

6 January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Publication of the Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (Regulation 19)**

In partnership, West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have prepared a Proposed Submission Draft Soft Sand Review of the Joint Minerals Local Plan, as required by Policy M2 of the adopted Plan.

The responses received to the "Soft Sand Review – Issues & Options Consultation (Reg.18)" during early 2019, as well as further technical work, have informed the preparation of the Proposed Submission Draft Soft Sand Review.

The Proposed Submission Draft Review addresses the three key issues identified on the issue of soft sand supply:

1. the amount of soft sand that needs to be planned for;
2. strategy options for soft sand supply; and
3. potential sites and site selection.

The Soft Sand Review is being published prior to its submission to the Secretary of State to allow representations to be made on its 'soundness' and legal and procedural compliance. Representations can be made up until **11.59pm on Monday 2 March 2020**.

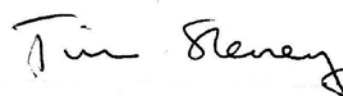
Following this representations period, the review, its supporting evidence base, and the representations received will be considered by a Government-appointed Planning Inspector, at an examination-in-public to be held in summer 2020. If the review is considered to be 'sound', the proposed changes will be adopted by both Authorities, and incorporated into the Joint Minerals Local Plan.

Accompanying this letter is a 'Statement of Representation Procedures' which sets out details of the representations period and where documents can be obtained, including Representation Forms and Guidance Notes on how representations are to be made.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Elkington  
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