

## **Central & Eastern Berkshire**

### **Joint Minerals & Waste Plan**

#### **Regulation 18: Issues & Options Consultation**

##### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q. What is the Central and Eastern Berkshire - Joint Minerals & Waste Plan?**

**A.** Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities) are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will replace the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Central & Eastern Berkshire area. The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will improve and strengthen the policies from previous plans and set out how minerals and waste will be managed in the Central & Eastern Berkshire area for the plan period (up until 2036).

**Q. What is Hampshire County Council's involvement?**

**A.** Hampshire Services, part of Hampshire County Council, is working in collaboration with Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council to produce the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. The collaboration allows for skills and knowledge sharing. The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan covers the administrative areas of the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities only.

**Q. What is the Issues and Options consultation about?**

**A.** The Issues and Options Consultation will allow the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities to gain a greater perspective on the minerals and waste situation in the plan area, as well as seeking views of those who take an interest in minerals and waste. The information supplied as part of the consultation will help to form the next stages of the planning process (Regulation 18: Preferred Options – see below) as well as the overall plan.

**Q. How should I respond to the consultation?**

**A.** We have asked a large number of, sometimes quite technical, questions throughout the paper. This is because a major benefit of the Issues and Options consultation is to satisfy ourselves that we have the most up-to-date and relevant evidence relating to the patterns of minerals reserves, usage and demand and waste arising and management capacity. You may feel that you do not have experience of or opinions on some of the matters raised in the questions. If this is the case, please leave these questions and respond only to the matters that are important to you or the organisation or company that you represent. There is also scope for you to make more general comments if you would like us to consider other issues that we may have not specifically raised.

**Q. Why is the Issues and Options consultation taking place?**

**A.** The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012<sup>1</sup> sets out how local authorities should approach plan making and the different stages that should be followed in order to comply with the Act. As part of the Act, Regulation 18 is one of the first stages in plan making. The Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities have decided to undertake a two-stage consultation approach to Regulation 18 – ‘Issues & Options’ and ‘Preferred Options’

**Q. What is the ‘Preferred Options’ consultation and when will it take place?**

**A.** The Preferred Options consultation will outline what the preferred approach to managing minerals and waste in Central & Eastern Berkshire during the plan period. The Preferred Options will be based on the information gathered at the ‘Issues & Options’ stage on the levels of minerals and waste that are currently being and managed and what might be required in the future as well as where this might take place. The Preferred Options consultation is intended to take place in early 2018.

**Q. Where can I view a copy of the Issues and Options Consultation documents?**

**A.** All consultation documents are available to view on the consultation website at [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).

Documents are also available for inspection during normal working hours at the following locations:

- **Bracknell Forest Council offices:** Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1JD
- **Reading Council offices:** Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading RG1 2LU
- **The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead offices:** Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF
- **Wokingham Borough Council offices:** Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1BN
- **Public libraries** within the administrative areas of the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities.

**Q. When does the consultation start and finish?**

**A.** The consultation will run for six weeks, beginning on 9 June 2017 and ending on 21 July 2017. All responses must be received by 5pm on the 21 July 2017.

**Q. What happens next?**

**A.** All comments received will be collated into a Consultation Report. The Report will also include a response from the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities to the points raised and how these will be taken into account in the next stage (Preferred Options). The Report will be made available on-line.

**Q. How can I become more involved in the Plan making process?**

**A.** If you provide comments as part of the Issues & Options consultation you will also be invited to provide comments on the ‘Preferred Options’ consultation in 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/767/pdfs/ukxi\\_20120767\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/767/pdfs/ukxi_20120767_en.pdf)