Herefordshire Council

Minerals and Waste Local Plan Statement of Adoption

Regulations 26 and 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

In accordance with the Regulations outlined above, notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Council on 8 March 2024, Herefordshire Council resolved to adopt the Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP).

The MWLP was subject to Examination by two independent Planning Inspectors, appointed by the Secretary of State, between 22 March 2022 and 31 October 2023. Public hearing sessions were held between 8 and 10 November 2022. The Inspectors' Report, published on 31 October 2023, concluded that the MWLP is sound and legally compliant, subject to the main modifications recommended by the Inspectors. The adopted MWLP includes the main modifications and additional minor changes proposed by Herefordshire Council.

The MWLP, now adopted, replaces the saved minerals and waste policies of the Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan. The MWLP forms part of the Herefordshire Local Plan and sets out the council's preferred strategy and planning policies for the county's minerals and waste needs up to 2041. Its main purpose is to provide direction to developers, local communities and other interested parties on where and when minerals and waste development may be expected over the Plan period, as well as how it will be managed to reduce adverse impacts and maximise benefits.

The adopted MWLP (including its Annex, Allocated Sites Appendix and interactive map) and the following supporting content is available to <u>view</u> on the Council's website, in section 5:

- Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Adoption Statement 2024
- Inspectors' Report 2023
- Statement of Adoption 2024 (this document)

These may be viewed using public access computers at Hereford Customer Services, (Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX) and in public libraries across the county during normal opening hours. In addition, a paper copy of the adopted MWLP, is available to view at Hereford Customer Services.

Anybody who is aggrieved at the decision taken to adopt the MWLP may challenge it by making an application to the High Court, under section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, on either or both of the following grounds:

- the MWLP is not within the appropriate powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and/or
- a procedural requirement of the Act or its associated regulations has not been complied with.

Any challenges must be made within six weeks from the day after which the MWLP was adopted. Since the Plan was adopted on a Friday, this is will be six weeks from 11 March 2024, which is 22 April 2024.

For further information, advice or enquiries, please email <u>ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk</u>.