

## **DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) FURTHER CLARIFICATION**

### Future Planning Policy Documents for Minerals and Waste

Following a meeting with Borough of Telford and Wrekin planners and GOWM on Tuesday 11 March a way forward for Minerals and Waste Policy documents has been suggested which clarifies the situation presented in the draft LDS.

It has been agreed that the pursuit of a Joint Core Strategy for Minerals (alongside a Unitary Core Strategy In Shropshire) would not be ideal in meeting the aims of the Planning system and would prolong the lack of integration between Minerals and other spatial policy issues that a single Core Strategy would promote.

Instead the most appropriate approach for Shropshire will be for strategic policies dealing with Minerals (and Waste issues) to be set out in the Core Strategy. Site allocations for Minerals will be set out in either the Core Strategy as strategic sites or in a separate Minerals DPD if the requirement is for smaller sites.

Policies in the existing saved Waste Local Plan will be superseded by the strategic level policies in the Core Strategy although the site allocations will remain in force.

Existing joint working between Borough of Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire is taking place on the evidence base for Minerals policies. Further work on both Minerals and Waste issues between the two authorities will continue to demonstrate joint cross-boundary working, even though no joint planning policy documents will be produced.

The final LDS presented to Implementation Executive on 9<sup>th</sup> April will therefore no longer show the Minerals Joint Core Strategy (with BTW) but will retain the Minerals DPD and Waste DPD.

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