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Dear Sir/Madam

EAST SUSSEX, SOUTH DOWNS AND BRIGHTON & HOVE WASTE AND MINERALS PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION: 27 OCTOBER TO 8 DECEMBER 2011; INVITATION TO WORKSHOP 17 NOVEMBER 2011

Further to recent correspondence on the above matter, we are pleased to confirm that consultation on the draft Waste and Minerals Plan will take place from **Thursday 27 October to Thursday 8 December 2011**. The Plan will set out planning policy for waste and minerals to 2026 and beyond and is being prepared jointly by East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

Consideration has been given to the comments received during the October 2009 - January 2010 consultation on a Preferred Strategy document. A revised approach is being put forward and a full draft Plan has been prepared on which we would like your views.

What is in the 'draft Waste and Minerals Plan'?

The draft Waste and Minerals Plan sets out a vision, objectives and draft planning policies for implementing the strategy for managing waste and producing minerals to 2026. To assist consultation a shortened version of the draft Plan, which also contains background and contextual information, has been prepared and a copy is enclosed. The full document and more detailed, supporting information contained in the Sustainability Appraisal, a series of Information Papers, and background studies, are also available (to view or download) on the following website: <http://consult.eastsussex.gov.uk>.

We would like you to review the draft Plan and submit your comments in order for us to help ensure the Plan is accurate and robust before preparing the final versions of policies for submission to Government next year.

How do I make comments?

Our online software has been designed to make submitting comments via a website much easier for you. We encourage you to send in your comments online as this will help make significant savings of resources and paper. Anyone can view the documents online but to submit comments you will need to have a username. If you have previously registered on the website you will receive an email with a reminder of your username. If you have not registered before please click on the 'Login/Register' icon at <http://consult.eastsussex.gov.uk> and enter your details. Please contact us (see below) if you encounter any problems. Registering your email address will also enable us to notify you by email of future stages in the preparation of the Plan.

You can also submit your views by email to wasteandmineralsdf@eastsussex.gov.uk. If you do not have access to a computer you can view hard copies of consultation documentation including Information Papers at County, District and Borough Council offices across East Sussex, City Direct Offices in Brighton, Hove and Portslade, the National Park Authority offices in Midhurst or main libraries across the County and City.

Comments can also be sent to us by post to the following address: Economy, Transport & Environment Dept., East Sussex County Council, C4 Waste and Minerals Policy (AP), FREEPOST (LW43), Lewes BN7 1BR or Fax to: 01273 479536.

We ask you to comment on the draft Waste and Minerals Plan and in particular consider whether the proposed approaches and policies are the right ones and whether they are deliverable. Please note that the next formal stage of consultation will be about the tests of 'soundness' only **so if you have any comments about the approaches in the plan then we would urge you to submit those comments during this consultation** so that they can be fully taken into account.

Workshop

We would also like to invite you to a workshop for key stakeholders on **17 November 2011**. The workshop will give you an opportunity to hear more about the Plan and provide feedback on the revised approach set out in the draft Plan. The focus of the workshop will be on the **waste policies** in the Plan, particularly:

- the overarching strategy for planning for waste management; and
- the delivery strategy for built waste recovery (recycling and other recovery) facilities.

The workshop will be at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE. Tea/coffee will be served from 9.00am to start at 9.30am. The session will close by 12.30pm. Please confirm your place using the contact details below.

Contact Us

If you have any queries or would like help with an explanation of the draft Plan please email us at wasteandmineralsdf@eastsussex.gov.uk or telephone either: East Sussex County Council, Waste & Minerals Planning Policy team on 01273 481846; or Brighton & Hove City Council, Planning Strategy team on 01273 292505.

We look forward to receiving your comments and hope you are able to attend the workshop.

Yours faithfully

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