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Paper Title	Public consultation on two draft local plans: Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Waste Plan; and Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Mineral Sites Plan
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Purpose and Summary	<p>Under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority has a statutory duty to cooperate with the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) on relevant strategic matters.</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to update the LEP on the preparation of Minerals and Waste Planning documents and inform board members that public consultation that is planned for summer 2015.</p>
Decision Required	To note the progress being made on the Mineral Sites Document and the Waste Plan. The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority would also welcome any comments that the LEP may wish to make on the Draft Waste Plan and/or Mineral Sites Plan policies and/or site options.
Strategic Links	<p>The provision of a steady supply of minerals and a network of sustainable waste management infrastructure will assist in the achievement of at least three of the LEP priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advancing integrated spatial and infrastructure planning across the whole conurbation • planning positively for sustainable economic growth, emphasising the need to be “open for business” • creating a culture of enterprise and improving employability skills, working with schools, colleges and employers to develop an enterprise friendly curriculum
Implications, impacts or risks	The Mineral and Waste Planning Authority has a responsibility to engage with the LEP during the preparation of planning policy documents. Failure to do so could result in the Plans being found ‘unsound’ at examination.
Confidentiality	The attached paper is not confidential.

Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Planning – Update

1. Introduction

1.1. Dorset County Council has a ‘duty to co-operate’ with other authorities and certain bodies on the preparation of development plans. The specific list of statutory bodies is prescribed within the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This list includes the relevant Local Enterprise Partnership.

1.2. Back in November 2014 the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority prepared a paper to inform the LEP of the progress to date on the Mineral Sites Document and the Waste Plan. The LEP were also asked to provide feedback to the Mineral and Waste Planning Authority on how it would like to be involved in the development of minerals and waste planning policy documents in the future. The LEP requested regular updates to the LEP Board at key stages of plan preparation and further focused engagement on specific issues, as appropriate.

2. The Draft Waste Plan

2.1 The Draft Waste Plan includes a series of core policies covering the guiding principles of sustainable waste management and the main waste management methods of recycling, recovery and disposal. A series of detailed development management policies have also been drafted for consultation covering a range of issues including transport and access, quality of life, landscape and biodiversity.

2.2 The Plan includes sites options to address the following needs:

- Bulky waste management facility – to divert up to 30,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of bulky waste from landfill. A number of options are being considered for a strategic facility in East Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth.
- Residual treatment facility – by the end of the plan period it is estimated that there will be a shortfall in capacity of over 200,000tpa for managing black bag waste. A number of options are being considered for a strategic facility in East Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth.
- Replacement/improvement of Blandford Waste Management Centre to manage increased quantities of waste.
- Development of a transfer station for the Dorchester area to facilitate the sustainable movement of waste.
- Replacement/improvement of Dorchester Household Recycling Centre to bring it up to modern standards and manage increased quantities of waste.
- Development of a transfer station in Purbeck to facilitate the sustainable movement of waste, including relocation of the Wareham waste vehicle depot.
- Replacement/improvement of Wimborne Household Recycling Centre to bring it up to modern standards and manage increased quantities of waste, potentially from a wider area, including development of a waste vehicle depot.
- Replacement/improvement of Shaftesbury Household Recycling Centre to manage increased quantities of waste, particularly from the expansion of Gillingham. Site options are being considered in both Shaftesbury and Gillingham for a single facility to serve both towns.

2.3 The Draft Waste Plan also covers other wastes including inert, hazardous, waste water and agricultural waste. As appropriate, criteria based polices and site options have been included for consultation.

2.4 The Plan also proposes measures to safeguard existing and allocated waste management facilities from non-waste development. This includes a consultation zone around safeguarded sites. This is intended to provide the Waste Planning Authority with an opportunity to respond to more sensitive non-waste developments which might sterilise or constrain otherwise acceptable waste sites.

3 Mineral Sites Plan

3.1 The Draft Mineral Sites Plan (DMSP) identifies mineral sites to supply mineral needs up to 2032. To ensure that the Plan is found sound it is important that it has sufficient flexibility to secure a steady supply of mineral throughout the Plan period. In the case of aggregates there is the added requirement to demonstrate a seven-year supply based upon the 10-year rolling average of sales.

3.2 The DMSP allocates specific sites for future mineral provision, for the following mineral types: sand and gravel (9 sites allocated); recycled aggregates (1 site allocated); crushed rock (nothing currently allocated, 1 site under consideration); ball clay (1 site allocated); Purbeck Stone (8 sites allocated); Portland Stone (1 site allocated); and other building stone (3 sites allocated).

3.3 The sites proposed in the DMSP are principally the ones that assessment has indicated as currently most suitable for inclusion in the Plan. However, a few late nominations have been included and will be subsequently assessed.

3.4 The DMSP also contains an Area of Search (AOS) for sand and gravel. This is an area within which landscape and biodiversity impacts are expected to be of less significance and, provided certain criteria are met, 'windfall' or unallocated sites will be permitted where there is a shortfall and/or where such proposals could be accommodated without prejudicing the delivery of allocated sites.

3.5 There is also a Puddletown Road Policy intended to provide a coherent and coordinated approach, through granting of mineral permissions, to the management of the area. It will minimise adverse impacts arising from mineral development and maximise benefits such as heathland restoration, long-term management and linkage and provision of new access.

3.6 The principle of mineral safeguarding was established in the adopted Mineral Strategy. The DMSP develops this, identifying the minerals sites and infrastructure to be safeguarded. It requires local planning authorities to consult the MPA if non-minerals development is proposed in the vicinity of sites or infrastructure that could impact on the on-going provision of minerals.

4 Next steps - Consultation

4.1 Public consultation is planned for both documents for a ten week period between the 15 July to 23 September 2015.

4.2 This is an important stage in the preparation of both plans as it is the last planned consultation before the final draft versions of the plans are published, at which stage consultation will be limited to matters of soundness and legal compliance. It is the intention that publication of the pre-submission plans (in Spring 2016) will then form the versions that are intended for submission to the Secretary of State for an independent examination. The precise timing of this will be subject to whether or not further consultation is needed prior to publication.

5 Further Information

5.1 The Draft Waste Plan, Mineral Sites Plan and supporting documents can be viewed in full on our website

www.dorsetforyou.com/mineral-sites

www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan

5.2 If you have any queries or would like any more information then please do not hesitate to contact the minerals and waste policy team

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