

Northampton Borough Council

Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday 18 March 2009

Agenda Item No 11

Locations for Waste and Minerals Development DPD Proposed Submission

Declaration/Conflict of Interests: Cllrs B Hoare and Crake: personal, non-prejudicial interest as residents of the area.

1. That Cabinet welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Locations for Waste Development DPD: Proposed Submission Document and the Locations for Minerals Development DPD: Proposed Submission Document.

2. The Cabinet welcomes the changes made to the Preferred Submission document as a result of comments previously sent by the Council but the Cabinet reaffirms its objection to the waste management site on Lodge Farm Industrial Estate.

3. That a response be made to the Northamptonshire Minerals And Waste Development Framework Locations For Waste Development DPD: Proposed Submission Document that:

- *welcomes the changes made as a result of comments previously made on the Preferred Options by the Cabinet but would wish to reaffirm its objection to the waste management site on Lodge Farm Industrial estate;*

and

- *seeks to highlight that the County should do some more work on the evidence base of individual site assessments and be more specific about the types of waste activity on each site.*

4. **(a)** Cabinet objects to the proposals for site MA3 Milton Malsor due to the absence of a proposed policy requirement for adequate residential amenity 'buffer zones' between the extraction areas on the site and adjacent properties and the overall negative impact that such extraction operations would have on the approaches to the County Town of Northampton and neighbouring villages.

(b) Cabinet also confirms the position taken by the Council's Executive on 19 April 2004 in response to the first deposit draft of the Northamptonshire Minerals Plan and listed as an objection in the Inspector's report of 2005.

(c) Cabinet opposes any sand and gravel extraction that does not ensure that heavy goods vehicles using the site are diverted away from Collingtree, Milton Malsor and residential roads in Hunsbury or elsewhere in Northampton and surrounding villages.

(d) Cabinet requests the County Council to ensure that no sand extraction takes place without stringent safeguarding controls to protect the residential amenity of people in the area, taking into particular consideration noise and air quality and restoration to agriculture.

(e) Cabinet strongly recommends that the County Council carry out advance safety audits on the surrounding road network (with particular reference to Hunsbury Hill, Ladybridge Drive and Rowtree Road) to establish whether the surrounding road network is capable of safely accommodating additional traffic from the site MA3 at Milton Malsor.

5. The Council reserves its right to comment further through the Examination process and in respect of any Development Control Application.