

Planning for Minerals and Waste in Hampshire:

Listening to your views on

Purple and Blue Haze (B3081 Close to Verwood)

Public Exhibition, Wednesday 10 August 2011,

Memorial Hall, Verwood

Exhibition: 11:00 – 15:00, 16:00 - 21:00

Presentation and Q&A: 16:30 and 19:30

We would like to invite you, and anyone else you think might be interested, to the Memorial Hall, Verwood on Wednesday 10 August where Hampshire County Council will be hosting an event to provide an opportunity to discuss the proposals and the planning process regarding the suggested mineral extraction and landfill sites near Verwood (Purple Haze and Blue Haze).

The event will consist of an exhibition during the day with Hampshire County Council officers on hand to answer questions, as well as a short presentation followed by a question and answer session (two sessions).

The venue has a capacity limit of 180 people. We will try and accommodate as many people as possible, but please bear with us in light of these restrictions.

Hampshire's suggested approach to minerals and waste planning can be found online:

<http://consult.hants.gov.uk>

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What is the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (the Plan)?

This is a document that guides decisions on minerals and waste planning applications in Hampshire and sets out how many minerals and waste facilities are needed and where they could go. It is prepared by Hampshire County Council, in partnership with Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.

What stage of preparation of the Plan are we in now?

We are currently in the stage where we gather evidence and prepare the draft Plan. This stage includes a lot of formal and informal engagement with the public, local authorities, relevant organisations such as the Environment Agency and Natural England etc. All the information gathered during this stage (whether part of a formal consultation or not) will influence the Plan.

What happens next?

This autumn the Council and its partners, will decide whether to approve the draft Plan. Hampshire residents can request to speak at Council, but the Council is also making arrangements so that non Hampshire residents living near potential sites in Hampshire can request to make deputations directly to Councillors at the 13 October meeting. If you would like to apply please do so by contacting Business Advice and Member Support on 01962 845751 before the 28 September.

If the partner authorities do approve the Plan it will be publicised in November for further public comment. Subsequently, an independent Planning Inspector will conduct a Public Examination that will take into account these comments and report whether the Plan is 'sound' (whether it has been prepared in accordance with national regulations and is fit for purpose). Only if the Inspector's recommendations are favourable will the authorities be able to adopt the Plan.

Do the suggested sites start operating as soon as the Plan is adopted?

No, planning permission has to be applied for first by a commercial operator. Decisions will be made on the merits of the proposal, in accordance with the principles outlined in the Plan. That is why the Plan will contain a lot of policies on protecting the environment and communities, to add to the protection already available through national laws and guidance.

What if I have concerns about a current site or operation (such as noise, odour, visibility, illegal waste tipping, out of hours work etc.)?

If you think that a minerals or a waste site is breaking its planning conditions or has no planning permission you should contact a monitoring officer – online (<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/complaints-form.htm>), by phone (0845 603 5634) or by fax (01962 847055). Alternatively, you can report pollution incidents to the Environment Agency using their incident hotline (0800 80 70 60).