CABINET MEMBERS DELEGATED DECISION

Open/~~Exempt~~		Would any decisions proposed :			
Any especially affected Wards	Mandatory/ ~~Discretionary /~~ ~~Operational~~	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide Need to be recommendations to Council Is it a Key Decision	YES/~~NO~~ ~~YES~~/NO ~~YES~~/NO		
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Financial Implications ~~YES~~/NO	Policy/Personnel Implications ~~YES~~/NO	Statutory Implications YES/~~NO~~	Equal Impact Assessment ~~YES~~/NO If YES: Pre-screening/ Full Assessment	Risk Management Implications ~~YES~~/NO	
If not for publication, the paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act considered to justify that is (are) paragraph(s) N/A					
Date meeting advertised: 19th October 2016		Date of meeting decision to be taken: 26th October 2016			
Deadline for Call-In: 2nd November 2016					

Date of meeting: 26th October 2016

NORFOLK MINERALS SITE SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD): SINGLE ISSUE SILICA SAND REVIEW – PRE-SUBMISSION ADDENDUM: MODIFICATIONS - INVITATION TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

Summary
Modifications are proposed by the County Council to the Silica Sand Single Issue Review. Some reflect comments made originally by the Borough Council, others will improve the Plan.

Recommendation
The Main Modifications given below be supported.

Reason for Decision
To achieve a more appropriate set of policies in the Silica Sand Single Issue Review.

Background
The County Council, as part of its work on the Single Issue Silica Sand Review of the adopted Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD, has prepared Modifications to the Pre-Submission document.

The Modifications can be summarised as follows:

1. Amending the southern boundary of Area of Search AOS D (located in the parishes of East Winch & Pentney) to move it northwards to within the existing woodland.

2. Area of Search AOS A (located in the parishes of Ingoldisthorpe, Snettisham & Dersingham) is no longer allocated and will therefore be deleted from the Silica Sand Review. No replacement Areas of Search are proposed for silica sand extraction.
3. Amending the Areas of Search Policy requirements for a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and Heritage Statement.

4. Amending the Specific Site Allocation Policy SIL01 requirements for a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.

(Further information is provided in the Modifications document, which is viewable at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf .

In Norfolk, the silica sand resource occurs entirely within West Norfolk.

The 'Pre-Submission Addendum: Modifications', including associated changes to supporting documents, has been published to allow representations on the soundness (whether it is justified, effective, positively prepared and consistent with national policy) and legal compliance of the modifications to be made, over a six week period, between **9am on 14 September and 5pm on 27 October 2016** (inclusive).

Only the modifications are subject to this representations period, so any representations on other matters will not be accepted. Any previously made representations on these matters do not need to be repeated if they are unchanged. Any representations on the modifications must be received during the representations period; late representations will not be accepted.

Consideration of the proposed modifications

The Cabinet agreed a response to the original consultation on the substantive silica sand plan in June. In terms of the proposed modifications:

1. We originally offered no observations on AOS D. The proposed modification is made in response to a representation from English Heritage with which the County Council agree. It will add a more reasonable boundary. This change should therefore be supported.

2. Essentially this objected strongly to the proposed Area of Search (AOS A) at Ingoldisthorpe, Snettisham and Dersingham. This is now proposed to be deleted. This change should therefore be supported.

3. We noted that the original plan contained provisions for a requirement for any planning application submitted within an area of search to include a **Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment**, a Heritage Statement and an archaeological assessment. This reflected earlier concerns we expressed.

The proposed change reinforces this position. This change should therefore be supported.

4. We originally offered no observations on the allocated site SIL 01. The proposed modification is made in response to a representation from English Heritage with which the County Council agree. It will improve the operation of the policy. This change should therefore be supported.

In conclusion the four proposed main modifications should all be supported.

Options Considered
The question is whether we agree or disagree with the changes proposed by the County Council.

Policy Implications
None specifically to Borough Council policies.

Financial Implications
None specifically.

Personnel Implications
None specifically.

Statutory Considerations
None specifically.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)
(Pre screening report template attached)

No impacts.

Risk Management Implications
None specifically.

Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted
None advised.

Background Papers
(Definition : Unpublished work relied on to a material extent in preparing the report that disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based. A copy of all background papers must be supplied to Democratic Services with the report for publishing with the agenda)

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Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Name of policy/service/function	Norfolk County Council Silica Sand Review
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	~~New /~~ Existing (delete as appropriate)
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Dealing with the extraction of silica sand in West Norfolk. It will become a statutory plan on adoption.

Question	**Answer**				
1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups **according to their different protected characteristic**, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service? Please tick the relevant box for each group. NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			x	
	Disability			x	
	Gender			x	
	Gender Re-assignment			x	
	Marriage/civil partnership			x	
	Pregnancy & maternity			x	
	Race			x	
	Religion or belief			x	
	Sexual orientation			x	
	Other (eg low income)			x	

Question	**Answer**	**Comments**
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	~~Yes /~~ No	
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	~~Yes /~~ No	
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	~~Yes /~~ No	
5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section	~~Yes /~~ No	**Actions:** **Actions agreed by EWG member:** ……
Assessment completed by: **Name Alan Gomm**		
Job title Planning Policy Manager	**Date: 18 Oct 2016**	

Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.