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Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBJECT: UPDATING THE LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN - ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION AND CALL FOR SITES**

The county council is in the early stages of updating the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (LMWLP). This will eventually replace the existing LMWLP which is made up of a Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document (2016) and a Site Locations document (2017).

The updated LMWLP will be produced as a single document. It will set out strategic and criteria-based policies to guide future minerals extraction and waste management development across Lincolnshire. It will also allocate land for future development where a need is identified.

A consultation on the “Issues and Options” for updating the LMWLP will commence on Tuesday 28 June 2022 and run until 5pm on Friday 12 August 2022. You are being contacted because you are either a specific consultee set out in planning legislation or you have been identified as potentially having an interest in the content of the plan.

The Issues and Options document is the first stage in the preparation of the updated LMWLP. It sets out the main issues affecting how we plan for minerals and waste in Lincolnshire together with potential options for improving the plan. To facilitate the consultation process, it includes a range of questions where we are seeking your views on the most appropriate way forward.

In parallel with this Issues and Options consultation, we are carrying out a “call for sites” exercise to give landowners, the industry and other interested parties an opportunity to nominate potential sites for allocation in the updated LMWLP. At this stage the council is only inviting nominations for potential sites for sand and gravel and limestone aggregates. We are not seeking nominations for other minerals or for waste sites because current

evidence indicates that such allocations will not be required in the updated LMWLP. If this situation changes, we will review our approach as necessary.

The nomination of a site does not mean that it will be automatically allocated. This will be dependent on need, and the outcome of a comprehensive site selection process. We are inviting comments on a Proposed Site Selection Methodology as part of this consultation.

It is proposed that sand and gravel allocations in the existing LMWLP will be carried forward into the updated LMWLP, except where evidence emerges that there has been a significant change in circumstances since a site was allocated. Any sites previously promoted for inclusion in the existing LMWLP, but which were not allocated, will need to be re-submitted if you wish to promote them again.

This Issues and Options consultation and the accompanying call for sites is supported by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report which sets out a framework for how social, environmental and economic considerations will be integrated into the preparation of the updated LMWLP, including the site selection process. Comments are being invited on the SA Scoping Report as part of this consultation.

The Issues and Options consultation document, Site Selection Methodology, SA Scoping Report, and other supporting evidence base documents are all available to view and download from the council's website: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/planning/minerals-waste](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/planning/minerals-waste)

You can respond to this consultation by completing our on-line survey at [www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk) or, as an alternative, by completing a response form which is available to download from that website.

Site nomination forms are available to download from [www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk) which should be completed by interested parties that wish to make site submissions.

To assist us with the efficient processing of your comments, all response forms and site nomination forms should be submitted by e-mail to [mineralsandwaste@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwaste@lincolnshire.gov.uk) but, if you are unable to respond by e-mail, the forms can be submitted by post using the address at the top of this letter. Paper copies of the forms and consultation documents can also be requested using the same contact details.

Please ensure that any response forms and site nominations forms that you have completed are submitted by e-mail or in writing before the deadline of 5pm on Friday 12 August 2022. Responses received after this date may not be taken into consideration in the next stage of the updating of the LMWLP. All responses and site nominations received may be made publicly available as part of the plan-making process and therefore cannot be treated as anonymous or confidential.

It will not be possible to individually acknowledge or respond to every comment raised, but all comments and site nominations received within the deadline will be given careful consideration and will be used to help formulate the preferred approach for the updated

LMWLP. This will be set out in a draft LMWLP which is currently programmed to be published for consultation in Spring 2023.

Yours faithfully

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