

Policies Map - Topic Paper

St Albans City and District Council – November 2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper sets out the context to explain why there are two versions of the Policies Map for the draft Local Plan. These are Version 1 with only the relevant Local Plan Policies shown in four sectors for the District (North West, North East, South West and South East); and Version 2 with the same District Policies, also in four sectors, but also showing relevant Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Waste and Minerals policies.

2. Approach to depiction of Minerals and Waste policies agreed with HCC, the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority

- 2.1 The approach taken to have two versions of the Policies Map and a clear approach to their titling and the wording set out in their keys has been agreed through discussion with HCC. HCC were initially concerned that some users of the Policies Map would not realise the potential relevance of HCC's Minerals and Waste policies to planning applications, causing potential issues for applicants, residents and stakeholders and both Councils. SADC were initially concerned that showing the Minerals and Waste policies would make the Policies Map less legible and easy to understand for a wide audience. After discussion, the agreed position to have two versions was reached.
- 2.2 The HCC Minerals and Waste team responded to the Local Plan Regulation 19 Publication with this comment, reflecting the agreed position regarding the two versions of the Policies Map:

Policies Map

The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority is pleased to see that the current adopted Sand and Gravel Belt is being displayed on the Local Plan Policies Map, along with Waste Site Allocations, Safeguarded Waste Management Sites, the Safeguarded Rail Aggregates Depot and Sand and Gravel Preferred Areas.

As the Waste Planning Authority, we will publish yearly updates to the list of safeguarded waste management sites through the annual Authority Monitoring Report, which should be read in conjunction with the adopted Policies Map for the area.

3. Policies Map Version 1 and Policies Map Version 2

- 3.1 The draft Local Part A sets out:

Minerals and Waste

1.14 The District Council has a statutory responsibility for waste management and the safeguarding of mineral resources. The Local Plan must also be read in conjunction with the statutory Minerals and Waste Plans prepared by the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC).

3.2 On the evidence base pages of the SADC website, Version 1 is entitled:

Draft Policies Map

3.3 Version 1 says at the bottom of the key in each of the four sectors of the Policies Map:

County Waste and Minerals categories 1 to 6 are shown in detail in Version 2 of this Policies Map

3.4 On the evidence base pages of the SADC website, Version 2 is entitled:

Draft Policies Map with Hertfordshire County Council Waste and Minerals

3.5 Version 2 says at the bottom of the key in each of the four sectors of the Policies Map:

Hertfordshire County Council - Sand and Gravel Belt

Hertfordshire County Council - Sand and Gravel Preferred Areas

Hertfordshire County Council - Waste Site Allocations

Hertfordshire County Council - Safeguarded Waste Management Sites

Hertfordshire County Council - Safeguarded Rail Aggregates Depot

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