

East Sussex and Brighton & Hove

# MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

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# FOREWORD

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It gives us great pleasure to introduce this the first Minerals Local Plan covering the area of East Sussex and Brighton & Hove which has been jointly prepared by the County Council and Brighton & Hove Council.

Whilst minerals are necessary for the economy, their extraction and related processing can create significant environmental impact. The overriding objective when drafting the Plan has therefore been to balance, through its proposals, the demands for essential raw materials against the need to protect the environment and local amenity.

The Plan develops the strategy set out in the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan, especially in respect of sustainable development. Detailed policies dealing with sand and gravel (both from local sources and imported), clay, chalk, gypsum and oil and gas are included. The Plan also establishes the principles for the appropriate after-use for extraction sites and standards for restoration and aftercare to ensure that mineral sites are returned to beneficial use.

The Minerals Local Plan, together with the Structure Plan, now provides a robust policy framework against which planning applications for mineral extraction and processing can be determined.

Adoption of this Plan is an important milestone in achieving sustainable minerals planning for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Both Councils are grateful to all those individuals, organisations and companies who contributed during the plan process.

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