

**MINERALS LOCAL PLAN - OCTOBER 2015 UPDATE**

Since the draft of the Final Draft Minerals Local Plan: Proposed Submission Version was published in the Cabinet papers for its meeting on 8 June 2015, further amendments have been made to the document in order to address some of the concerns raised in the last consultation period.

Those changes are in the form of additions to Policy 3 and to the site-specific profile in Appendix 1 to the Plan. These additions are highlighted below:

**Policy 3**

**Site-specific allocations for the extraction of sand and gravel**

Proposals for the extraction of sand and gravel at the following sites will be permitted in accordance with other relevant local plan policies:

**Primary - River Great Ouse south of Manor Farm Wolverton**

A1: Calverton/Passenham Extension (approx. yield 0.25Mt)

**Primary - River Great Ouse south of Tyringham/Sherington**

A2: Quarry Hall Farm (approx. yield 0.72Mt)\*

A3: Northampton Road, Lathbury (approx. yield 0.65Mt)\*

**Secondary - River Great Ouse north of Tyringham/Sherington**

A4: Manor Farm and Lavendon Mill (approx. yield 0.46Mt)

*\* Extraction of mineral from Quarry Hall Farm and Northampton Road, Lathbury must be phased to ensure that the two are not operational at the same time.*

*There are also specific development requirements at Northampton Road, Lathbury - these requirements are set out in the relevant site profile in Appendix 1 'Site Profiles'.*

**Appendix 1 – Site Profiles**

**A3: Northampton Road, Lathbury**

**Specific development requirements**

- Due to the proximity to the settlement of Lathbury village the site management plan (see Policy 12) should include a satisfactory stand-off and suitable bunding/buffering from extraction operations particularly in that part along Northampton Road nearest to the settlement.
- The processing plant should be located in an area that minimises visual intrusion and is away from the settlement of Lathbury and other dwellings. The processing plant is to be linked to mineral extraction on the site and will not be used to process mineral from other sites.

## **Peer Review**

At the Cabinet meeting, there were also concerns raised by some Ward Councillors that resulted in a request for a Peer Review of the process to prepare the plan so far to be undertaken. This Peer Review has now taken place by consultants Urban Vision, an organisation with experience of preparing Minerals and Waste Local Plans on behalf of other Local Planning Authorities, and their report has been received and published.

The Peer Review identified no areas of concern in the process undertaken to date. The report prepared by Urban Vision is available on the Council's website at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/minerals-policy>.