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**Joint Minerals & Waste Plan**

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities') are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan (JMWP/ 'the Plan') which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area.
- 1.2 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in readiness for submission to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. It provides an overview of all consultations and stakeholder involvement from the early stages of plan making to proposed submission of the plan for Examination in Public. The Statement will be updated for Submission following the processing of representations made in accordance with Regulation 20.
- 1.3 The statement sets out:
- which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under regulation 18;
  - how those bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18;
  - a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made pursuant to regulation 18;
  - how any representations made pursuant to regulation 18 have been taken into account.
- 1.4 Consultation and engagement have been undertaken in accordance with the relevant Statements of Community Involvement (SCI). Each of the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities has adopted its own Statement of Community Involvement<sup>1</sup>. They are as follows:
- Bracknell Forest SCI (adopted 2014)<sup>2</sup>;
  - Reading SCI (adopted 2014)<sup>3</sup>;
  - Windsor and Maidenhead SCI (adopted 2016)<sup>4</sup>; and
  - Wokingham SCI (adopted 2019)<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that temporary updates are being undertaken by the Berkshire Authorities in response to the 2020 Cov-19 national emergency.

<sup>2</sup> Bracknell Forest Council. Statement of Community Involvement 2014 - <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/statement-of-community-involvement-2014.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Reading Borough Council. Statement of Community Involvement 2014 - <http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/1051/Statement-of-Community-Involvement-Adopted-March-2014/pdf/Statement-Of-Community-Involvement-Mar14.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. Statement of Community Involvement 2016 - [https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200209/planning\\_policy/460/statement\\_of\\_community\\_involvement/1](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200209/planning_policy/460/statement_of_community_involvement/1)

- 1.5 A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out the approach for involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all development plan documents, and in publicising and dealing with planning applications.
- 1.6 The community includes statutory consultees; internal council stakeholders; developers and agents; Parish and town councils; the general public; local organisations; previous consultation respondents; people who have registered an interest; and duty to co-operate partners. Due to the nature of the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan, developers include all minerals and waste operators within the Plan area.
- 1.7 Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA), Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) are essential components of the Local Plan system and where these have been prepared, the consultation process invited comments on these documents as well as the other supporting documents.
- 1.8 Below is an overview of formal consultations undertaken as part of the Plan preparation. All responses received during the consultations can be viewed on the consultation website: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).

<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Documents</b>
Issues & Options (Regulation 18)	9 June to 21 July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue &amp; Options Paper</li> <li>• Minerals Background Study</li> <li>• Waste Background Study</li> <li>• Sites Assessment Methodology Report</li> <li>• Other Methodologies Report (Industrial Estates &amp; Employment Land, Landscape &amp; Visual and Traffic &amp; Transport Assessment)</li> <li>• Consultation Strategy</li> <li>• Equalities Impact Assessment</li> <li>• SA/SEA Scoping Report</li> <li>• HRA: Methodology and Baseline*</li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) Scoping Report*</li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) Baseline Report*</li> </ul> <p>*Reference only</p>

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<sup>5</sup>Wokingham Borough Council. Statement of Community Involvement 2019 - <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-information/planning-policy-consultations/>

Draft Plan (Regulation 18)	6 August to 12 October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Plan Paper</li> <li>• SA/SEA Interim Report</li> <li>• SFRA Statement</li> <li>• Minerals Background Study</li> <li>• Waste Background Study</li> <li>• HRA: Screening Report</li> <li>• Landscape Visual Study</li> <li>• Restoration Study</li> <li>• Safeguarding Study</li> <li>• Minerals Proposal Study</li> <li>• Waste Proposal Study</li> <li>• Equalities Impact Assessment</li> <li>• Duty to Cooperate Statement</li> <li>• Transport Assessment</li> <li>• Local Aggregates Assessment</li> </ul>
Additional Regulation 18 (site specific) Consultation on Bray Quarry Extension	9 July to 19 August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Specific Consultation Paper (incorporating assessment extracts)</li> </ul>
Focused Regulation 18 Consultation on Sand & Gravel Provision and Operator Performance	11 February to 23 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focussed Consultation document (incorporating assessment extracts)</li> </ul>
Proposed Submission (Regulation 19)	3 September – 15 October 2020	Not yet completed.

## 2. Duty to Cooperate

- 2.1 In preparing the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan, the Authorities need to demonstrate that they have discharged the Duty to Cooperate with relevant bodies under Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011. The Authorities have worked closely with neighbouring mineral and waste planning authorities as well as with those that have a strategic relationship with the Plan area. In addition, the Authorities have participated and liaised closely with both the South East England Aggregate Working Party and the South East Waste Planning Advisory Group.
- 2.2 A separate report<sup>6</sup> on the discharge of the Duty to Cooperate requirement has been prepared and can be found on the consultation website: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).

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<sup>6</sup> Duty to Cooperate Statement (July 2020): [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

### 3. Issues & Options (2017)

3.1 The Issues and Options Consultation was the first consultation on the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan and took place between 9<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017. The main purpose of the consultation was to engage the community in discussion on the Issues for managing minerals and waste for the next 20 years. It also provided an opportunity to gather more evidence to inform the Options for the plan policies and site allocations.

3.2 The consultation material was available on-line and available for inspection during normal working hours at:

- Bracknell Forest Council offices: Times 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.

3.3 The consultation documents included:

- Issues & Options Paper
- Minerals Background Study
- Waste Background Study
- Site Assessment Methodology Report
- Other Methodologies Report (Industrial Estates & Employment Land, Landscape & Visual and Traffic & Transport)
- Consultation Strategy
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Habitats Regulation Assessment: Methodology and Baseline\*
- Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment): Scoping Report\*
- Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment): Baseline\*

\*For reference only

3.4 The following consultation methods were employed by the Authorities:

- Press / newspaper adverts / notices
- Emails (or posted letters if necessary) to statutory consultees

- The consultation was advertised on the Central and Eastern Berkshire consultation website<sup>7</sup> (hosted by Hampshire Services)

## Key Issues

- 3.5 The consultation provoked 45 people and organisations to respond to the 119 consultation questions or make general comments regarding the consultation.
- 27 responded to the Vision and Strategy (148 comments)
  - 23 responded to the Minerals section (711 comments)
  - 23 responded to the Waste section (413 comments)
  - 12 responded to the Supporting documents section (22 comments)
  - 12 respondents made general comments to the consultation
- 3.6 The consultation responses highlighted a number of key issues which have been taken into account when preparing the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. All the comments received for the Issues and Options consultation and a Consultation Summary report can be viewed on the consultation website: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).
- 3.7 The following is a concise summary of the key issues raised:
- There was overall support for the Plan period, proposed Vision and objectives, whereas there was a greater difference in opinion regarding the Spatial Strategy content.
  - Half of the respondents agreed with the proposed plan content, but others sought edits to the principles and requested that the content be stronger in some areas.
  - Issues raised included protecting the natural and historic environment, reducing traffic miles, safeguarding mineral resources and planning for the waste hierarchy.
  - All those who responded to the minerals section understood the current and potential increase in demand for aggregates over the upcoming years, especially with the forecast demand for housing and other infrastructure projects.
  - One of the main issues was the movement of minerals and there was strong support for the allocation of a rail depot within the Plan area. This was influenced by the potential expansion of Heathrow Airport and the impacts this may have upon the depot at Colnbrook, Slough.
  - Whilst many agreed that the Plan area relied on imports of crushed rock, marine won sand and gravel, and soft sand there was encouragement

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/berksconsult/berksconsult-io>

for not sole reliance on imports and to safeguard local mineral resources.

- The majority agreed that the Environment Agency's Waste Data Interrogator (WDI) was the appropriate source of waste data, albeit its limitations were recognised and respondents were mainly in favour of methodologies combining both the WDI and other sources to estimate non-hazardous, inert, and hazardous waste arisings.
- In terms of managing waste, net self-sufficiency was encouraged, as was diverting waste from landfill, although some respondents were keen for some provision for those materials not suitable for other methods, and the benefits of inert landfill were promoted.
- A key issue for waste planning was the potential removal of the Lakeside waste facility in Slough and the effect this would have on the Plan area with some keen to facilitate the lost capacity within the plan area. Additionally, the role that Slough has to play in the Plan was raised.
- Lastly, transport mitigation and impacts, housing demand, the expansion at Heathrow, the role of Slough and site selections negatively impacting local communities were further issues raised throughout the consultation not relating to one particular section.

## Addressing the Key Issues

- 3.8 All of the issues raised as part of the consultation fed into the further development of the Plan and its evidence base.
- 3.9 The policies in the Plan were drafted with the intention to provide for an adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste management provision, while affording protection to people and the environment.
- 3.10 Calls for Sites were issued, seeking sites to meet both minerals and waste needs.
- 3.11 Safeguarding provisions were developed, and robust policies were proposed to ensure a balance could be struck between maximising use of mineral resources, protecting minerals and waste infrastructure and planned provision, and recognising the need for other land-uses.
- 3.12 A waste methodology was developed using information both from the WDI and from other sources to help inform the expected capacity gap during the Plan period.

3.13 The role of the Lakeside facility was recognised and discussions with Slough continued as part of the Duty to Cooperate to explore the future of this waste movement.

3.14 Clarification on the role of the rail depot at Colnbrook was also provided which was taken into consideration regarding the movement of minerals in the Plan area.

## 4. Draft Plan (2018)

- 4.1 The Draft Plan consultation was the first iteration of the whole plan including the Vision, Objectives, Spatial Strategy, proposed site allocations and policies as well as monitoring and implementation suggestions. The minerals and waste policies outlined how much development was needed and where. The development management policies outlined how the development would be controlled. The consultation took place between 6<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 4.2 The consultation material was available on-line and available for inspection during normal working hours at:
- Bracknell Forest Council offices: Times 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.
- 4.3 The consultation documents included:
- Draft Plan consultation paper
  - Minerals Background Study
  - Waste Background Study
  - Minerals Proposal Study
  - Waste Proposal Study
  - SA/SEA Interim Report
  - SFRA Statement
  - HRA: Screening Report
  - Landscape & Visual Impact Study
  - Transport Assessment
  - Restoration Study
  - Safeguarding Study
  - Equalities Impact Assessment
  - Duty to Cooperate Statement
  - Local Aggregate Assessment
- 4.4 Notice of the Draft Plan consultation was provided in a number of ways:
- Emails were sent to the statutory consultees.

- The consultation was advertised on the Central and Eastern Berkshire consultation website
- An advert informing people about the Consultation was placed in the following relevant newspapers in Central and Eastern Berkshire:
  - Bracknell News (01 August 2018)
  - Maidenhead Advertiser (02 August 2018)
  - Windsor and Slough Express (03 August 2018)
  - London Gazette (03 August 2018); and
  - The Wokingham Paper (09 August 2018)

4.5 Ten local events were held to support the consultation including:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event type</b>	<b>Attendees (Approx.)</b>
Arborfield Green Leisure Centre	18 July 2018	Minerals & Waste Plan Public Meeting	30
Knowl Hill Village Hall	24 July 2018	Minerals & Waste Plan Public Meeting	60
Wraysbury Village Hall	20 August 2018	Parish council meeting	20
Datchet Village Hall, Datchet	04 September 2018	Drop in	70
St Peter's Church, Knowl Hill	04 September 2018	Drop in	40
Desborough Theatre (Town Hall), Maidenhead	06 September 2018	Drop in	12
Reading Civic Offices, Reading	06 September 2018	Drop in	2
Three Mile Cross Church Theatre, Three Mile Cross, Reading	10 September	Drop in	13
St Mary's, Winkfield	11 September 2018	Drop in	70
Arborfield Green Community Centre, Arborfield	19 September 2018	Drop in	25

## Key Issues

- 4.6 The consultation resulted in 348 people and organisations responding to the five sections, (including background information on respondents) and / or making general comments regarding the consultation. Although the majority of the responses were clustered around the Policy Proposals, nearly every section of the Draft Plan received a consultation response. The 26 Policy Proposals (the Policies) generated a total of 747 comments, and although each policy proposal received at least one comment, most of the comments focussed on:
- Policy M4 – Locations for sand and gravel extraction (85 comments)

- Policy W1 – Sustainable waste development (57 comments)
- Policy W2 – Safeguarding of waste management facilities (54 comments)
- Policy W4 – Locations and sites for waste management (227 comments)
- Policy DM11 – Sustainable transport movements (53 comments)

4.7 The 27 delivery strategies (supporting text) generated a total of 272 comments. The majority of the received comments focussed on:

- Waste Capacity Requirements (227 comments)
- Locations for Sand and Gravel (85 comments)
- Safeguarding other minerals development infrastructure (57 comments)

4.8 The 13 documents making up the Evidence Base in Appendix C generated a total of 41 comments, with the majority of the comments being focussed on:

- Strategic Traffic and Transport Assessment (25 comments)
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (13 comments)
- Waste: Proposal Study (12 comments)

4.9 The consultation responses highlighted a number of key issues which have been taken into account when preparing the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. All the comments received for the Draft Plan consultation and a Consultation Summary report can be viewed on the consultation website:

[www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).

4.10 The following is a brief summary of the key issues raised:

- The majority of comments were from residents, raising points relating to individual sites, with a particular focus on amenity and transport impacts. There was strong opposition from residents to many of the policies on the grounds that they might enable sites with unacceptable impacts to come forward or continue operating.
- There was general support for the development management policies, though with concerns that they are not being applied appropriately to the allocated sites.
- The Transport policy generated a significant number of comments, due to its relationship with the allocated sites.
- Inconsistencies between the requirements of certain policies were pointed out, with request to add further protection considerations in the minerals and waste policies.
- The level of mineral provision was questioned, both in terms of the required provision and the available sites.

- Issues with the past performance of certain sites were raised, leading to a general mistrust in the public that future developments on those sites could be delivered without environmental or amenity impacts.
- It was highlighted that the NPPF requires sequential testing of the proposed sites in relation to flood risk.
- Clarifications were required on the waste figures.
- The need for specific protection of river corridors was stressed.

## Addressing the Key Issues

- 4.11 All the allocated sites were reviewed, and a number of sites were removed from further consideration as allocation in the Plan to account for comments and information received. Star Works and Planners Farm were discounted as allocations as it was considered that existing sites were not adding further certainty to the spatial strategy and that were being safeguarded by other policies. The remaining sites were subject to further review and the background evidence and development considerations were updated.
- 4.12 Several concerns were raised regarding Ham Island and an objection was received from Historic England. A meeting was held to discuss the issues and following further investigation, the issues could not be resolved and therefore, the site was not considered further for allocation in the Plan. Responses received from the Environment Agency, and others, also raised viability concerns.
- 4.13 Several concerns were also raised regarding the proposal at Bridge Farm, Shinfield and further review was undertaken, including consideration of the nearby Scheduled Moat. However, the proposal was also subject to a planning application which was refused in August 2019. The landowner subsequently withdrew the site from consideration as an allocation.
- 4.14 Further assessment of some sites (Riding Court Farm, Poyle Quarry and Water Oakley (subject to legal agreement) was not carried out as they were also subject to planning applications which were subsequently approved and therefore, would not be considered as allocations in the Plan.
- 4.15 Further Calls for Sites were initiated, in order to try to meet the mineral and waste management ambitions of the Plan. As insufficient minerals sites were available, an 'Area of Search' approach was proposed for identifying potential sand and gravel locations. For waste, further work was done on the industrial areas review to identify preferred areas for waste development, in addition to the allocations.

- 4.16 The Plan was revised to make the policies more consistent with regards to the requirements and format. Duplication of requirements (where they were covered by another policy) were removed and it was clarified that all relevant policies of the Plan need to be complied with in order for a development to be deemed as appropriate.
- 4.17 The transport policy was strengthened, clarifying the need for a Transport Assessment and ensuring the policy was consistent with national policy requirements. Consideration was given to how the policy related to air quality and greater emphasis on air quality was outlined elsewhere in the Plan, to reflect comments received by Slough Borough Council.
- 4.18 A new policy was developed to take account of past operator performance and unresolved issues on existing sites which was a concern raised by several respondents.
- 4.19 Sequential testing was undertaken as part of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.
- 4.20 The waste methodologies were reworked and updated, in coordination with the South East Waste Planning Advisory Group, in order to make the figures more robust and to ensure consistency throughout the Plan and the evidence base.
- 4.21 The ambitions for net self-sufficiency were strengthened and reliance on the Ardley energy from waste facility was removed. However, in line with the proximity principle for waste, reliance on the lakeside energy from waste facility was retained.
- 4.22 The Water Environment policy was separated into a specific flooding policy and water resources policy which recognises the importance water quality and also requires the consideration of river corridors in the supporting text.
- 4.23 Reference to biodiversity net-gain was added to reflect the desire in the comments for strong protections of the natural environment and policy developments.
- 4.24 Specific references to the historic environment were included to ensure this was given consideration alongside the natural environment. The Historic assets policy was revised to meet the requirements of Historic England and a Heritage Statement was prepared to demonstrate how the historic environment had been taken into account in decision-making on potential site allocations as well as to outline the data sources.

## **5. Additional Regulation 18 Consultation (site specific) on Bray Quarry Extension (2019)**

5.1 Following the Draft Plan consultation, work continued on updating the evidence base on minerals and waste requirements for the Plan area. This highlighted that there were insufficient minerals and waste proposals to meet demand and therefore, a further 'call for sites' was carried out which invited operators, landowners and agents to nominate suitable sites. This process led to the identified of Bray Quarry Extension and therefore, an additional site-specific Regulation 18 consultation was carried out.

5.2 The consultation was supported by extracts of the SA/SEA, HRA and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. The consultation took place between 9<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

5.1 The consultation material was available on-line and available for inspection during normal working hours at:

- Bracknell Forest Council offices: Times 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.

5.2 The consultation documents included:

- Site Specific Consultation paper

5.3 Notice of the consultation was provided in a number of ways:

- Emails were sent to the statutory consultees.
- The consultation was advertised on the Central and Eastern Berkshire consultation website
- An advert informing people about the Consultation was placed in the following relevant newspapers in Central and Eastern Berkshire:
  - Bracknell News (25 July 2019)
  - London Gazette (24 July 2019)
  - Maidenhead Advertiser (25 July 2019)
  - Windsor Express (25 July 2019)

5.4 A local event was held to support the consultation:

Location	Date	Event type	Attendees (Approx.)
Bray Village Hall	01 August 2019	Drop in	80

## Key Issues

- 5.5 The consultation comprised of the following four sections:
- Section one – Bray Quarry Extension and proposed development considerations
  - Section two – Sustainability Appraisal and other assessments of the proposed new site
  - Section three – Further comments
  - Section four – About you
- 5.6 The consultation resulted in a total of 42 people and organisations responding to all four sections.
- 5.7 The comments received within section one predominantly fell under respondents feeling the additional consultation was not compliant with legal requirements or meeting the Tests of Soundness. Further to this, a number of respondents felt changes were needed to the development considerations and thus went on to describe what changes were needed and how they should be made.
- 5.8 Section two was divided into five sub-sections, with numerous comments being received for each of the assessments. Most comments on section three reinforced earlier comments or included feedback on the consultation process.
- 5.9 Some respondents to the additional consultation as an opportunity to highlight their concerns about another existing operational site known as Monkey Island Lane, which is a processing plant also within the jurisdiction of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.
- 5.10 The consultation responses highlighted a number of key issues which have been taken into account when preparing the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. All the comments received for the Focused consultation and a Consultation Summary report can be viewed on the consultation website: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).
- 5.11 The following is a concise summary of the key issues raised:
- Concerns were raised regarding unacceptable amenity impacts associated with the proposal (proximity to residential properties, noise, dust, vermin, air quality)

- There was also concern over groundwater quality and supply. It was highlighted that a hydrogeological risk assessment needed to be included in the evidence base for this proposed site. An objection to the proposal was received from the Environment Agency due to the potential impact on public water supply.
- Concern was raised about the site being in a flood zone, and the associated impacts / risks that could be increased should the proposal proceed.
- The need for a sequential test, sequential approach and exception test was highlighted for inclusion in the development considerations section of the consultation, as well as Appendix C (Sustainability Appraisal Extract)
- The site is in the Green Belt and if approved, there was concern the proposal could cause negative impacts on local wildlife and habitats
- It was felt that the rural setting of the village of Bray, as well as the village's listed buildings and Bray Conservation Area would be negatively impacted if the site is permitted. An objection to the proposal was received from Historic England due to the potential impact on the Listed Buildings and Conservation Area. The potential impact on archaeology was also raised.
- Concerns around the increase in traffic (associated with the site) on already congested local roads, coupled with the increases in pollution were raised. An objection was submitted by Highways England over the potential impact of the proposal on the M4.
- Many thought that the consultation process was over complicated. Some responses criticised the formality and structure of the additional consultation response form, and the use of jargon throughout the consultation documents and response form.
- Some people and / or organisations highlighted they had not been consulted but felt they should have been.

## Addressing the Key Issues

5.12 The relevant assessments were amended to take into account comments made during the consultation.

5.13 A meeting was held with Highways England and wording was agreed that could be included as development considerations to overcome the risks to the M4.

5.14 A meeting was held with the Environment Agency to discuss the risk to public water supply. It was not possible to resolve the concerns at the allocation stage without detailed hydrological assessment work and therefore, the site was not considered further for allocation in the Plan.

5.15 Further work was undertaken to determine the potential impact of the proposal on the setting of the Jesus Hospital and a statement was prepared in agreement with Conservation Officer at RBWM. The objection from Historic England currently still stands and therefore, the site was not considered further for allocation in the Plan.

## 6. Focussed Regulation 18 Consultation – Sand & Gravel Provision and Operator Performance (2020)

- 6.1 During the summer of 2019, one of the proposed allocations of the Draft Plan (Bridge Farm) was refused planning permission. The landowner ‘shelved’ any plans for extraction and has not renewed the option with operator (Cemex). This meant that emerging Plan was making limited provision of sand and gravel. Thus, a fourth ‘Call for Sites’ was undertaken in autumn 2019 and an ‘Area of Search’ approach was explored. The ‘Call for Sites’ generated two sand and gravel proposals<sup>8</sup> within the Plan area, and therefore presented a further consultation under Regulation 18 was undertaken. The consultation also included a new Policy (DM15) for inclusion in the emerging Plan which had been developed in response to the concerns raised by local residents highlighted through the Draft Plan consultation.
- 6.2 The consultation was supported by extracts of the SA/SEA, HRA and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. The consultation took place between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.
- 6.3 The consultation material was available on-line and available to view at [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult). The consultation documents included:
- Focussed Consultation document
- 6.4 The following consultation methods were employed by the Authorities:
- Emails were sent to the statutory consultees.
  - The consultation was advertised on the Central and Eastern Berkshire consultation website
  - An advert informing people about the Consultation was placed in the following relevant newspapers in Central and Eastern Berkshire:
    - Arranged by the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
      - Bracknell News (19 February 2020)
      - Maidenhead Advertiser and Windsor Express (20 and 21 February 2020)
      - London Gazette (21 February 2020)
    - Arranged by Wokingham Borough Council
      - Wokingham Paper (13 February 2020)
  - The consultation documents were made available in appropriate locations in each of the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities (either Civic Offices and / or libraries), as well as online via the dedicated

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<sup>8</sup> Land West of Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood (Wokingham Borough Council) and Area between Horton Brook and Poyle Quarry (The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead)

Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities consultation website (hosted by Hampshire Services).

- 6.5 Two local events were planned to support the consultation. However, one event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and advice issued by Public Health England and Central Government.

Location	Date	Event type	Attendees (Approx.)
Swallowfield Village Hall	11 March 2020	Drop in	50
Champney Hall, Horton, SL3 9PA	17 March 2020	Drop in	Cancelled

## Key Issues

- 6.6 The consultation resulted in 702 representations. Responses came from various consultees, including residents, statutory consultees, public utilities, other minerals and waste planning authorities and parish / district / borough councils.
- 6.7 All five sections of the Focussed Consultation received responses; the specific questions as set out in the supporting online response form were answered and respondents also took the opportunity to provide more general comments.
- 6.8 A wide range of responses were received to the Focussed Consultation. The total number of responses received to the specific sections of the Focussed Consultation (excluding sections four and five; *Further comments* and *About you*, respectively) is as follows:
- Section one (Area of Search approach) (53 responses)
  - Section two(a) (Land West of Basingstoke Road) (663 responses)
  - Section two(b) (Area between Horton Brook and Poyle Quarry) (46 responses)
  - Section three (Policy DM15: Past Operator Performance) (43 responses)
- 6.9 The consultation responses highlighted a number of key issues which have been taken into account when preparing the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. All the comments received for the Focused consultation and a Consultation Summary report can be viewed on the consultation website: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult).
- 6.10 The following is a concise summary of the key issues raised:
- The Area of Search proposal was considered by some to be too open ended and it failed to provide sufficient tests.

- It was felt the wording associated with the Area of Search proposal needs to be amended and made clearer.
- Land West of Basingstoke Road generated the following concerns:
  - Negative impacts on air quality (particularly in relation to nearby childcare / school settings)
  - Negative impacts on surrounding roads (potential increased risk of accidents and an increase in traffic on already congested roads)
  - Negative impacts on ecology and protected local species
  - The distinct character of the countryside and the visual landscape could be lost
  - The negative impacts that could result on scheduled ancient monuments and listed buildings. The Historic Environment Assessment should impact deeper analysis the site could have on nearby listed buildings
  - Flooding – the site lies within Flood Zones 1, 2 and 3b. A detailed flood risk assessment needs to be provided and the application of the sequential test needs to be included
  - The site is not commercially viable, according to previous geological surveys undertaken at the site
- Although there was some support for the second proposed site (Area between Horton Brook and Poyle Quarry), a number of concerns were raised and related to the following:
  - the diversion of the Colne Valley Way – an existing Bridleway located within the proposed site
  - Insufficient infrastructure safeguards for the village [of Horton] which falls within the Green Belt and includes many historical sites
  - A groundwater and hydrogeological risk assessment of potential impacts in the area is missing, but needs to be supplied
  - South West London Water Bodies SPA / Ramsar site and the potential impacts are given appropriate weight through the HRA
- The Past Operator Performance policy (DM15) received some support, particularly for its intent, but also a number of considerations were raised, particularly around its consistency with national policy and how it would be applied.

## Addressing the Key Issues

6.11 The Areas of Search criteria were re-considered, however as they are in line with national policy and narrowing them could exclude potentially suitable sites and be harder to justify, the broader approach was retained. The supporting text was reviewed and strengthened.

- 6.12 Land West of Basingstoke Road was reviewed and removed from further consideration as an allocation in the Plan due to a number of issues including a lack of information which drew concern over deliverability and viability of the proposal.
- 6.13 The issues around the Area between Horton Brook and Poyle Quarry were further explored with the developers, Countryside Officers and the Colne Valley Regional Park, leading to strengthening of the Countryside policy with specific reference to the protection of rights of way, as well as additional development considerations.
- 6.14 Upon a review of the policy and of national policy and guidance, the principle of DM15 was considered justified due to the policy gap that is otherwise present in this area and so the policy itself was retained. Some minor amendments were made to include policy wording and implementation suggestions, though other suggestions were considered too detailed for the Plan policy stage.

## Appendix One: Consultation Materials

Letter for Issues and Options Consultation (9 June to 21 July 2017):



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9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities - Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Regulation 18 Issues and Options Consultation**

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities') are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals & Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area.

The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, eventually providing replacement policies based on up to date evidence of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. Importantly, the Plan aims to establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives. It will set out a new Vision of how this will be achieved and provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver that Vision.

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Plans) Regulations 2012, an Issues and Options Consultation paper has been produced and this forms the first stage of the plan preparation. The Paper sets out the Vision and Objectives of the Plan, as well as the initial issues and options regarding minerals and waste data which will inform the Plan. The purpose of this consultation is to provide an opportunity for stakeholders

and the community to consider the important issues around the extraction of minerals and management of waste before any decisions are taken on Preferred Options.

The Issues and Options consultation paper poses a series of questions to prompt discussion and elicit further evidence. You can respond to as many of the questions as you feel are appropriate to you or the organisation which you represent. There is also capacity to make free text comments on any matter that you feel would help consideration of these issues.

The Consultation Paper is supported by a number of evidence base documents including:

- Minerals: Background Study
- Waste: Background Study
- Methodology Reports (including for assessment of Sites, Transport & Landscape)
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment: Methodology and Baseline
- Consultation Strategy
- Equalities Impact Assessment.

The Consultation Paper and supporting documents are available to view on the consultation webpage: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

Documents are also available for inspection during normal working hours:

- **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.

A consultation Response Form is available to complete on-line or download from the consultation webpage: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

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The outcomes of the consultation will help to shape the next stage of Regulation 18: Preferred Options, which will outline how and where minerals and waste will be managed within Central & Eastern Berkshire.

Following the completion of the consultation, the information received will be used to update the evidence and inform decisions on preferred options for the next stage in plan making. A full report detailing the outcomes of the consultation will be produced and made available online.

The Issues and Options Consultation will be launched on **9 June 2017** and will run for six weeks, closing at 5pm on **21 July 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

\*Hampshire Services



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## Appendix Two: Consultation Material

Letter for Draft Plan Consultation (6 August to 12 October 2018):



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3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Central and Eastern Berkshire - Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Regulation 18 Draft Plan Consultation**

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities') are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals & Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area.

The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, eventually providing replacement policies based on up to date evidence of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. Importantly, the Plan aims to establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives. It will set out a new Vision of how this will be achieved and provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver that Vision.

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Plans) Regulations 2012, a Draft Plan (formerly referred to as 'Preferred Options) consultation paper has been produced and this forms the second stage of the plan preparation. The Draft Plan sets out draft policies to enable sustainable minerals and waste development as well as

proposed sites (allocations) which identify where development may take place during the life of the Plan.

The consultation is an opportunity for the minerals and waste industry, local communities and other interested parties to comment on the Draft Plan. You can respond to as much of the Plan as you feel is appropriate to you or the organisation which you represent. There is also capacity to make free text comments on any matter that you feel would help consideration of these issues.

The Consultation Paper is supported by a number of evidence base documents including:

- Local Aggregate Assessment (2017)
- Minerals & Waste: Background Study
- Waste: Background Study
- Minerals: Proposal Study
- Waste: Proposal Study
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) Report
- Habitats Regulations Assessment: Screening Report
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment
- Strategic Traffic & Transport Assessment
- Restoration Study
- Minerals & Waste Safeguarding Study
- Duty to Cooperate Statement

The Consultation Paper and supporting documents are available to view on the consultation webpage: [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

Documents are also available for inspection during normal working hours:

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Public exhibitions will take place during the consultation period at the following locations:

- Datchet Village Hall, 3 Allen Way, Datchet SL3 9HR:
  - **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 3.30-7.30pm**

- St Peter's Church, 4 Bath Road, Knowl Hill, Reading, RG10 9XB
  - **Tuesday 4th September – 4.00-8.00pm**
- Reading Civic Offices, Bridge Road, RG1 2LU
  - **Thursday 6th September – 3.00-7.00pm**
- Desborough Theatre (Town Hall), Park St, Maidenhead SL6 1RF:
  - **Thursday 6th September – 3.30-7.30pm**
- Three Mile Cross Church Centre, Mitford Close off Basingstoke Road, Three Mile Cross, RG7 1HF
  - **Monday 10th September – 4.30-8.00pm**
- St Mary's Winkfield, Church Road, SL4 4SF
  - **Tuesday 11th September – 3.00-7.00pm**
- Aborfield Green Community Centre, Sheerlands Road, Aborfield, RG2 9ND (parking off Princess Marina or Rowcroft Road)
  - **Wednesday 19th September – 4.00-8.00pm**

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Following the completion of the consultation, a full report detailing the outcomes of the consultation will be produced and made available online.

The outcomes of the consultation will help to shape the next stage of Regulation 19: Proposed Submission, which will refine the policies and allocations in preparation for submission to government.

The Draft Plan Consultation will be launched on **6 August 2018** and will run for ten weeks, closing at 5pm on **12 October 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

\*Hampshire Services



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## Appendix Three: Consultation Material

### Letter for Additional Regulation 18 (site specific) Consultation on Bray Quarry Extension (9 July to 19 August 2019):



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9 July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### **Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Additional Regulation 18 (Site Specific) Consultation on the Potential Allocation of the Bray Quarry Extension Site**

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities) are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision making in the Plan area.

The Joint Minerals and Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, eventually providing replacement policies based on up to date evidence of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. Importantly, the Plan aims to establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives. It will set out a new vision of how this will be achieved and provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver the vision.

The 'Draft Plan' consultation in Summer / Autumn 2018 set out the proposed approach for the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. This followed the 'Issues and Options' consultation in Summer 2017. As a result of the responses received and

consideration of local circumstances, the draft policies and proposed allocations are being reviewed and will be amended accordingly to inform the preparation of the Proposed Submission Plan.

Following the 'Draft Plan' consultation, it was decided to hold a further 'call for site' exercise inviting site nominations from industry, agents and landowners. Bray Quarry Extension was the only site proposed. An initial assessment of the site has been undertaken and it has been concluded that it may potentially be suitable to be allocated for sand and gravel extraction, although no decisions have been made at this stage.

You are invited to submit comments on whether the Bray Quarry Extension site should be allocated for sand and gravel extraction in the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. There is no need to repeat previous comments made on the plan.

There is one consultation document supporting the site-specific consultation and it can be found by visiting [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

Documents are also available for inspection during normal working hours at all libraries within the Royal Borough. More details of these libraries can be found at [https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/directory/7/find\\_a\\_library](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/directory/7/find_a_library).

A consultation response form is available to complete online or can be downloaded from [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

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The responses received from this focussed site-specific Regulation 18 consultation will inform the Proposed Submission Plan (Regulation 19) which is being prepared by Hampshire Services on behalf of Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities.

The site-specific Draft Plan Consultation will be launched on 9 July 2019 and will run for six weeks, closing at 5pm on 19 August 2019.

Yours faithfully,

\*Hampshire Services



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## Appendix Four: Consultation Material

### Letter for Focused Regulation 18 Consultation on Sand & Gravel Provision and Operator Performance (11 February to 23 March 2020):



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11 February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### **Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Focussed Regulation 18 Consultation: Sand & Gravel Provision and Operator Performance**

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities) are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision making in the Plan area.

The Joint Minerals and Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, eventually providing replacement policies based on up to date evidence of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. Importantly, the Plan aims to establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives. It will set out a new vision of how this will be achieved and provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver the vision.

To date, several information gathering consultations have been achieved to inform the Plan, each of these form part of Regulation 18:

- In Summer 2017, an 'Issues and Options' Consultation was undertaken to gather technical information and confirm the evidence base;
- During Summer / Autumn 2018, a 'Draft Plan' consultation set out the proposed approach for the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan
- Due to a limited number of site options, a further 'Call for Sites' exercise was carried out. This resulted in an additional site (Bray Quarry Extension) being proposed. This was subject to consultation during the Summer of 2019

Work is underway to prepare the Proposed Submission version of the Plan. However, one of the proposed allocations was recently refused planning permission. The landowner has 'shelved' any plans for extraction and has not renewed the option to extract minerals from the site with the operator. As a result, the plan was making limited provision of sand and gravel. In order help address this, a further call for sites was undertaken in late 2019 and an 'Area of Search' approach was explored.

The Consultation document sets out the criteria for defining an 'Area of Search' for sand and gravel provision. It also includes two new sites (which have been nominated following a recent 'Call for Sites' exercise) and these are being considered for allocation in the Plan. These sites are: Land west of Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood which is within the Borough of Wokingham and has the potential to provide sand and gravel and; an area between Horton Brook and Poyle Quarry, which is within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and has the potential to provide 250,000 tonnes of sand and gravel.

In addition, and as a result of the responses received in relation to the 'Draft Plan', including concerns raised by local residents, a new policy has been drafted. It aims to ensure the past performance of minerals and waste operators form part of the material considerations taken into account in decision making.

The Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities are required to undertake the same level of consultation for these newly proposed sites and new policy as the rest of the Plan and background evidence base.

As a result, the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities are inviting feedback from statutory consultees, stakeholders, communities, local organisations and businesses on the 'Areas of Search' approach, the potential new sites (Land west of Basingstoke Road and the Area between Horton Brook and Poyle Quarry) and the Operator Past Performance Policy.

The responses received from this Focussed Regulation 18 Consultation will inform the Proposed Submission Plan (Regulation 19) which is being prepared by Hampshire Services on behalf of Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities and is intended to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The consultation document supporting this consultation can be found by visiting [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:

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A consultation response form is available to complete online or can be downloaded from [www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult](http://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult)

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This consultation will be launched on Tuesday, 11 February 2020 and will run for six weeks, closing at **5pm on Monday, 23 March 2020**.

Yours faithfully,

Hampshire Services\*



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