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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012**

**Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (the Plan) Review**

**Regulation 18 Public Consultation**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) was adopted in July 2016 with some limited changes adopted in 2020 as part of the Early Partial Review.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and legislation states policies in Local Plans should be reviewed at least once every five years and updated as necessary. A statutory five-year review of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan was completed in 2021. The review found that while much of the Local Plan is still relevant, some updates were needed to respond to changes in government policy and legislation since 2016.

Consultation on changes to the Local Plan arising from the review took place between December 2021 and February 2022. In light of these comments, it is proposed that the updated Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan now plans for a 15-year period between 2023 and 2038. This is consistent with national policy requirements.

An updated Local Plan has now been prepared, taking account of the changes found necessary during the review process, the comments received in the previous consultation, and the need to plan for a 15 year period between 2023 and 2038. Under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, we are now inviting comments on the updated Local Plan. To meet aggregate requirements for the revised plan period, the Council has also identified the need to make additional provision for hard rock. There is a separate 'call for sites' as part of the updated Local Plan consultation. In addition to commenting on the draft Local Plan, comments are invited on the site assessment methodology.

Details of the proposed changes to the KMWLP and the site assessment methodology are available on the County Council's website: [www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste).


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**The consultation period runs from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 until midnight on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

Comments can be submitted via our website [www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste), via email to [mwlp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mwlp@kent.gov.uk) or by post to Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, 1st Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy team via 03000 422370 or [mwlp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mwlp@kent.gov.uk).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Thompson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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