

Communities Group

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Dear sir/madam,

Warwickshire Minerals Plan (Preferred Options) - Request for sand and gravel sites

Warwickshire County Council has restarted work on its Minerals Plan (formerly called the 'Minerals Core Strategy') following the successful adoption of the County's Waste Core Strategy in July 2013.

At the last Minerals Plan stage, we consulted on a ['Revised Spatial Options'](#) document, which set out three strategy options and a number of site submissions for working different minerals. We received a large number of responses which we have added to our database and analysed.

We intend to build on the last consultation by producing a 'Preferred Option and Policies' document with consultation scheduled for mid-2014. However, the Council intends to now include specific site allocations for sand and gravel extraction only, with all other mineral extraction or working dealt with through specific policies.

We are therefore requesting that if you, or your clients, have sites for sand and gravel extraction that you would like to submit for consideration as potential Minerals Plan allocations then please complete and supply the attached pro-forma and supporting plans.

In addition to the pro forma and plans, it will also be helpful to your case to submit as much of the following information as possible:

- A letter from the landowner giving consent to develop the site for mineral extraction.
- A plan showing any boreholes and trial pits with a summary of the findings and any other geological evidence such as a plan showing isopachytes for mineral and overburden.
- An indicative plan showing the method of winning and working the mineral i.e. the extent of working, the direction of working, position of access, stand-off zones, restoration phasing, locations for processing and stocking the mineral, soil and

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overburden storage areas, site access and facilities for mine waste disposal, timescales for the operation and phasing.

- An indicative plan showing outline restoration zones, approximate final restored ground levels, details of how flood storage capacity can be generated, and explanation of how Biodiversity Action Plan targets may be achieved.
- A description of the likely end destinations of each mineral, the potential routes to reach the destination(s) and approximate number of daily lorry journeys required (if you have not already submitted this information).
- Where particular constraints have been identified such as ecological, archaeological, geological and landscape, proposed measures outlining mitigation should be submitted.
- Evidence of any consultations /meetings with local groups and Parish Councils.
- Evidence or other information that would help in assessing that amenity impacts could be minimised and mitigated against.
- Any other information that you would like to submit which could help your submission.

If you have submitted sites previously for sand and gravel extraction and the sites are still available for development, please confirm that you would like the particular site(s) to be reconsidered.

Please email the information to planningstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk or post to Planning Policy, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Barrack Street, PO Box 43, Warwick, CV34 4SX.

Please note that all information should be submitted by **28th February 2014**.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss anything please contact the Planning Policy team on 01926 41 2391.

Yours sincerely



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