

Aggregates Panel Members:- J Anderson, R N Copping (Chairman), R Sanderson, HM Saunders, WA Storey, G F Wenham

Responses to the representations made to the First Deposit Draft Minerals Local Plan Review – proposed amendments to the Plan.

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the panel of the representations made to the First Deposit Draft Minerals Local Plan and to seek support for officer recommendations on proposed amendments to the Plan pursuant to those representations.

2. Background

- 2.1 The County Council received over 340 letters and forms concerning the First Deposit Draft Minerals Local Plan Review, following the formal deposit period from 7 October 2002 to 16 December 2002.
- 2.2 To present this information, two tables are attached to this report. Table one lists all representations where it is recommended the proposed alterations should be accepted by the County Council, and thus (in whole or in part) be incorporated into the Second Deposit Plan. Table two lists those representations where it is recommended there should not be alterations to the Plan, or where further discussion is proposed.
- 2.3 The purpose of the tables is to provide a summary of the objectors and supporters comments, including any suggested alterations by objectors, and a statement of the suggested response of the County Council. Where a change is recommended for acceptance, either in full or in part, the details of the change and a reason for accepting the change are given.
- 2.4 The full responses from the consultees are also available, for any interested person to inspect. Both tables are arranged in Plan order so that all comments about each part of the Plan can be viewed together.
- 2.4 Also published with the tables are two 'General Responses' covering common themes that have been raised by a number of objectors. These are discussed in more detail in item 5 of this agenda.

3. The Next Stage of The Plan Review

- 3.1 The next important milestone for the Plan is the publication of the Second Deposit Draft of the Plan. The Second Draft will contain the amendments that the County Council have agreed to make following the first deposit consultation. A new statement confirming conformity with the County Structure Plan will be sought. The Second Deposit Draft of the Plan is then published for consultation together with a summary of all the responses received and the County council's proposed responses to them. Once again, interested persons/organisations will be able to object, support or make comments on the plan. However, **objections can only be made regarding the changes that have been made to the Plan since the first draft. The County Council is not able to accept new representations not previously made at the First Deposit stage.**

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 To note the comments made in response to the First deposit Draft of the Minerals Local Plan and to agree to the changes recommended to the Plan at this stage as set out in Table 1.