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Chairman's Announcements

Consultation on Initial Site Options for the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations

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A consultation on potential sites for sand and gravel extraction commenced on 5th August 2010. Because the consultation is starting in August it will run for a period of eight weeks.

It is important to stress that the plan is at a very early stage of production and only proposes potential site options for minerals extraction. At this stage none of the sites listed in this document have any firm planning status - i.e. they are not the councils' preferred sites, but areas of land that have been promoted for consideration by landowners and the minerals industry.

The potential sites fall within the Electoral Divisions of:

- Alderbury and Whiteparish;
- Winterslow;
- Minety;
- Cricklade and Latton;
- Bromham, Rowde and Potterne;
- Melksham Without North;
- Calne Rural;
- Calne South and Cherhill;
- Melksham Without South;
- Corsham Without and Box Hill;
- Chippenham, Lowden and Rowden;
- Kington.

The consultation report identifies key issues and constraints for development of each of the proposed sites and represents the first opportunity for communities and stakeholders to share their views on the suitability of the sites included in this plan.

We would encourage anyone wishing to view and comment on the report to use the online portal <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Alternatively, the report will be available for viewing at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices and libraries throughout the county and borough.

The Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices are located at:

- County Hall – Trowbridge;
- Bradley Road – Trowbridge;
- Monkton Park – Chippenham;
- Browfort – Devizes;
- Wyndham Road – Salisbury;
- Watt Tyler House – Swindon.

The comments received through this consultation will be used to help inform the scope of further detailed assessments on the potential sites. This in turn will inform which sites should be carried forward into the formal plan and which should be dropped from further consideration. A formal draft of the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations DPD, presenting the sites selected to be carried forward, is timetabled for publication and consultation in spring 2011.

Further information is available by contacting the Minerals and Waste Policy team on 01225 713429, or e-mail mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.