

# WEST BERKSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

## Virtual Hearing – Day 3

Thursday 3 February 2022

### Matter 3 - Construction Aggregates Supply

*Continued*

### Matter 6 – Strategic Policies

## AGENDA

### General Notes

- i This agenda is intended as a flexible guide to oral discussion where it is required. Otherwise the matters and issues previously identified will be considered on the basis of written evidence.*
- ii It is not intended to repeat introductory matters covered in the Guidance and Schedule of Matters and Issues [INSP.4/5] but to proceed as quickly as possible to the substance of the Agenda.*
- iii Where participants, including West Berkshire Council, are named in [italic square brackets] they will be invited to open the item concerned.*
- iv This agenda includes only those Main Modifications proposed by WBC which require discussion.*

### Morning Session 10.00am

### Invited Participants

Beenham Parish Council  
Engelfield Estate (Land and Mineral Management)  
Mr Bullock and Dr White (Charlie Hopkins)  
Paul and Victoria Machin  
Tarmac (Dan Walker Ltd)  
Tyle Mill (Richard Anstis)

### Matter 3

### Issue 3 - Tidney Bed Allocation – Policy 30 [BPC]

Are the development principles stated for the allocated sharp sand and gravel site at **Tidney Bed** appropriate, justified and potentially effective and will the site contribute sufficiently to the requisite supply and landbank of sharp sand and gravel through the MWLP period, having regard to the following planning considerations, impacts and constraints? *(unless already covered under Site Selection - Issue 1a)*

- a. AONB - impact and exceptional circumstances test for major development (noting the *Adverse* judgment – CD004Ip60)
- b. Access
- c. Biodiversity net gain
- d. Tyle Mill Conservation Area
- e. Proximity to main railway line

- f. Flooding risk
- g. Groundwater protection
- h. Deliverability overall
- i. Restoration and potential after-use and timescale
- j. Cumulative impact

### ***Afternoon Session 2.00pm***

#### **Invited Participants**

Mr and Mrs Mills (John Cowley)  
West Berkshire Council

### **Matter 6 - Strategic Policies - Policies 5, 6, 7, 15**

#### ***Issue 1 – Policy Terms Policies 5,7,15***

##### Policy 5 - General Waste Management Facilities [WBC]

- a.  
Are the terms of Policy 5 appropriate with respect to the exceptional circumstances test for proposals outside the stated favoured areas?
- b.  
Is Policy 5 too restrictive, including with regard to greenfield sites?
- c.  
Does Policy 5 (with other policies) provide sufficient protection from the impact of waste development, as distinct from other types of industrial development?
- d.  
Should Policy 5 be reworded in terms of criteria for compliance (rather than a presumption in favour with exceptions)?
- e.  
*In respect of a-d above:*  
Consideration of **MM21** to remove the presumption in favour and reference to exceptional circumstances.

##### Policy 7 - Landfill [WBC]

- a.  
Does Policy 7 make appropriate provision for landfill over old landfill sites to maintain ground levels?
- b.  
Should Policy 7 be reworded in terms of criteria for compliance (rather than a presumption in favour with exceptions)?  
Consideration of **MM25** to remove the presumption in favour and reference to exceptional circumstances.

Policy 15 – Permanent Aggregate Infrastructure [WBC]

a.

Should Policy 15 be extended to cover Permanent Waste Infrastructure?

b.

Should Policy 15 be reworded in terms of criteria for compliance (rather than a presumption in favour with exceptions)?

Consideration of **MM30** to remove the presumption in favour and reference to exceptional circumstances.

***Issue 2 – Equine Waste Policy 6 [WBC]***

Does Policy 6 – Specialist Waste Facilities - make sufficient and appropriate provision for the specialist treatment of equine waste?

Consideration of **MM24** to include equine waste.