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Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan Update

SA/SEA Post Adoption Statement

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Non-technical Summary

1. Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Portsmouth City Council, South Downs National Park Authority and Southampton City Council (collectively referred to as the 'Hampshire Authorities') have worked in partnership to undertake an update of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP), which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area.
2. This report summarises the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), of the HMWP Update. Both SA and SEA are statutory requirements for the Hampshire Authorities to undertake in relation to the update of the HMWP.
3. The previous HMWP was adopted in October 2013. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that Local Plans should be reviewed to assess whether they require updating at least once every five years¹.
4. A second review of the 2013 HMWP in 2020 recommended updating the HMWP to reflect national policy changes, the Hampshire 2050 Vision for the Future, and to ensure that the Plan is delivering a steady and adequate supply of minerals and enabling sustainable waste management provision. It was subsequently decided by all partners that the HMWP would be subject to partial update. This is important as out of date plans limit the ability for planning authorities to enable the right development, in the right location, at the right time, and may lead to a greater number of planning applications determined at appeal.
5. During preparation it became apparent that the process had become a full update of the 2013 Plan. The updated HMWP will cover the period up to 2040 and, once adopted, will replace/supersede the currently adopted 2013 Plan.
6. The updated Plan has been through statutory consultation and Examination in Public (EIP), and with the incorporation of Main Modifications, was found sound by the Planning Inspectorate. The Plan has been adopted by all the Hampshire Authorities.
7. SA/SEA is an iterative process, informing the updating of the Plan throughout its preparation, including policy wording and site allocation selection, and informed by changes made to the draft plan update at each stage. The SA/SEA has also considered the findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) at each stage of Plan preparation.
8. The SA/SEA Environmental Report² has shown that the Hampshire Authorities have undertaken a comprehensive, rigorous and robust integrated Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment of the HMWP update that is compliant with relevant legislation, regulation and national planning policy.

¹ National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023), Para. 33 -

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20231228093504/https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

² HMWP Update: SA/SEA Final Environmental Report May 2026 -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan>

1. Introduction

The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan update

- 1.1 Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Portsmouth City Council, South Downs National Park Authority and Southampton City Council (collectively referred to as the 'Hampshire Authorities') have worked in partnership to undertake an update of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP), which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area.
- 1.2 The previous HMWP was adopted in October 2013³. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that Local Plans should be reviewed to assess whether they require updating at least once every five years⁴.
- 1.3 A second review of the 2013 HMWP in 2020 recommended updating the HMWP to reflect national policy changes, the Hampshire 2050 Vision for the Future, and to ensure that the Plan is delivering a steady and adequate supply of minerals and enabling sustainable waste management provision. It was subsequently decided by all partners that the HMWP would be subject to partial update. This is important as out of date plans limit the ability for planning authorities to enable the right development, in the right location, at the right time, and may lead to a greater number of planning applications determined at appeal.
- 1.4 During preparation it became apparent that the process had become a full update of the 2013 Plan. The updated HMWP will cover the period up to 2040 and, once adopted, will replace/supersede the currently adopted 2013 Plan.
- 1.5 Minerals and waste planning issues are most appropriately addressed jointly so that strategic issues can be satisfactorily resolved. The updated HMWP covers those geographical parts of the Hampshire Authorities that are within the Plan boundary (see Figure 1.1).
- 1.6 The HMWP update has been through Examination and with the incorporation of Main Modifications, was found sound by the Planning Inspectorate.
- 1.7 The Plan was subsequently adopted by the Hampshire Authorities as follows:
 - South Downs National Park Authority: 7 July 2026
 - Portsmouth City Council: 14 July 2026
 - Southampton City Council: 15 July 2026
 - Hampshire County Council: 16 July 2026
 - New Forest National Park Authority: 23 July 2026

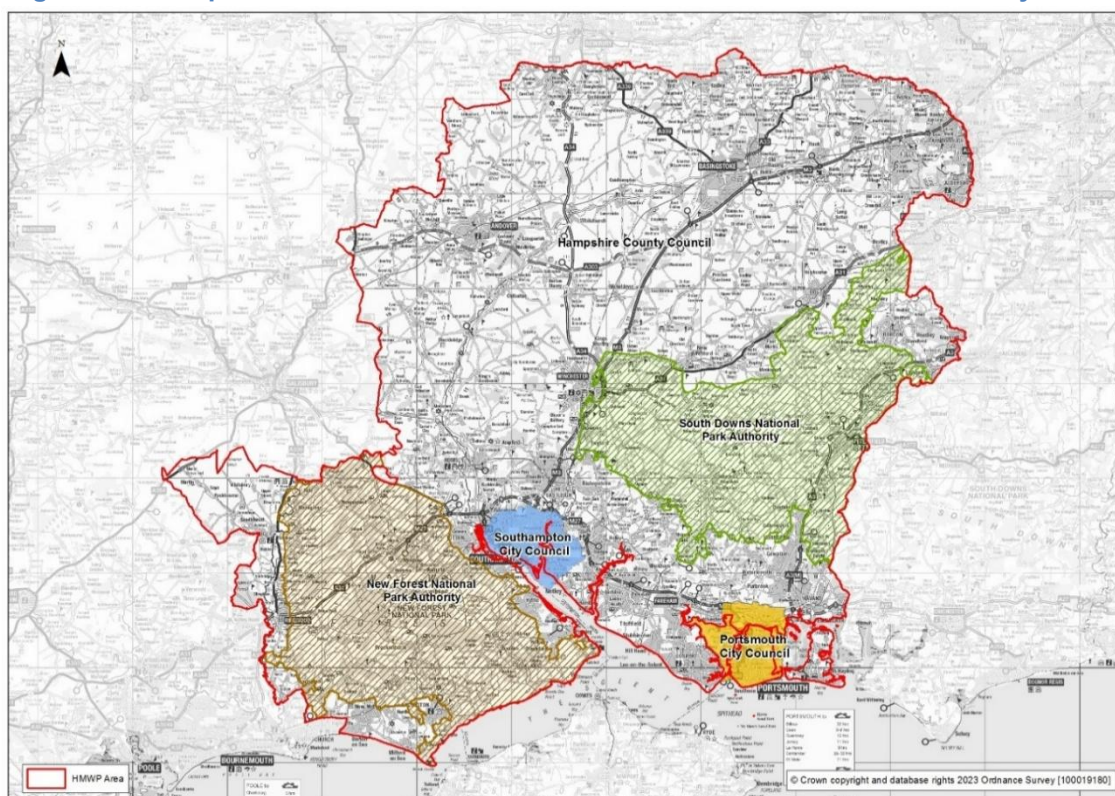
³ Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (2013) -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan>

⁴ National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023 (Para. 33) -

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20231228093504/https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Figure 1.1: Hampshire Authorities' administrative areas within the Plan boundary



Purpose

- 1.8 The purpose of this SA/SEA Post Adoption Statement is to allow stakeholders to see how environmental and sustainability factors have been considered throughout the preparation of the HMWP update. The statement is a key tool for improving transparency in the decision-making process, demonstrating how consultation responses were considered throughout the process and outlining the measures for monitoring the significant environmental effects of implementing the HMWP update.
- 1.9 The Hampshire Authorities worked in partnership to undertake the SA/SEA of the HMWP update. This assessed the social, economic and environmental effects of implementing the HMWP update, and reasonable alternatives, with the purpose of promoting the objectives of sustainable development and ensuring their integration within the updated HMWP.
- 1.10 This Post-Adoption Statement is also a requirement the SEA Regulations⁵ to consider and report on the following:
- How environmental (and sustainability) considerations have been integrated into the update of the HMWP.
 - How the Environmental Report (contained within the SA Report) has been taken into account during the preparation of the HMWP update.
 - Action taken by the Authorities to provide public access to consultation documents.

⁵ The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Regulation 16) - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/1633/contents/made>

- How opinions expressed by the public, consultation bodies and where appropriate with EU Member States, during consultation on the HMWP update and Environmental Report, have been taken into account.
- The reasons for choosing the HMWP update as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with.
- The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the HMWP update.

The required information is set out under these bullet points as headings in the remainder of this report.

1.11 This Post Adoption Statement should be read in conjunction with the following documents prepared as part of the SA/SEA of the HMWP update during its preparation:

- (HA11) SA/SEA Revised Scoping Report (September 2021)⁶.
- (HA12) SA/SEA Revised Baseline Report (September 2021)⁷.
- (HA13) SA/SEA Interim Report (August 2022)⁸.
- (HA45) SA/SEA Updated Baseline Report (June 2023)⁹.
- (HA44) SA/SEA Environmental Report (December 2023)¹⁰.
- (SD05) SA/SEA Environmental Report (Submission) July 2024¹¹.
- (MD10) SA/SEA Environmental Report Main Modifications Addendum (October 2025)¹².
- SA/SEA Environmental Report May 2026¹³.

1.12 The SA/SEA meets the requirements of, and is compliant with, the:

- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (SA).
- Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended) (the SEA Regulations).
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023.

⁶ SA/SEA Revised Scoping Report (September 2021) -

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-PartialUpdate-SA-RevisedScopingReport-September2021.pdf>

⁷ SA/SEA Revised Baseline Report (September 2021) -

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-Partial-Update-SA-RevisedBaselineReport-September2021.pdf>

⁸ SA/SEA Interim Report (August 2022) - <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-PartialUpdate-SA-SEA-InterimReport-August2022.pdf>

⁹ SA/SEA Updated Baseline Report (June 2023) - <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-PartialUpdate-SASEAUpdatedBaselineReport-ProposedSubmission-June2023.pdf>

¹⁰ SA/SEA Environmental Report (December 2023) -

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-PartialUpdate-SASEAEnvironmentalReport-ProposedSubmission-December2023.pdf>

¹¹ SA/SEA Environmental Report (Submission) July 2024 -

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-PartialUpdate-SASEAEnvironmentalReportSubmission-July2024.pdf>

¹² SA/SEA Environmental Report SA/SEA Main Modifications Addendum (October 2025) -

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/MD10-HMWP-PartialUpdate-SA-SEA-MainModificationsAddendum.pdf>

¹³ SA/SEA Environmental Report May 2026 -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan>

2. How environmental/sustainability considerations have been integrated into the HMWP update

2.1 As an integral part of the SA/SEA process, various environmental, social and economic issues have been identified through:

- A review of a wide range of relevant plans, programmes and policies.
- The collection of a comprehensive environmental and wider sustainability baseline.
- The identification of sustainability issues and problems.

The review and baseline are set out in the SA/SEA Revised Scoping Report and SA/SEA Updated Baseline Report, respectively, as listed in paragraph 1.11 above.

2.2 Identified issues have informed the development of the sustainability appraisal framework, which includes a set of sustainable development policy objectives (sustainability objectives). This framework was used to appraise the emerging HMWP update and the reasonable alternatives to its proposals. In this way, environmental considerations have underpinned the appraisal of the HMWP update and helped to ensure that they are integrated into it. The sustainability objectives used for the assessment are set out in Table 2.1, below.

Table 2.1: SA/SEA Sustainability Appraisal Objectives used to test the HMWP update

SA/SEA Objective	
Climate change	SA1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.
Air quality	SA2. Improve and maintain air quality at levels which does not damage natural systems and human health.
Biodiversity / geodiversity	SA3. Protect, maintain, and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity including natural habitats, flora and fauna and protected species.
Landscape / townscape	SA4. Protect and enhance landscape and townscape character, local distinctiveness and tranquillity.
Soils	SA5. Maintain and protect soil quality and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land.
Historic environment	SA6. Protect and conserve the historic environment, significance of heritage assets and features and their setting.
Water resources	SA7. Maintain and enhance the quality of ground, surface and coastal waters and manage the consumption of water in a sustainable way.
Flood risk	SA8. Reduce the risk of flooding.
Communities	SA9. Minimise negative impacts of waste management facilities and mineral extraction on people and local communities.
Transport	SA10. Minimise the impact of the transportation of aggregates and waste products on the local and strategic transport network.
Sustainable minerals supply	SA11. Support sustainable extraction, re-use and recycling of mineral and aggregate resources.
Waste hierarchy	SA12. Contribute towards moving up the waste hierarchy in the Plan area.
Minerals and waste self-sufficiency	SA13. Enable the Plan area to be self-sufficient in its waste management and provide an adequate supply of minerals to meet its local needs.

Economic	SA14. Support the Plan area's economic growth and reduce disparities across the area.
Green networks	SA15. Enhance networks of green and blue infrastructure and enable safe access to countryside and greenspace.

- 2.3 Regarding the assessment of sites, additional performance criteria were developed and linked to each SA/SEA Objective. These performance criteria are set out in Table 2.2 of the SA/SEA Environmental Report 2026. For each site, each performance criterion was scored using a simple red/amber/green as set out in the same table.
- 2.4 Based on these performance criteria scores and additional information provided in the site assessment tables, each site was then given a net effect score against each SA/SEA Objective. This net effect scoring used a colour/symbol coding system to ensure that the determination of effects of the HMWP update on the performance criteria was visually apparent at a glance, as shown in Table 2.2, below.

Table 2.2: SA/SEA Objective - effects scoring system

Symbol	Explanation of the Effect
++	Very Positive: will result in a very positive impact on the objective
+	Slightly Positive: will result in a slightly positive impact on the objective
0	Neutral: will result in a neutral or negligible effect on the objective
-	Slightly Negative: will result in a slightly negative impact on the objective
--	Very Negative: will result on a very negative impact on the objective
?	Unknown: the relationship is unknown, or there is insufficient information to make an assessment

- 2.5 In accordance with the SEA Directive and Planning Practice Guidance all reasonable alternatives were assessed. With regard to the proposed policies, reasonable alternatives were assessed where they had been identified and developed. Where only one policy option was under active consideration due to the lack of reasonable alternatives, only this option was assessed.
- 2.6 Cumulative/total effects and compatibility of the vision, objectives and policies were assessed to ensure the full impact of the HMWP update was understood. Section 4 of the SA/SEA Environmental Statement 2026 summarises total/cumulative effects.
- 2.7 The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) process is similarly iterative. The results of the HRA of the HMWP update have been used to inform the SA/SEA process and reports, with particular regard to biodiversity. All of the HRA documentation considered by the SA/SEA are provided on the Examination Library webpage¹⁴.

¹⁴ HMWP Update Examination Library - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/minerals-waste-plan-partial-update-consultation/examination-library>

3. How the Environmental Report has been taken into account during the preparation of the HMWP update

- 3.1 The preparation of the SA/SEA was undertaken iteratively, in tandem with the preparation of the HMWP update. The SA/SEA informed decision making around preferred options and policy formulation within the draft Plan update. The SA/SEA findings and recommendations were taken into account when modifications were made to the Plan update throughout its development.
- 3.2 As options for policies and proposals emerged, the recommendations from the SA/SEA for the enhancement of positive effects and the mitigation of negative effects, were used to inform those options that went forward for further consideration.
- 3.3 An additional SA/SEA was undertaken to review the proposed Main Modifications, following the Hearings of the Examination in Public (EiP) and presented in the form of an Addendum document to the SA/SEA Environmental Report (Submission) July 2024. This confirmed that the implementation of the Main Modifications does not affect the findings of the SA/SEA Environmental Report.
- 3.4 It is important to note that the work undertaken on the SA/SEA was alongside the preparation of an extensive set of evidence base documents to support Plan preparation. These included a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)¹⁵ of the HMWP update. The findings of these documents were not only considered in the plan-making process at each relevant stage but also informed the SA/SEA process.
- 3.5 Site constraints and site specific example mitigation measures provided in the SA/SEA Interim and Environmental Reports were used to inform the preparation of Development Considerations for each site allocation.
- 3.6 A summary of how the SA/SEA has been integrated into the Plan update is shown in Table 2, below.

Table 2: Integration of SA/SEA process with HMWP update preparation stages

SA/SEA Stages and Tasks ¹⁶	Deliverable
<i>HMWP update Pre-Production</i>	
<u>Stage A: Setting the context, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope</u> A1: identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives A2: collecting baseline information A3: identifying sustainability issues and problems	• Scoping and Baseline Reports June 2021 • Revised Scoping and Baseline Reports September 2021

¹⁵ Examination Library - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/minerals-waste-plan-partial-update-consultation/examination-library>

¹⁶ Tasks as Defined in 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, September 2005'.

A4: developing the SA/SEA Framework A5: consulting on the scope of the SA/SEA	• Updated Baseline Report June 2023
HMWP update Production	
<u>Stage B: Developing and refining options assessing effects</u> B1: testing the Plan update’s objectives of the SA/SEA framework B2: developing and refining the options B3: predicting the effects B4: evaluating the effects B5: considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects B6: proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Plan update	• Interim SA/SEA Report August 2022
<u>Stage C: Preparing the Environmental Report</u> C1: preparing the Interim SA/SEA Report C2: preparing the Environmental Report	• Interim SA/SEA Report August 2022 • Environmental Report December 2023 • Environmental Report July 2024
<u>Stage D: Consulting on the Draft Plan</u> D1: consultation on the draft Plan update and accompanying Interim SA/SEA Report D2: consultation on the Proposed Submission and Submission Plan updates and accompanying Environmental Reports	
HMWP update Examination	
D3: appraising significant changes resulting from representations	• Environmental Report Main Modifications Addendum October 2025 • Environmental Report May 2026
HMWP update Adoption	
<u>Stage E: Monitoring significant effects of implementing the Plan</u> E1: finalising aims and methods of monitoring E2: responding to adverse effects	• Environmental Report May 2026 • HMWP update Monitoring Reports

4. Action taken by the Hampshire Authorities to provide public access to consultation documents

4.1 SA/SEA documentation was made available in line with the Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) of the Hampshire Authorities, as follows:

- Hampshire County Council (2023)¹⁷.
- Portsmouth City Council (2023)¹⁸.
- Southampton City Council (2020)¹⁹.
- New Forest National Park Authority (2023)²⁰.
- South Downs National Park Authority (2022)²¹.

4.2 Dedicated HMWP update webpages²² were created on the Hampshire County Council website to provide a central location where all documentation relating to all key stages of Plan preparation (including SA/SEA) could be accessed, for the benefit of statutory bodies, key stakeholders and the general public. The other four Hampshire Authorities also provided information about the HMWP update on their respective websites, which linked back to the HMWP update webpages on the County Council website.

4.3 Notice of Consultations generally were provided in the following ways:

- Emails were sent to statutory consultees and respondents to previous consultations.
- Consultations were advertised on the HMWP update webpages.
- Advertisements giving notification of each consultation were published in the local press.
- Press releases were sent to all key Hampshire print, online and broadcast media.
- Facebook and Twitter posts.
- Neighbour notification letters were sent to address points within proximity of proposed site allocations.

4.4 Interested parties were able to view HMWP update documents in hard copy format at the offices of each of the Hampshire Authorities and at Southampton Central Library, and online in any public library with internet accessible facilities.

4.5 All documents were also available in large print, Braille, audio cassette or alternative language formats, upon request.

¹⁷ Hampshire County Council SCI - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/statement-community-involvement>

¹⁸ Portsmouth City Council SCI - <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/development-and-planning/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement/>

¹⁹ Southampton City Council SCI - <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/preparing-development-plans>

²⁰ New Forest National Park Authority SCI - <https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/app/uploads/2022/11/AM-654-23-Statement-of-Community-Involvement-Updated-SCI-for-adoption-July-2023-1.pdf>

²¹ South Downs National Park Authority SCI - <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement/>

²² HMWP webpages - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/minerals-waste-plan-partial-update-consultation>

5. How opinions expressed in consultation responses on the HMWP update and Environmental Report, have been taken into account

5.1 Statutory bodies, key stakeholders and the public were afforded the opportunity to comment on the various stages of Plan update preparation including the associated stages of SA/SEA, as follows:

- Regulation 18 Draft Plan Consultation that ran for twelve weeks from 8 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, which included SA/SEA Revised Scoping Report (September 2021), SA/SEA Revised Baseline Report (September 2021), and SA/SEA Interim Report (August 2022).
- Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Consultation that ran for eight weeks from 9 January 2024 to 5 March 2024, which included SA/SEA Updated Baseline Report (June 2023), and SA/SEA Environmental Report (December 2023).
- Examination in Public (EiP) hearings held between 4 February to 13 February 2025 and 9 September 2025 (Purple Haze allocation specific hearing), which included SA/SEA Environmental Report (Submission) July 2024.
- Regulation 24 Main Modifications Consultation that ran for ten weeks from 4 December 2025 to 12 February 2026, which included Environmental Report SA/SEA Main Modifications Addendum (October 2025).

5.2 The Hampshire Authorities published the following consultation documents relating to the consultations listed above, detailing the representations made and how they were addressed (including for the SA/SEA process and associated documentation):

- (HA33) Consultation Summary Report - Post Regulation 18 – Draft Plan (May 2023)²³.
- (HA62) Consultation Statement (Proposed Submission) (October 2023)²⁴.
- (SD03) Consultation Statement (Regulation 22 - Submission) (July 2024)²⁵.
- (SD03a) Consultation Statement Annex 1 (Regulation 22 - Submission) (July 2024).
- (SD03b) Consultation Statement Annex 2 (Regulation 22 - Submission) (July 2024).

5.3 The Authorities considered the representations made at Examination when preparing the schedule of Main Modifications for consultation. When preparing the final report of the Plan update's Examination in Public, the Inspector considered the representations made in response to the Main Modifications consultation.

5.4 No transboundary consultations were deemed necessary as part of the Plan update's preparation process.

²³ HMWP Update: Post-Regulation 18 Consultation Summary Report (May 2023) - <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWPPartialUpdateConsultationSummaryReport-Regulation18DraftPlan-May2023.pdf>

²⁴ HMWP Update: Consultation Statement (Proposed Submission) October 2023 - <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HMWP-PartialUpdate-ConsultationStatement-ProposedSubmission-October2023.pdf>

²⁵ HMWP Update: Consultation Statement (Regulation 22 - Submission) (July 2024) and Annexes - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/minerals-waste-plan-partial-update-consultation/examination-library>

6. Reasons for choosing the HMWP update as adopted, in light of the other reasonable alternatives

- 6.1 The SEA Regulations requires that ‘reasonable alternatives’ are taken into account. Sustainability considerations have been taken into account throughout the development of the Plan update. Early drafts and subsequent iterations of the Plan update (including the vision, objectives, policies and sites) have been subjected to SA/SEA. At each stage the likely effects of emerging options were appraised against the SA/SEA Framework.
- 6.2 A full explanation of the options considered during Plan update preparation are set out in the SA/SEA Environmental Report May 2026, in particular the following sections:
- Section 3: Developing and refining options.
 - Appendix C: Objectives options.
 - Appendix D: Development Management Policy options.
 - Appendix E: Waste Policy options.
 - Appendix F: Minerals Policy options.
 - Appendix H: Sites.
- 6.3 Three potential scenarios were considered in the SA/SEA with respect to managing minerals and waste resources: ‘no plan’; ‘business as usual’ and the development of a new updated Minerals and Waste Plan. The SA/SEA also considered reasonable options with respect to: the Plan update in its entirety; alternative policies; and alternative sites.
- 6.4 Only ‘reasonable’ policy options were taken forward for SA/SEA. For the purposes of the assessment, the criteria used to determine whether a policy was ‘reasonable’ included whether it complied with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and/or it was applicable.
- 6.5 The NPPF states that Mineral Planning Authorities should make provision, in the form of specific sites or locations, to meet the requirements identified in the Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA). The LAA sets out how a steady and adequate supply of aggregate will be achieved including the maintenance of a minimum of a seven year landbank (seven years-worth of permitted mineral reserves based on an average rate of depletion). Therefore, the scenario of ‘no plan’ was not considered a reasonable option and was eliminated as it would not comply with national planning policy.
- 6.6 The ‘business as usual’ option, effectively meaning a continuation of the existing plan, was also discounted due to the need to update and improve policies in line with statutory requirements.
- 6.7 Due to the limited number of site options, the approach was taken to assess the sites on their own merits / constraints allowing plan-makers to determine whether each site should be considered as an allocation taking all factors into consideration.

7. Measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the HMWP update.

- 7.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, requires local planning authorities to prepare reports containing information on how plan preparation is progressing and the extent to which policies set out in those plans are being achieved. This report, known as an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), which will be made publicly available, monitors and assesses:
- the effectiveness of adopted minerals and waste planning policies;
 - progress in preparing new local development documents; and
 - how well the Authorities are achieving the Statement of Community Involvement.
- 7.2 The report helps the Authorities assess the effectiveness and relevance of the Plan update and can prompt alterations to policies to reflect changing circumstances. Although the plan has been produced jointly by the Hampshire Authorities, there is no requirement to produce a joint monitoring report.
- 7.3 Each of the policies contained within the Plan update has associated monitoring indicators to measure its effectiveness, and thresholds for when a policy should be reviewed. These thresholds may relate to a breach over a 5-year period or less. The monitoring information will be collated and reported annually. In addition to monitoring how each of the policies is performing, the inter-relationship of the policies will be monitored in order to measure the effectiveness of the policies to provide mitigation and adaption to the effects of climate change.
- 7.4 Additional to the above monitoring indicators, Policy 2 – Climate change mitigation and adaption requires applicants to submit a Climate Change Assessment. This must outline a commitment to supply the data to the relevant Authority for reporting in the AMR.
- 7.5 Monitoring of waste arisings and progress in increasing capacity will be particularly important as waste quantities can vary considerably from year to year, making predictions of growth less reliable. Growth rates will be regularly checked, while allowing enough time for yearly fluctuations to even out.
- 7.6 Annual aggregate monitoring will be reported in the Local Aggregate Assessment to ensure that, if required, permissions can be granted for mineral extraction before the landbank falls below 7 years.

8. Concluding Statement

- 8.1 This SA/SEA Post Adoption Statement confirms that the Hampshire Authorities have undertaken a comprehensive, rigorous and robust integrated SA and SEA of the update of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, that is compliant with the SEA Regulations and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requirements on SA.
- 8.2 This document also confirms that the Hampshire Authorities have met the statutory requirements for consultation with statutory agencies and the general public, that the SA/SEA has effectively informed the Plan update through its development, and that appropriate measures have been established to monitor the significant effects of the implementation of the Plan update.

Glossary

Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)

An annual document produced by local planning authorities to track the effectiveness of local minerals policies, assess progress on mineral plan updates, and monitor the supply and demand of aggregate resources like sand and gravel.

Examination in Public (EiP)

An independent assessment of a Local Plan, led by a planning inspector, to determine if it is sound and meets all legal requirements. It involves public hearings, written submissions (Matters, Issues, and Questions - MIQs), and results in a binding Inspector's Report recommending whether the plan can be adopted.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

As required by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the identification of any aspects of an emerging plan or project that would have the potential to cause a likely significant effect on National Site Network sites and Ramsar sites (either alone or in combination with other plans and projects), and to begin to identify appropriate mitigation strategies where such effects are identified (see also Appropriate Assessment).

Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA)

An annual report produced by mineral planning authorities in the UK. It ensures a steady, adequate supply of construction materials like sand, gravel, and crushed rock by analysing local demand, sales trends, and available supply options (including recycled and marine-dredged aggregates).

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

First published in March 2012, the NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): A Local Development Document which sets out the standards the Planning Authority intends to achieve when involving the community in preparing Local Development Documents, or when making a significant development control decision. It also sets out how the Authority intends to achieve these standards. A consultation statement must be produced showing how the Authority has complied with its SCI.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

A system of incorporating environmental considerations into policies, plans, programmes. It is intended to highlight environmental issues during decision-making about strategic documents such as plans, programmes and strategies. The SEA identifies the significant environmental effects that are likely to result from implementing the plan or alternative approaches to the plan. The Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan incorporates SEA. To be replaced in the future by Environmental Outcome Reports through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

An assessment of the potential flood risk such as from groundwater and fluvial floods, undertaken at the appropriate level (county or district).

Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

A systematic process, required under Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, that must be carried out during the preparation of a Local Plan (now abolished under more recent legislation). Its role is to promote sustainable development by assessing the extent to which the emerging plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives. The sustainability appraisal for the HMWP update incorporates the requirements of SEA.

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