

Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan: Adoption

This email is to notify you that that Worcestershire County Council adopted the Worcestershire Minerals Local

Plan on 14th July 2022.

The Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan is now part of the Development Plan and will be used by

Worcestershire County Council's planning officers and Planning and Regulatory Committee to make decisions

about planning applications for mineral extraction, processing and restoration. It will also be used by the City,

Borough and District Councils in Worcestershire to ensure other types of development do not sterilise mineral

resources or negatively impact mineral infrastructure.

The formal adoption statement is at the end of this email. It includes details of where the documents can be

viewed and the process for legal challenge. More information about the Minerals Local Plan, its purpose and

how it has been developed, can be found on the Council's website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals

Please contact me or a member of the Minerals Planning Policy Team if you would like any further information.

WORCESTERSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN: ADOPTION STATEMENT

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)

(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)

Regulations 2012 notice is hereby given that Worcestershire County Council adopted the Worcestershire

Minerals Local Plan on 14th July 2022.

The Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan was subject to independent examination by Beverley Wilders BA

(Hons) PgDurp MRTPI and Elizabeth Ord LLB (Hons), LL.M, MA, DipTUS, the Planning Inspectors appointed by

the Secretary of State. In the Inspectors' Report on the Examination of the Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan,

issued on 6th May 2022 the Inspectors confirmed that, subject to a number of main modifications listed in

Appendix 1 of their report, the Plan was sound and capable of adoption. The recommended main modifications,

along with some additional modifications (minor alterations to aid the clarity and internal consistency of the

document which, taken together, do not materially affect the policies in the plan) have been included in the

adopted Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan.

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about planning applications for mineral extraction, processing and restoration. It will also be used by the City,

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resources or negatively impact mineral infrastructure. It supersedes the "saved" policies in the County of

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan (April 1997) in so far as they apply to Worcestershire.

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Any person aggrieved by the Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan may make an application to the High Court

under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the ground that—

(a) the document is not within the appropriate power as conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory

Purchase Act 2004;

(b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made to the High Court not later than 26th August 2022. This represents a period

of six weeks for applications beginning with the day after the date on which the Local Plan was adopted. The

Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan cannot be questioned in any legal proceedings except in so far as is

provided by Section 113.

The following documents have been published on Worcestershire County Council's website at

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals. They can also be inspected at County Hall reception (Spetchley Road,

Worcester, WR5 2NP), during normal office hours and at public libraries in Worcestershire (opening hours at

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries).

- i. The Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan
- ii. This adoption statement
- iii. The sustainability appraisal report
- iv. The Strategic Environmental Assessment adoption statement

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Dated: 14 July 2022.