



WSCC CONSULTATION RESPONSE: County Planning – Minerals & Waste Planning Authority

TO:	Case Officer: Nicola Pettifer		
DATE:	15/09/2025		
LOCATION:	Land North of Guildford Road, Bucks Green, Rudgwick, West Sussex		
SUBJECT:	DC/25/1269 Outline Planning Application for up to 90 no. residential dwellings (including 40% affordable) all matters to be reserved apart from access.		
RECOMMENDATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Advice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More Information	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Objection	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulted in Error	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No Objection	<input type="checkbox"/> No Objection Subject to:	

West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (July 2018, Partial Review March 2021)

The site is within a Brick Clay (Weald Clay) Mineral Safeguarding Area and would occupy some 4.41ha of land. Policy M9 (b) of the JMLP notes that proposals for non-mineral development within these areas will not be permitted unless:

- (i) "Mineral sterilisation will not occur; or
- (ii) *It is appropriate and practicable to extract the mineral prior to the development taking place, having regards to the other policies in this Plan; or*
- (iii) *the overriding need for the development outweighs the safeguarding of the mineral and it has been demonstrated that prior extraction is not practicable or environmentally feasible."*

Sterilisation of the mineral resources will occur as a result of the change of use of the land, as the application site area exceeds the threshold for consultation (as defined within the Minerals and Waste Safeguarding [Guidance](#)). Although the applicant has referenced the Mineral Safeguarding Policy (Policy M9 of the JMLP) and the need to submit a Mineral Resource Statement within their submitted Planning Statement (identified by HDC as per their pre-application advice), no discussion has been provided to confirm whether the extraction of the mineral would be appropriate, environmentally feasible, or practicable; or if prior extraction is not possible, whether there is an overriding need for the development.

We would therefore ask that the applicant provide a proportionate Mineral Resource Assessment, to be submitted prior to the determination of the application. The applicant's attention is directed toward para 2.6 of the guidance document above. Please can the MWPA be reconsulted once this information has been received.

West Sussex Waste Local Plan (April 2014)



The decision maker should be satisfied that the proposals minimise waste generation, maximise opportunities for re-using and recycling waste, and where necessary include waste management facilities of an appropriate type and scale (Policy W23).

Kind regards,

Edward Anderson (Planner)

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