



Minerals and Waste Joint Plan

Ref: MWJP/PO/Nov2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan - Preferred Options Consultation (November 2015 - January 2016)

North Yorkshire County Council, City of York Council and the North York Moors National Park Authority are working together to produce a Minerals and Waste Joint Plan covering all three planning authority areas. When finalised the new Plan will help the three authorities take decisions on planning applications for minerals and waste development over the next 15 years. We are writing to you because you have either responded to previous consultations on this matter, or the authorities believe you may have an interest in minerals and waste planning policy matters.

This letter provides information on the **Preferred Options consultation** currently being undertaken as part of the preparation of the Joint Plan. Previous consultations included the First Consultation which commenced in May 2013, Issues and Options consultation which commenced in February 2014 and a Supplementary Sites Consultation which commenced in January 2015. We have considered the responses received at all stages together with other available evidence and are now seeking your views on the preferred policy approach.

The enclosed consultation leaflet provides an overview of the **Preferred Options consultation** and explains how you can make your views known. Full consultation details, including the main consultation document, are available on our website www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult. Paper copies are available to view at all libraries, including mobile libraries and all main offices of the three authorities, as well as at district and borough council main offices and the National Park centres.

As part of the **Preferred Options consultation**, we are also consulting on the accompanying **Sustainability Appraisal** document and related assessments, which are also available to view on the Joint Plan website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult. There is a summary leaflet relating to the sustainability appraisal and other assessments enclosed with this letter.

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Responses to the consultation should preferably be made on the comments form, which is available electronically on the Joint Plan website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult where it can either be emailed to mwjointplan@northyorks.gov.uk , or downloaded and returned to us by post. A separate comments form is available for any comments relating to the Sustainability Appraisal.

The consultation period will run until **Friday 15th January 2016** and all responses must be received by **5pm** on that day.

We are running a series of drop in sessions around the plan area. For more details please refer to the enclosed leaflet or look on the website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult.

Your response will be fed into the next stage of preparing the Plan, along with any additional evidence which becomes available, and will help in the firming up of the policies and selection of preferred sites ready for the final public consultation stage. The final public consultation is expected to take place in 2016.

For further information about the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan please visit our website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwjointplan. If you have any queries about this consultation or would like to speak to someone in any of the authorities, please contact us using the details contained in this letter.

If you have received this letter and no longer want to be informed of the progress of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan please let us know by contacting us using the details on this letter. *Please be aware that we have a statutory duty to consult certain groups and organisations, including parish councils and are unable to remove these groups from our database.*

Yours Faithfully



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