

# Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

## Notice of Submission for Examination

### **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Regulation 22**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, Herefordshire Council submitted the *Minerals and Waste Local Plan* ('MWLP' or 'the Plan') to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public.

The MWLP sets out the council's preferred strategy for meeting the county's minerals and waste needs until 2041. It presents a vision, objectives, spatial strategy, planning policies and allocations for minerals and waste development within Herefordshire. The Plan's main purpose is to provide guidance to developers, local communities and other interested parties on where and when minerals and waste development may be expected over the Plan period, as well as how this will be managed to reduce adverse impacts and maximise benefits.

Once adopted, the MWLP will form part of the statutory development plan and the council will use it, along with the Local Plan Core Strategy, as the starting point for decisions on planning applications for development relating to minerals and waste activities.

Evidence gathering and preparation of the MWLP began in 2016. There have been two call for sites exercises and three rounds of public consultation during its preparation. Comments to the first two rounds of consultation have been used to devise the submission version of the Plan. The Publication Draft MWLP which was consulted on during April/May 2021, has been submitted, with the responses received, along with a 'Schedule of Main Modifications and Minor Changes proposed Pre-Examination' and all other supporting documents. The Inspector will now consider the responses alongside the Plan and the suggested modifications.

None of the edits proposed through the schedule of proposed modifications and minor changes are considered fundamentally to change the aims or objectives of the MWLP overall; they are clarifications either to update the Plan and/or to ensure that the meaning of policy is clear to all using it. The council has taken an approach of erring in favour of defining a change as a main modification where there is any change to policy, such that it can be tested through the Examination. The minor changes relate to rectifying formatting and typographical errors, or constitute simple updates and corrections.

The submitted version of the MWLP, the proposed modifications and minor changes, supporting documents and representations received during the consultation period on the Publication Draft MWLP are available at:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1/minerals-waste-local-plan/3>

They can also be viewed online at Herefordshire Council libraries during normal opening hours.

For the opening times and address details of Herefordshire libraries, please telephone 01432 260000, or check the council's website at: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/libraries-1/libraries-opening-hours/1>

**Next Steps**

Once appointed by the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspector will carry out an independent Examination of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which may include hearing sessions that are open to the public to attend. Information about the examination will be made available online and also sent to all those who submitted a Publication Draft MWLP representation in 2021. If you did not submit a representation at this stage, but would like to be kept informed, please contact the Programme Officer, using the contact details below.

All communication to and from the Planning Inspector during the Examination will be managed by the appointed Programme Officer, Rosalind Fallon, who can be contacted at:

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