

REVIEW OF SITES

- 10.1 There are a number of mineral sites across East Sussex which are subject to old planning consents which did not require a proper site restoration, or where the appropriate conditions are inadequate by present standards. They include chalk and clay pits together with former industrial sites associated with mineral extraction such as brick works. In some cases such sites which have not been restored have developed a significant wildlife, geological or amenity interest.
- 10.2 Seven sites were subject to Interim Development Orders granted prior to 1948, and have been registered in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Schemes of new conditions have been approved for three active clay and chalk pits and a dormant chalk quarry, although the permissions at the remaining sites remain valid.
- 10.3 The Environment Act 1995 requires mineral planning authorities to update and review all mineral planning permissions granted between 1948 and 1982 and the periodic review of all permissions thereafter. This should achieve a significant improvement in operating standards. However, where this review reveals sites where it is felt appropriate to make orders revoking, modifying, discontinuing, prohibiting or suspending mineral working using the powers in the 1990 Act, the mineral planning authorities will initiate such action. There are no relevant permissions in Brighton and Hove. Guidance on the review of old mineral sites is provided in Mineral Planning Guidance Notes 8, 9 and 14.

POLICY 36 Following the review of mineral planning permissions, the mineral planning authority will use its powers to modify, revoke, discontinue, prohibit or suspend permissions in appropriate cases.

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

- 10.4 The Minerals Local Plan will be actively implemented by the mineral planning authorities. This will be done through development control decisions on mineral proposals and their enforcement; representations on mineral matters through the various regional and national forums and consultation processes; representations on the local plans of other planning authorities within and adjoining East Sussex and Brighton and Hove; and the taking of initiatives to implement specific policies and proposals.
- 10.5 The Plan will also be implemented by the actions of other organisations. Operators and landowners will wish to develop mineral sites and related processing activities, whilst local councils and other groups will be anxious to ensure that the intentions of the Plan are achieved. The mineral planning authorities will encourage dialogue on mineral planning matters with all these bodies.

- 10.6 The mineral planning situation in the Plan area will be closely monitored. An annual monitoring document will be prepared and either published separately or included in a wider ranging Annual Monitor. This will report on progress in mineral development and in implementing the Local Plan; examine current mineral planning issues of relevance to the Plan area and will identify prospects and action to be taken in the ensuing year.
- 10.7 A review of the Local Plan will be undertaken within five years or earlier if circumstances justify one.