

Essex County Council
Minerals & Waste Planning
Planning and Environment
County Hall
Chelmsford CM1 1QH



Our Ref: RWLP/Modifications
Date: 5 January 2017

Dear Parish/Town Council

**Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan – Modifications
Public consultation: 5 January to 16 February 2017**

We informed you in June 2016 that the Essex Replacement Waste Local Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. As part of the examination, public hearing sessions were held by a Planning Inspector in September/October 2016, where the Plan and its supporting evidence were considered.

The hearing sessions are now adjourned and the two councils have made a request to the Inspector to make several modifications to the plan which would make it appropriate for adoption. The schedule of modifications, the addendum to the Site Assessment and Methodology report and the addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal are now the subject of a six-week consultation.

This is a focused consultation, only comments made on the potential modifications and the two supporting addendum reports will be taken into account in the Inspector's report.

In line with e-government policy we would encourage you to respond to the consultation online via <http://consult.essexcc.gov.uk> by 17:00 on 16 February. Responding online is the fastest and most effective method of response; it also allows responses to be processed quickly so to be ready for viewing on the engagement homepage.

Consultation Documents

- Schedule of Modifications: MC1
- Site Assessment and Methodology Report Addendum: MC2
- Sustainability Appraisal Addendum: MC3

Where can I view the documents?

- Online at www.essex.gov.uk/WLP and www.southend.gov.uk/wastelocalplan;
- At County Hall, Chelmsford from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm by appointment via mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk or 03330 139 808;
- At the Civic Centre, Southend from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm by appointment via debeeskiner@southend.gov.uk or 01702 215408.

Paper copies of the Schedule of Modifications are also available to view at:

- Essex district, borough and city council offices – contact direct for opening hours;
- Essex and Southend-on-Sea libraries – contact direct for opening hours

Please note that free internet access to the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Site Assessment and Methodology Report Addendum are available at these libraries.

How can I make a response?

- Online - using the consultation portal <http://consult.essexcc.gov.uk>
- Using the response form (downloaded from the above website) and returned via:
- Email - mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk
- Post - Minerals and Waste Planning (RWLP), Planning and Environment, Essex County Council, Freepost CL 3636, E3 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1XZ.

Examination in Public

The examination of the Plan will continue until the Inspector issues her final report, which is expected in spring 2017 once the Inspector has considered all of the comments on the modifications.

All enquiries relating to the Examination in Public should be made to the Programme Officer, Claire Jones-Hughes, at bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com or on 01273 381518 / 07737 786 425. The Programme Officer is an independent officer for the examination who reports directly to the Inspector to organise and manage the administrative and procedural matters of the examination process. If you wish to be kept informed of the timeframe for the Examination in Public, please contact Claire so that she can include you on her distribution list.

Please help us to publicise this consultation to the residents of your town/parish by displaying the attached public notice and place details of the consultation in your local council newsletter and on your website.

If you have any queries relating to this letter or the Replacement Waste Local Plan in general, please contact us at the number or email below.

Yours sincerely



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