffic is an important issue for this NL where lanes are narrow and twisty, and there is potential for verge damage and diffuse pollution runoff into sensitive watercourses. Furthermore, the appeal inquiry into 1,700 dwellings and associated services and infrastructure at Alderholt concluded that the local highway network is inadequate. Nevertheless, the M&WP is proposing development to the east and southeast of that village, where access roads go through this NL. Failing to acknowledge the shortcomings of the highway network, and not explicitly limiting access to and from development via adequate routes outside this NL, appears to lack clarity and hence make the modification **unsound**.

MM26 Policy 24 1.a Why are the NLs not included with the New Forest and South Downs National Parks where oil and gas development would not be permitted? Government is clear that the landscapes of NPs and NLs are equally important and have the same status under NPPF [2024] paras 189 and 190. Not including the NLs in this policy appears **unsound**.

MM30 Policy 29 Locations for waste management. I advise that it would be appropriate to refer to our CCNL Board's position, unchanged since October 2016, that it *'endorsed the principle that the nation's finest landscapes, which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty, are not places for the importation of waste for treatment, processing, or disposal'* in your references for this part of the Plan.

MM35 Glossary 155 & 156 The description / definition of National Landscape is significantly inaccurate and therefore **not sound**. It should, I advise, refer to the purposes of NL designation, which are conserving and enhancing natural beauty. Whilst designation would have originally been under the 1949 NP&AC Act, designation is now via CROW Act 2000 s82 & s83.

MM43 Purple Haze point 19 on page 106 The road number should be corrected to B3081, and not B3801.

I hope those comments are helpful to you.

Regards [REDACTED]

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