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# Joint Waste & Minerals Planning



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Dear Mr Farhall

## **Waste and Minerals Core Strategy and Minerals Sites Development Plan Document - Consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**

The County Council and the City Council are in the first stages of jointly preparing new documents which will contain the Councils' policies on the use of land for the management of waste and production of minerals in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

### *Waste and Minerals Development Plan Documents*

These new documents are called 'Development Plan Documents' (DPDs). They will include a 'Waste and Minerals Core Strategy' which sets out a vision and core policies, and, a separate DPD setting out allocations for sites suitable for the production of minerals (to be known as the 'Minerals Sites DPD').

The above DPDs will go through various public participation phases and will not be completed until 2011. In the meantime the recently adopted Waste Local Plan remains in force and is likely to be retained until replaced by the new DPDs. Similarly, the Councils intend to save the policies in the Minerals Local Plan (adopted in 1999) until replaced by the new DPDs. Please note work on allocations for waste sites will not commence until 2009.

## *Sustainability*

A key principle underpinning the preparation of the guidance and policies in the DPDs is the need to ensure that they contribute to sustainable development. In order to achieve this each of them will be subject to a 'Sustainability Appraisal' (SA). SA is a systematic and iterative appraisal process that will inform the various stages of production of the DPDs.

A 'Scoping Report' is the first stage in developing a SA. The Scoping Report analyses relevant plans, policies and programmes, baseline data, and key sustainability issues and problems in the area to help identify the extent of the SA.

## *Consultation*

A draft Scoping Report has now been published for a formal five week consultation period commencing on 19 March 2007 and completing at 5.00pm on 23 April 2007 and **We would like to invite you to comment on the draft Scoping Report**. Your involvement at this stage in developing the SA is important because the sustainability objectives contained in the final SA will, in the future, be used to assess every waste and minerals DPD that is produced.

The Report can be inspected at libraries and council offices and also viewed on the Councils' websites [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk) and [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk). Comments forms are similarly available. If you would like to purchase a copy please send a cheque for £30.00 payable to East Sussex County Council to Amanda Parks at the above address. If you have any other queries please contact Amanda on 01273 481846 or by e-mail: [amanda.parks@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.parks@eastsussex.gov.uk).

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours Sincerely



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