

**AM 628/22**

## **NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

### **AUTHORITY MEETING – 14 JULY 2022**

#### **HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS)**

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#### **Summary:**

The New Forest National Park Authority, as a minerals and waste planning authority, is currently working with Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, and the South Downs National Park Authority to revise the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. The adopted Plan covers the whole of the New Forest National Park, including the area within south Wiltshire. The Plan was adopted in 2013 and needs to be updated to reflect changes in national policy since that time, and to ensure policy criteria enable suitable development to come forward. This report updates members with a proposed revised timetable for the review of the Minerals and Waste Plan.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That members approve the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Local Development Scheme as set out in Annex 1 to this report, which sets out the updated timetable and programme for the partial update of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (2013), subject to agreement by the other minerals and waste plan-making partner Authorities.**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Members approved the principle of a partial review of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan in March 2021, together with the Local Development Scheme setting out the timetable for that process.
- 1.2 The timetable for the partial update of the Plan as approved included commencement of plan preparation in March 2021. The first public consultation on the Draft Plan was expected to take place in October 2021. It was anticipated that the Plan would be submitted to Government during Winter 2022 with adoption in Autumn 2023.

#### **2. Reasons for changes to the timetable**

- 2.1 There have been a number of delays to the process of revising the Plan.
- 2.2 Work on understanding the current capacity, forecasts for waste management and future policy direction for the plan has been complicated by the numerous recent Government consultations on waste and other matters such as nature conservation (including the requirement for minerals and waste developments to deliver the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain from 2023) and air quality. The outcomes of these consultations are likely to relate to the policies in the Plan and there is a need to

ensure the Plan takes these outcomes into account, where possible and to ensure it is flexible where appropriate to allow for future national policy changes.

- 2.3 Furthermore, the current international situation has elevated the political priority of the issues of energy prices and energy security. Hampshire has both existing oil and gas operations and the potential for new developments of these energy sources. with appropriate policy set out in the current adopted Minerals and Waste Plan. However, it is considered prudent to allow time to ensure the Plan is reflecting national policy including on climate change, which has also been subject to review as demonstrated in recent caselaw.

### 3. Revised timetable

- 3.1 The revised timetable for the preparation of the partial update to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan, which is subject to comments from partners at this stage, is as follows:

HMWP Key Milestones	Timescale	Description
Regulation 18 (Preparation)	now – August 2022	Call for Sites (Fixed period) Preparation of evidence Base
Regulation 18 (Consultation)	September 2022 – December 2022	Consultation on the Draft Plan: Partial Update and Evidence
Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission Document Preparation)	January 2023 – May 2023	Update Evidence Base Revise Plan based on Evidence Base and Consultation
Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission Document Consultation)	June 2023 – October 2023	Consultation on the updated Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State
Regulation 22 (Preparation)	November 2023 – February 2024	Update Evidence Base Proposed Modifications based on Evidence Base and Consultation
Regulation 22 (Submission to Secretary of State)	February 2024	Submitting the Plan to the Secretary of State who appoints a Planning Inspector
Regulation 24 (Public Examination)	Autumn 2024	Planning Inspector examines the Plan Consultation on any proposed Main Modifications to the Plan
Regulation 25 (Inspector's Report)	Spring 2025	Planning Inspector delivers his report on the Plan
Regulation 26 (Adoption)	Summer 2025	All authorities adopt the Plan, as modified by Planning Inspector

3.2 It is not anticipated that the revision to the timetable for the partial update of the Plan has any additional financial and resource implications for the National Park Authority. We continue to work in partnership with the other Hampshire minerals and waste authorities to ensure the area is covered by an up-to-date planning policy framework. This partnership working is well established (dating from 2006) and delivers efficiencies for the minerals and waste planning authorities involved.

#### **4. Next steps**

4.1 Once the updated Local Development Scheme has been approved by all minerals and waste partner authorities, the plan making process will continue in line with the revised timetable in the LDS. Consultation on the draft Plan is anticipated during winter 2022, and officers expect to bring a report to the National Park Authority's Planning Committee in August this year setting out proposed changes to the Plan and seeking resolution to undertake a period of public consultation on that draft Plan.

4.2 The formal adoption of the revised Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan will be a decision for a future full Authority meeting and members will be kept informed of the progress of the revised Plan over the next 2 to 3 years.

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**Papers:** **AM 628/22** – cover paper  
**Annex 1:** Hampshire Minerals and Waste LDS

**Previous papers:** AM 585-21 – 2020 Review of Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan and revised Local Development Scheme

**Equality Impact Assessment:** There are no equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report.