

### **Purpose of Assessment**

- 1.0 The purpose of the assessment is to see if the policies and provisions of the JPSU's submission draft Core Strategy discriminate against particular persons/groups. To do this consideration must be given to the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as Amended 2005).

### **Disability Discrimination Act**

- 2.0 The Disability Discrimination Act 2005 places a general duty on Public Authorities such as the JSPU to do a number of things with respect to disability equality:
- Promote equality of opportunity
  - Eliminate unlawful discrimination
  - Eliminate disability-related harassment
  - Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people
  - Encourage disabled people's participation in public life
  - Take steps to take account of disabled people's disabilities even where that involves more preferential treatment.

### **Disability Equality Impact Assessment**

- 3.0 The impact assessment requires that actions and policies carried out by the JSPU take into account disability equality. The objectives of a disability equality impact assessment are to:
- Identify if a policy or action can have a positive impact on disabled people
  - To eliminate or reduce any negative impacts on disabled people
  - To identify the likelihood of any impact on disabled people as a result of the policy
  - To promote existing good practice in disability equality
- 3.1 The need for an impact equality assessment can be triggered by a number of things. The most relevant to this equality impact assessment is the review or development of a policy or procedure. The submission draft Core Strategy is a Development Plan Document that will form part of the JSPUs Local Development Framework. The documents that comprise the framework will replace the existing Replacement Minerals Plan for Berkshire<sup>1</sup> and the Waste Local Plan<sup>2</sup>.
- 3.2 There is a need to screen the policies in the submission draft Core Strategy to determine the purpose of the policy and who is intended to Benefit.
- 3.3 This approach reflects the advice in paragraph 16 of Planning Policy Statement 1 (PPS1) which seeks to reduce social inequalities and address accessibility (both in terms of location and physical access) for all members of the community.

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<sup>1</sup> Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire Incorporating the Alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001. Bابتie.

<sup>2</sup> Waste Local Plan for Berkshire. Bابتie. 1998

## **Minerals and Waste Core Strategy**

4.0 The submission draft Core Strategy is a Development Plan Document that will form part of the Joint Minerals and Waste Development Framework. The documents that comprise the framework will replace the existing Replacement Minerals Plan for Berkshire<sup>3</sup> and the Waste Local Plan<sup>4</sup>

5.0 The Core Strategy sets out the basic approach for the JMWDF to ensure that adequate resources for future mineral and waste development are planned for in Berkshire. It will also highlight the extent and location of mineral resources needed for extraction, and the waste management capacity which needs to be provided and the potential location for facilities.

## **The Assessment**

6.0 This is a screening assessment of the policies in the core strategy. Each of the policies in the Core Strategy is summarised below. Following the summary there is a commentary based on the following checklist:

- What is the purpose of the policy and why?
- Who is intended to benefit and how?
- What consultation, statistical or qualitative information is available to aid assessment?
- To what extent will the proposed policy or provision achieve equal opportunities for disability groups or impact upon them
  
- Is there a risk associated with the proposed policy or provision that the disability equality duty will not be met if it has an impact on particular persons or groups

7.0 The Core Strategy contains 18 policies. The screening assessment of each these policies, is set out below.

### **Core Policy M1 –Safeguarding of Sand and gravel Deposits**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that minerals are safeguarded. Minerals are a valuable but limited resource that can only be won where they naturally occur. Safeguarding of viable or potentially viable mineral deposits from sterilisation by surface development is an important component of sustainable development

Commentary:

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups.

### **Policy M2 – Apportionment Rate and Landbank**

The purpose of this policy is to make provision for ensuring an adequate and steady supply of aggregates for the construction industry by means of maintaining a landbank.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups.

### **Core Strategy Policy M3 – Minerals Preferred Areas for Sharp Sand and Gravel**

The purpose of this policy is to make provision for the landbank by identifying the most sustainable locations where mineral extraction is most likely to take place. This

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will be done by identifying Minerals Preferred Areas for future working where mineral resources are known to exist.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups.

**Policy M4 –Extraction of sharp sand and gravel Outside Minerals Preferred Areas**

The purpose of this policy is to focus future extraction to the identified Minerals Preferred Areas, proposals for the extraction of sharp sand and gravel and to resist proposals elsewhere.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups.

**Core Strategy Policy M5 – Areas of Search for Building Sand**

The purpose of this policy is to identify Areas of Search for soft sand. (The deposits of soft sand containing material suitable for building sand are too variable to allow Minerals Preferred Areas to be defined.)

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

**Core Strategy Policy M6 – Supply of Recycled or Secondary Aggregates**

The purpose of this policy is to increase the use of recycled and secondary aggregates as substitutes for primary aggregates

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

**Core Strategy Policy M7 – Transportation of Minerals and Policy M8 – Safeguarding rail depot sites**

The purpose of these policies is to encourage the use of sustainable transport for the movement of minerals.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

**Core Strategy Policy M9 – Borrow Pits**

The purpose of this policy is to open a local, temporary supply of materials for a specific construction project

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

**Core Strategy Policy M10 – Chalk, Clay and Other Non-Energy Minerals and Policy M11 – Oil and Gas**

The purpose of these policies is to set out the high level conditions under which proposals for extraction of all non aggregate minerals will be judged.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core strategy Policy M12 - Restoration and after-use**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the restoration of mineral workings will achieve public and environmental benefits, such as improvements to the long term appearance of the landscape, the creation of greater diversity of habitats for wildlife, provision of new opportunities for public access and recreation, and the alleviation of flooding

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core Strategy Policy Policy W1 – Waste Self-sufficiency**

is to achieve net self-sufficiency in waste management and disposal capacity for all types of waste in Berkshire requires provision of waste treatment and disposal capacity at least equivalent to the forecast scale of arisings

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core Strategy Policy W2 – Waste Management Targets**

The purpose of this policy is to include in the plan defined targets both for specific required waste management capacity and to enable other performance targets to be met.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core Strategy Policy W3 – The Spatial Distribution of Waste Facilities**

The purpose of this policy is to identify the broad spatial distribution of waste facilities.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core Strategy Policy W4 – The Transfer of Waste**

The purpose of this policy is to minimise the distance over which waste is transported for treatment and disposal and to encourage opportunities for non-road-borne modes of transport.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core Strategy Policy W6 – Need**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that waste is moved as far up the waste hierarchy as possible

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

### **Core Strategy Policy W7 – Specialist Waste Management Facilities**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the identification of, and profile for, each Waste Preferred Area, will consider the suitability for specialist waste management activity and will have regard to the need and opportunity for such facilities.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

**Core Strategy Policy W8 – Safeguarding of Waste Management Facilities**

The purpose of this policy is to safeguard existing waste facilities from competing land uses.

Commentary

This policy will not discriminate against particular persons or groups

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