

Adoption Statement

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (As Amended);
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations
2012 (As Amended) (Regulation 26); and
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations
2004 (Regulation 16)**

Adoption of a local plan (known as the Somerset Minerals Plan)

Somerset County Council resolved to adopt the Somerset Minerals Plan: Development Plan document up to 2030 on 18th February 2015. This document sets out how and broadly where minerals will be worked in Somerset until the year 2030 and will be used to decide minerals planning applications submitted to the County Council. It also replaces those 'saved' policies of the Somerset Minerals Local Plan 1997- 2011: Adopted in April (2004).

In line with government guidance an integrated approach to the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment processes has been taken throughout the development of the Plan. The Somerset Minerals Plan was considered by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. Examination and hearing sessions were held in September 2014. The Inspector's Report was received on 22nd January 2015. The Inspector's report, the Minerals Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and all material relating to the examination process can be viewed on the County Council's website at: www.somerset.gov.uk/mineralsplan

The Somerset Minerals Plan (incorporating the recommendations of the Inspector), Sustainability Appraisal and this Adoption Statement can be viewed, free of charge, at the following places:

- In printed copy at Somerset County Council, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY (during normal opening hours).
- In printed copy at District Council offices in Somerset (during normal opening hours).
- Online on the Somerset County Council website (www.somerset.gov.uk/mineralsplan) and via Public libraries (during normal opening hours).

Any person aggrieved by the Somerset County Council Minerals Plan may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- The document is not within the appropriate power; or
- That a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Applications must be made within six weeks following after the publication of this statement of adoption and must be received by no later than the 1st April 2015.

Further information on the Somerset Minerals Plan Development Plan document up to 2030, is available on the County Council's website (stated above) or by contacting the Planning Policy team on 0845 345 9188 or email: mineralsandwaste@somerset.gov.uk

Paula Hewitt
Lead Commissioner, Economic and Community Infrastructure
Somerset County Council
Date 18th February 2015