Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30

Kent Mineral Sites Plan and Partial Review of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

December 2017

This document is intended to provide information concerning the work being undertaken by Kent County Council to prepare a Mineral Sites Plan and partially update the adopted Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP). To ensure it remains relevant, this document will be periodically reviewed and updated to reflect key stages in this work.

General

1. Why does Kent County Council need to plan for minerals and waste?

Kent County Council has a statutory responsibility to plan for future minerals supply and waste management in Kent, ensuring minerals which are necessary to meet society’s needs are provided and waste is sustainably managed. To fulfil this legal requirement Kent County Council adopted the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 in July 2016. This sets out the objectives for mineral supply and waste management until 2030.

2. What are economic minerals and why are they important?

Economic minerals are naturally occurring materials found on the earth’s crust that are used by society for a wide variety of applications such as construction and industrial production purposes. In Kent, at this time, important economic minerals are aggregate forming materials including soft sand for mortar production and sharp sand and gravel and hard rock for road construction and concrete manufacturing. Industrial minerals in Kent include brickearth that is used to produce construction blocks. Other industrial minerals which are important include clay for land engineering purposes, and silica sand which is used in a variety of applications including glass making and water filtration. Chalk is also used in the County for agricultural liming. Though cement manufacture has ceased, there is a strategic allocation in the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP) that recognises the potential for reactivation of the cement industry as some point in the future.

At this time, the Kent Minerals Site Options Consultation is concerned with ensuring a steady and adequate supply of aggregates (soft sands and sharp sands and gravels) into the future. The other mineral types, though important, have sufficient permitted reserves not to require specific sites to come forward over the Plan period until 2030. The KMWLP sets out the criteria for considering additional silica sand provision.

3. What is the Kent Mineral and Waste Local Plan 2013-30?

The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) was adopted by Kent County Council in July 2016 as part of the Council’s statutory responsibility to plan for future minerals supply and waste management within Kent.

The adopted KMWLP is Kent County Council’s 15 year strategy and policy framework for minerals and waste development in Kent. It sets out how planning applications are to be considered for
mineral and waste management development. The KMWLP ensures future supply requirements for the economic minerals of Kent are met.

The current KMWLP commits Kent County Council to identifying and allocating land considered suitable for minerals and waste development in a subsequent Waste Sites Plan and Mineral Sites Plan.

4. Where can I get further information?

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the KCC Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team. There are three ways of getting in touch:

- Email us on mwlp@kent.gov.uk
- Phone us Monday to Friday on 03000 422370
- Write to us at KCC Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Kent Minerals Sites Plan

5. What are “Mineral Sites”?

‘Mineral Sites’ are locations where an economic mineral exists and where extraction could potentially occur.

6. What is the Kent Mineral Sites Plan?

The purpose of the Kent Minerals Sites Plan is to identify sites where suitable and necessary mineral sites development can occur and, in doing so, provide certainty to the minerals industry, local authorities and communities.

The Kent Mineral Sites Plan will identify the sites to meet mineral supply requirements (based on current assessments of need and the objectives of the KMWLP) that are considered suitable when judged against the locational criteria set out in the policies of the KMWLP.

The Kent Mineral Sites Plan is being produced because the KMWLP does not allocate specific sites for minerals development except one strategic site for cement production (and related mineral reserves) at Holborough in the Medway Valley.

Once adopted, the Kent Mineral Sites Plan would be a public document and form part of the Development Plan (sometimes referred to as a Local Plan) for Kent. It will replace existing saved policies which identify locations for minerals development.

7. How will the Kent Mineral Sites Plan be used once it is adopted?

The Kent Mineral Sites Plan will be used alongside the policies of the KMWLP for determining planning applications and appeals related to proposals for minerals development.

It should be noted that before the Kent Minerals Sites Plan is adopted, Kent County Council may take it into consideration when determining planning applications (i.e. it may be given some but not full weight).
8. **How long will the adopted Kent Mineral Sites Plan last for?**

The adopted KMWLP is intended to provide planning policy until 2030 and the Kent Mineral Sites Plan will support this time frame. Implementation of the Plans will be monitored and the Plans will be updated if the monitoring shows this is necessary.

9. **How will sites be selected for inclusion in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan?**

The way in which Kent County Council will select sites for inclusion in the Kent Minerals Sites Plan is set out in a separate document (*Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Site Identification and Selection Methodology – Living Draft November 2017*). The flow diagram below summarises the main stages in the site identification and selection process:

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CALL FOR SITES

LONG LIST OF SITES

STAGE 1: ALIGNMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ADOPTED KWMLP AND SCOPE OF THE SITES PLAN

STAGE 2: INITIAL SCREENING

STAGE 3: CONSULTATION ON THE SITE OPTIONS

STAGE 4: DETAILED TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE OPTIONS (INCLUDING SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL)

SITES PROPOSED FOR ALLOCATION
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The Site Identification and Selection Methodology is available from the following link http://mylimehouse.kent.gov.uk/file/4794567.

10. **What stage are Kent County Council at in selecting mineral sites?**

The flow diagram above outlines the stages of the site identification and selection methodology and Kent County Council are currently at Stage 3. Further information on Stage 3 is provided in the Mineral Sites Options Document (http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal/second_call_for_sites_2016/mineral_sites_plan_-_options_consultation) and below.
11. What is the timetable for the Kent Mineral Sites Plan?

The following table details the main stages of the Kent Mineral Sites Plan timetable:

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12. I want to develop a site for mineral extraction now – do I have to wait until the Kent Mineral Sites Plan has been finished?

No. Planning permission can be sought for mineral extraction on land at any time. Any such application would be determined on its merits against the policies of the adopted KMWLP and all other material planning considerations.

13. Will the sites identified in the adopted Kent Mineral Sites Plan still require planning permission?

Yes, fully detailed planning applications will be required to be submitted and any determination will follow the normal planning process having regard to the polices of the Development Plan for the area and all material planning considerations.

14. When will the sites be developed?

It is anticipated that any of the options consultation sites are unlikely to be the subject of planning applications prior to adoption of the Kent Mineral Sites Plan. However, this does not mean that any planning applications cannot be submitted in the interim. In such an eventuality, the planning application(s) would have to be determined in accordance with the polices of the Development Plan for the area and all material planning considerations.
15. When will the sites be opened?

Following on from question 14, any site that is granted planning permission normally has a period when the permission has to be implemented. This is generally within 5 years of the consent.

16. Will mineral facilities only be located on the sites which will be set out in the adopted Kent Mineral Sites Plan?

No, not necessarily. Planning applications on any economic mineral bearing land can be submitted for determination at any time. Therefore, there is no guarantee that only the sites identified in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan will represent new mineral sites into the future.

17. Who will approve the sites?

Kent County Council will ultimately approve the sites when it adopts the Kent Mineral Sites Plan. However, Kent County Council can only adopt the Plan if it has been ‘found sound’ and legally compliant by an independent Planning Inspector. The Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector to conduct an Independent Examination of the submitted plan and report on the Plan’s soundness and suitability for adoption.

18. Will the implementation of the Kent Mineral Sites Plan be monitored?

Yes, Kent County Council is required to continuously monitor all adopted plans against environmental monitoring criteria.

19. When will the Kent Mineral Sites Plan be reviewed?

If the monitoring of any plan indicated that its relevance, soundness and onward deliverability of sustainable development has become uncertain, such a plan will have to be reviewed either in full or partially.

20. What happened to the comments that I provided on the Kent Minerals and Waste Sites Plan Preferred Options Consultation in May 2012?

Consultation on the Kent Minerals and Waste Sites Plan Preferred Options took place in May 2012. Representations received did not become part of further work on these documents at that time as there was a need to focus resources on work associated with the preparation of the KMWLP. Given the lapse of time since 2012, Kent County Council decided that a new Call for Sites exercise was required. Representations that will now be received will shape how the Kent Mineral Sites Plan develops.

Kent Minerals Sites Plan Options Consultation – December 2017 to March 2018

21. What are Mineral Sites Plan “Options”?

The Mineral Sites Plan “Options” are nine sites which have been promoted as having potential for mineral supply and have been assessed as aligning with the objectives of the adopted KMWLP. They have been subject to initial screening and have been identified, subject to detailed technical
assessment, as potential site allocations. Public consultation is now invited to aid the detailed technical assessment process.

22. Why is there a public consultation on the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options?

The Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options Consultation involves consulting residents, businesses and other organisations on the Kent Mineral Site Options. The public consultation will allow Kent County Council to gain local knowledge about the Site Options to help inform the next stage of the plan making process which involves detailed technical assessment to ensure robust decisions are made on which sites should be allocated in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan.

23. What minerals are addressed by the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options Consultation?

The Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options document sets out potential sites which could supply certain minerals for which there is a particular requirement not already addressed by existing sites. These requirements are considered in the adopted KMWLP and they also reflect the latest Local Aggregate Assessment (a monitoring tool to predict future aggregate requirements). The table below summarises the types of minerals which the Site Options address:

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<td>Sharp Sand and Gravel (primary land won Aggregate) principally used for concrete production for built development and infrastructure development and maintenance.</td>
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<td>Crushed Rock (primary land won aggregate) The level of the permitted reserves are considered sufficient for KMWLP requirements to 2030.</td>
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<td>Chalk for Agricultural and Engineering Uses (land won chalk used in soil conditioning (‘liming’) and construction) The level of the permitted reserves are considered sufficient for KMWLP requirements to 2030.</td>
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<td>Materials for Cement Manufacture (industrial minerals Chalk and Clay) No sites promoted – KMWLP Policy CSM 2 details the Strategic Site allocation in the adopted Plan</td>
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<td>Silica Sand (mineral for use in recreational and industrial applications) The adopted KMWLP (Policy CSM 2) does not anticipate the allocation of sites for the supply of silica sand. Supply to meet requirements is addressed by existing sites and planning applications for additional sites would be determined on their merits against the policies in the adopted KMWLP.</td>
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24. *How do you know that the option sites would provide the minerals required?*

A requirement of the Call for Sites process was for the promoter of any relevant mineral site to provide information on the nature of the deposit in terms of its type, economic potential and quantity. This usually included investigative bore holes and/or trial trenches and in some cases laboratory analysis to determine the characteristics of the mineral present. Where this information was limited, Kent County Council engaged with the promoter to gather further information on the mineral resource present on site to enable initial screening (Stage 2 of the methodology) to proceed.

25. *How were the site options included in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options Consultation selected?*

Kent County Council conducted a “Call for Sites” exercise from November 2016 to January 2017 during which anyone could promote a site for inclusion in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan. The exercise resulted in 19 mineral sites being promoted. Subject to consideration of whether the promoted sites would supply minerals of the type which are required (Stage 1), sites underwent initial screening (Stage 2). The initial screening involved a desktop assessment to establish whether there were any constraints on mineral development in that location which could not practically be overcome. Nine sites were not screened out at Stage 2 and these are the “Options” (or “Reasonable Alternatives”) which have now been published for public consultation (Stage 3). Also see question 9 above.

26. *What are the site options?*

The site options are detailed in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options Consultation document (available to view at http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal/second_call_for_sites_2016/mineral_sites_plan_-_options_consultation) and are as follows:

- Chapel Farm, Lenham – soft sand
- West Malling Sandpit, Ryarsh – soft sand
- Central Road, Dartford – sharp sand and gravel
- Joyce Green Quarry, Dartford – sharp sand and gravel
- Lydd Quarry/Allen’s Bank Extension, Lydd – sharp sand and gravel
- Stone Castle Farm Quarry Extension, Hadlow/Whetsed – sharp sand and gravel
- The Postern, Capel – sharp sand and gravel
- Postern Meadows, Tonbridge – sharp sand and gravel
- Moat Farm, Five Oak Green, Capel – sharp sand and gravel

27. *What impact will the option sites have on the local environment?*

Kent County Council at Stage 4 of the Site Selection and Identification Methodology will undertake detailed technical assessment of the option sites. This will involve consideration of the local
environmental concerns that can reasonably be considered. Such matters as ecology, heritage, archaeology, landscape impacts, transportation impacts and local amenity concerns (including noise, dust, vibration, odour, light) will be part of this detailed technical assessment. It is Kent County Council’s intention to ensure that any option site that may become an allocation at some point in the future will not have any inherent significantly detrimental impacts associated with the development.

28. Will all of the site options be included in the final Kent Minerals Sites Plan?

Not necessarily, this depends on the outcome of the detailed technical assessments and the outcome of the independent examination of the Kent Mineral Sites Plan. It is possible that during the course of formulating the Kent Mineral Sites Plan and its eventual examination certain option sites may have to be discarded and others may have to be considered.

29. I have a site which may be suitable as a mineral site option that hasn’t been identified in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options document, what should I do?

If you nominated the site during the Call for Sites process then you can check the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options document to see why it wasn’t selected. If you still feel the site should be included you can explain why that is in response to the consultation but, in particular, please address the reasons given for not selecting the site.

If you haven’t previously nominated the site then you can do so during the current consultation on the Options. Please provide the details set out in Appendix 1 of the Site Identification and Selection Methodology document (http://mylimehouse.kent.gov.uk/file/4282097)

You can also make a case for the site at the next plan making stage (known as Regulation 19) and this will then be considered by a Planning Inspector who will be appointed by the Secretary of State to independently examine the Mineral Sites Plan.

30. Why were some of the promoted sites not selected as “Options”?

Promoted sites that did not meet requirements for minerals set out in the adopted KMWLP were not considered further. Promoted sites that could help meet requirements but were not selected as Options were those considered unsuitable during the Initial Screening at Stage 2. This stage took into account all of the information the promoter had submitted as well as information available to Kent County Council. A scoring system for all of the selection criteria (e.g. impact on landscape such as AONB designations, ecological impacts, heritage impacts, local amenity, highway impacts etc.) was used to show whether sites might be suitable for development. The sites that were not considered suitable at Stage 2 Initial Screening have not progressed as Option Sites in the Kent Mineral Sites Options Consultation.

31. What is the public consultation about?

The consultation gives you the chance to provide your views and comments on the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options. Kent County Council wishes to hear the views of the local community, the extractive minerals industry, statutory bodies and any other relevant consultees to inform the
content of the Kent Minerals Sites Plan. Comments received will be taken into account in the final selection of sites and, in particular, inform the detailed technical assessment of the site options.

32. What documents are available as part of the public consultation on the Kent Minerals Sites Plan Options?

The main documents available in relation to the Kent Minerals Sites Plan Options Consultation are:

- Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options Consultation Document – November 2017
- Scoping Report – Sustainability Appraisal of the Kent Minerals Sites Plan Making Process

The background evidence documents relating to the Kent Minerals Sites Plan Options Consultation are also available and include:

- Updated Local Development Scheme
- Equality Impact Assessment
- Kent Minerals Sites Plan – Mineral Site Selection – Initial Assessment November 2017
- Site Identification and Selection Methodology (Living Draft November 2017)
- Statement of Community Involvement

There is also a public consultation on the Partial Review of the KMWLP which can be accessed at http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal/mwcs/early_partial_review_2017/early_partial_review_2017. FAQs regarding the Partial Review are available and are set out below.

33. What is the purpose of the consultation documents?

Public consultation in plan making is a formal requirement of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The current consultation documents are part of a “Regulation 18” stage consultation which is intended to inform and gather views from all relevant groups (statutory and non statutory) and individuals which will help Kent County Council decide which sites should be included in the Kent Mineral Sites Plan.

34. Where can I view the consultation documents?

All consultation documents are available online via. Alternatively, paper copies of the documents can also be viewed at locations noted in the following link http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal/.

35. How can I comment on the Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options?

Comments on the consultation documents can be made in the following ways:

- Online – using the consultation portal at http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal/
- Email – mwlp@kent.gov.uk
- Post – KCC Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Comments can be made until Thursday 29th March 2018.
36. **Will my comments be made public?**

Yes, all comments will be made publically available.

37. **What will happen once I have sent my views to Kent County Council?**

The KCC Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team will collate all of the comments and prepare a commentary report summarising all the representations received and how these have been taken into account as part of the on-going site assessment process. The views received will be taken into account in the Detailed Technical Assessment of the sites.

Following the detail technical assessment of the site options a Kent Mineral Sites Plan Pre-submission Consultation (Regulation 19) will be prepared. This Pre-submission version of the Plan will be the one that the County Council proposes to submit for examination to an independent Planning Inspector. Before submitting the Pre-submission Draft there will be a minimum six week period to allow for representations on the Pre-submission Mineral Sites Plan. This is currently scheduled for late 2018.

**Partial Review of the KMWLP 2013-30**

38. **What is a “partial review” of a Local Plan?**

Adopted Local Plans have to be monitored to ensure that they remain relevant and fit for purpose. Monitoring Local Plans includes ensuring that planning policies, including targets, are still valid, effective and deliverable. Monitoring may reveal that only part of a Local Plan has become out of date or ineffective and so a ‘partial’ review of the plan is required to be carried out by the relevant authority. Reviews may consider both policy content and explanatory text.

39. **Which parts of the KMWLP are being reviewed as part of the Partial Review?**

The Partial Review is essentially concerned with two areas of the KMWLP. These are waste management capacity and the need for a Waste Sites Plan, and minerals and waste safeguarding.

40. **Why is the waste management capacity and the need for a Waste Sites Plan being reviewed?**

The adopted KMWLP identified a shortfall in waste management capacity over the Plan period for the following types of waste management: waste recovery (energy from waste and organic waste treatment), hazardous waste, and the disposal of dredgings. To improve certainty concerning the provision of the required capacity, policies CSW7, CSW8, CSW12 and CSW14 commit the County Council to allocating sites suitable for accommodating waste facilities in a Waste Sites Plan. Policy CSW4 sets the strategy context for waste management capacity.

Planning policy guidance states that in preparation for the Waste Sites Plan, it was necessary to consider whether the requirements for additional waste management capacity, as identified in the KMWLP were still robust, in order to ensure that the appropriate amount of new capacity is planned for. A review of the future needs for waste management facilities in Kent was therefore undertaken.

A key driver for the review of waste requirements was the implementation of a planning permission for a significant new waste facility at Kemsley which meant that the amount of existing waste
management capacity used to inform the approach in the KMWLP was no longer robust. Planning permission was granted in 2012 for the Kemsley Sustainable Energy facility, which would provide capacity for around 500,000tpa of non-hazardous waste recovery. During the preparation of the KMWLP, there was considerable uncertainty over whether the facility would be built and so it was considered prudent not to factor this into the assessment of future capacity requirements. In August 2016, shortly after the adoption of the KMWLP, work commenced on the construction of the Kemsley facility, clearly indicating that the capacity would in fact be realised, substantially eliminating the capacity shortfall identified in the KMWLP of 562,500tpa.

The adopted KMWLP also identified that sites would be identified in a Waste Sites Plan for hazardous waste (policy CSW12) and for the disposal of dredgings (policy CSW14). Notwithstanding this policy support, the ‘Call for Sites’ did not reveal any need or support from industry including the Port of London Authority for the allocation of specific sites.

In terms of additional organic waste treatment capacity, the review of waste requirements concluded that, when considered separately from recycling there is a continued need for some additional capacity but when recycling and composting are considered together no additional capacity is required. In any event, it is considered that the Plan’s policy is sufficiently supportive of organic waste treatment, such that the identification of specific sites to provide any additional certainty that development will come forward is not justified.

The review of waste requirements therefore indicates that there is insufficient justification for a Waste Sites Plan and therefore changes to a number of the adopted KMWLP waste policies and explanatory text are required to remove the commitment to identify sites within a separate Waste Sites Plan. This will ensure that there is no over-supply of capacity. A change to adopted policies can only be realised via a Partial Review of the KMWLP which will subject to public consultation and independent examination.

41. Why are the minerals and waste safeguarding policies being reviewed?

Kent County Council has been using the adopted minerals and waste safeguarding policies while considering local applications that affect both safeguarded minerals and waste management infrastructure. These policies include:

- Policy DM 7 (Safeguarding Mineral Resources), and
- Policy DM 8 (Safeguarding Minerals Management, Transportation, Production & Waste Management Facilities)

Monitoring of the Plan has revealed a significant ambiguity that means that these policies are not being interpreted as intended and that in some circumstances, minerals and waste safeguarding objectives are being undermined. The intention of these safeguarding policies was to ensure that development on sites for non-mineral development (i.e. housing) allocated in a Borough or District Local Plan would be exempt from the KMWLP’s safeguarding provisions if the need to safeguard any mineral resource underlying the site, and/or proximate minerals and waste infrastructure, had been assessed and factored into the decision to allocate the sites. In practice, however, there have been occasions where the policies are being interpreted to exclude any site allocations in adopted development plans from the safeguarding process, regardless of whether minerals and waste
safeguarding was considered during the site allocation process. This is not the intention of the policies, nor national policy guidance, and it has the potential to undermine the effectiveness of these policies. The Partial Review which is proposed in this report provides the opportunity to address this matter.

42. Why is there no Waste Sites Plan Options Consultation?

The early monitoring work that supports the early partial review of the KMWLP indicates that there is sufficient capacity to meet waste management needs for the duration of the plan period. Therefore, it follows that any work on a waste sites plan at this stage cannot be justified as required.


43. If they weren’t needed why was there a ‘Call for Sites’ process requesting nominations for waste sites?

National policy requires that for the Sites Plans to be sound they must be ‘justified’– this means that the quantum of allocations properly reflects requirements and so a review of the requirements as set out in the KMWLP) was also carried out. At the time of the Call for Sites exercise (December 2016 to January 2017) the reassessment of waste needs had not been completed and so it was not possible to confirm at that time that waste sites were not required. This was because routine and statutory monitoring of the recently adopted KMWLP polices indicated but did not confirm that the relevant policy (CSW 7) had been fully met. Kent County Council therefore considered that a reassessment of non-hazardous waste management capacity needed to be reviewed and therefore began this process in parallel and without prejudice to the Sites Plans work that had been initiated by the call for sites.

44. What happens to the waste sites that were promoted in response to the Call for Sites exercise?

The waste sites that have been promoted will be not taken forward any further for plan making purposes. However, applications can be made for new waste management capacity on these sites and these would be determined in accordance with the polices of the adopted KMWLP and all other material planning considerations.

45. Does the fact that there will be no Waste Sites Plan mean that there will be no more new waste sites?

No, not necessarily. Planning applications may come forward for waste management development. These will be determined in accordance with the KMWLP policies and other material planning considerations. In addition, it is of note that waste reuse and recycling activities are not subject to a capacity cap in the KMWLP and therefore additional capacity can come forward in the form of new sites, where appropriate and in accordance with the strategy and policies of the KMWLP.
46. What is the timetable for the Partial Review?

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47. What are the consultation arrangements for the Partial Review and what are the next stages?

The main documents available for public consultation on the Partial Review of the KMWLP are as follows:

- KMWLP Partial Review 2017 Consultation Document
- Scoping Report – Sustainability Appraisal of the KMWLP Partial Review

The background evidence documents relating to the KMWLP Partial Review are also available and include:

- Topic Papers – Waste Assessment – BPP 2017
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