Lathbury Parish Meeting, 26th October 2026

Paper 2 Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The extraction of sand and gravel in Lathbury is governed by the current Minerals Local Plan, which was adopted in 2017. During the development of that plan, Lathbury Parish Meeting was consulted and submitted evidence.

On 1st October, Milton Keynes City Council has announced its intention to develop a new Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which will replace the existing Minerals Plan and a separate Waste Development Plan Document.

On 28th September, I attended an online briefing for City and Parish Councillors and Chairs of Parish Meetings on the process for developing the new plan. This set out:

- the aims of the plan;
- the development timetable, which runs until final adoption in August 2029;
- the main tasks at each stage of the development process;
- an outline of when and how MKCC will consult stakeholders.

A page about the MWLP on the City Council's website has been created.[1]

The slides from the online briefing follow this note. The main consultation periods shown are in July and August 2027 and 2028. At the briefing, I asked that this be reconsidered if the City Council was to avoid accusations of scheduling consultations when the nation goes on holiday. In the published timetable on the website, the consultations run from July to September (but which date in September is not specified).

Will Swann
Chair, Lathbury Parish Meeting

[1] https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-local-plan

Minerals & Waste Local Plan





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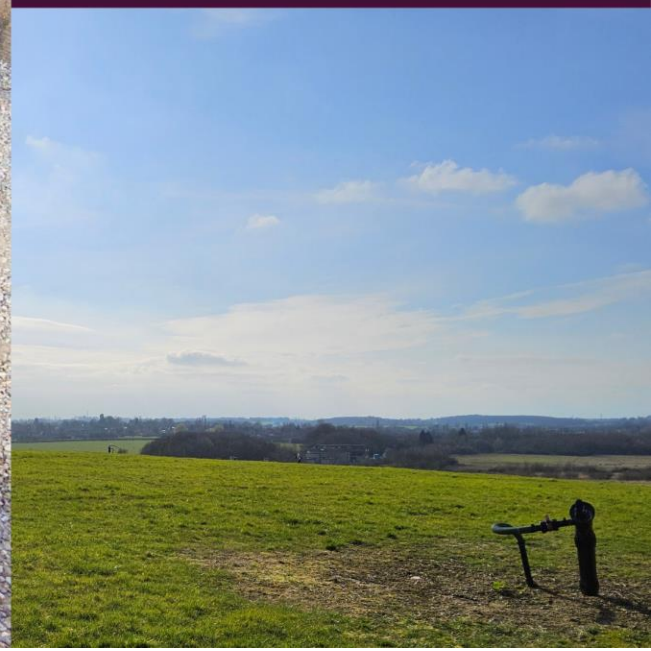


Overview

- What is minerals and waste planning?
- Why do we need a new Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP)? What impact will the plan have?
- MWLP Timetable and what have we done so far?
- How will we engage?
- Questions

What is minerals and waste planning?

Sand and gravel extraction/quarries.

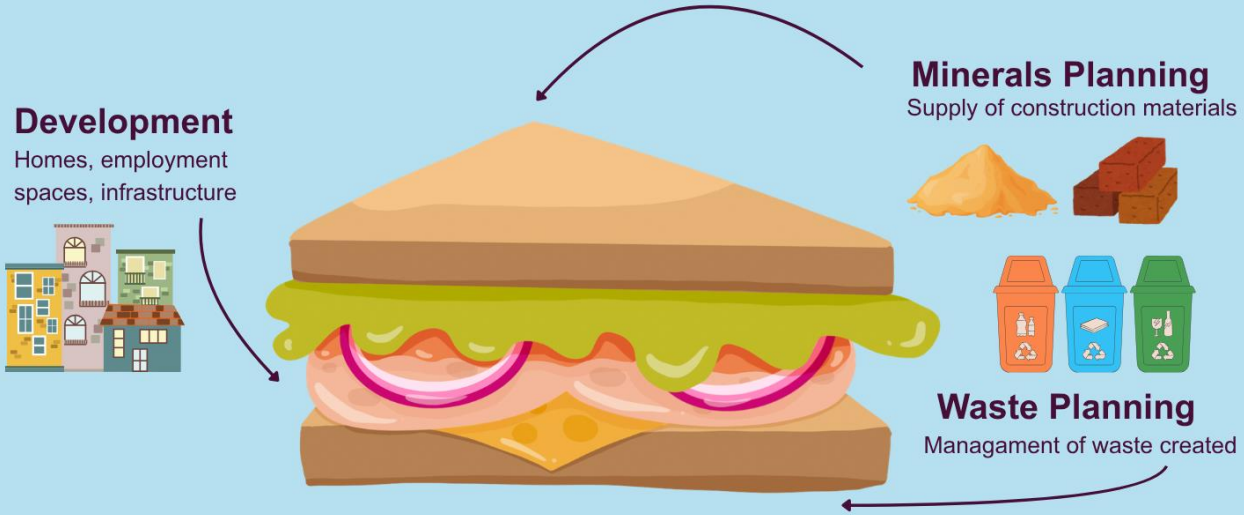
Mineral processing sites – rail import depot, concrete batching, recycled aggregate sites.

Energy from Waste.

Tidy tips.

Waste sorting centres.

Landfill.



Minerals and Waste Planning can be thought of like a sandwich. The homes and infrastructure we build are the filling but rely on two essential slices of bread: the materials needed to build them, and the responsible management of the waste they create.

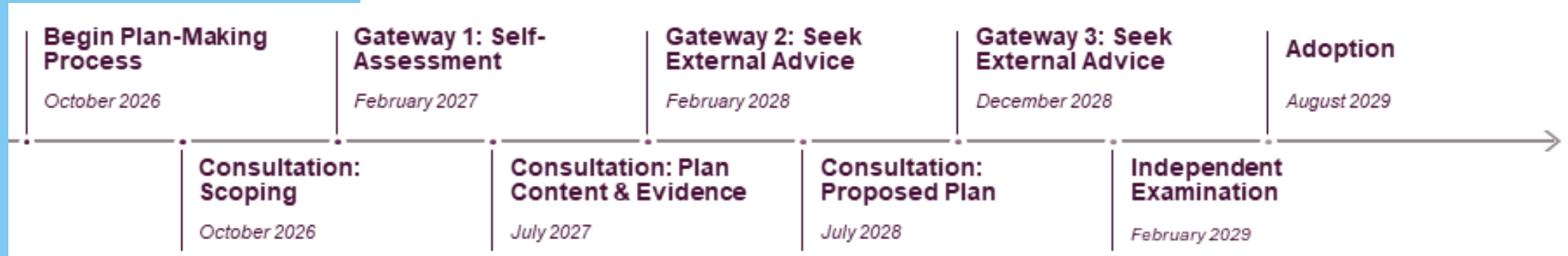
Why do we need a MWLP?

Statutory requirement – planning legislation.

Several key aims:

- Support a **reliable supply of materials** for new homes, schools, businesses and infrastructure.
- Support work to **reduce and reuse waste** – waste not want not.
- **Identify best locations** for minerals and waste development, to **minimise impacts** on local communities and the environment.
- Support action on **climate change**.
- Ensure that minerals and waste sites are restored in ways that **provide benefits for local people**.
- New national planning policies means **the MWLP will focus on site allocations and safeguarding** resources and existing infrastructure.

MWLP timetable



- Timetable is dictated by **new plan-making regulations** set by Government.
- Strict **30-month timetable** from the Gateway 1 Self assessment.
- Some aspects of the Plan, e.g. evidence soundness, will be considered at Gateways 2 & 3 by **independent planning inspectors.**

Summary of work so far

- Resource planning, project management, and agreeing internal governance.
- Working out what evidence we will need to prepare.
- **Political sign off** on starting plan-making.
- Starting to prepare background evidence. E.g. Strategic Environmental Assessment and Waste Needs Assessment.
- **Preparing for the Scoping Consultation,** publishing the Notice of Intention to Commence Plan-making, and MWLP Timetable.
- **Business-as-usual minerals and waste planning work** – survey of local operators and writing a yearly Local Aggregates Assessment.

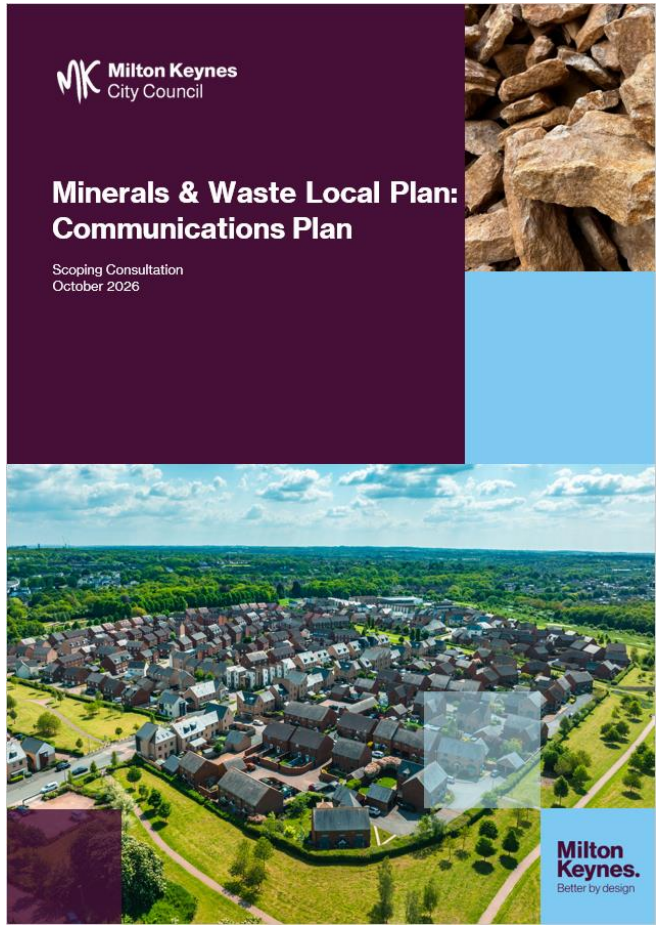
Key upcoming tasks

- **Scoping consultation and getting feedback** on the engagement strategy, the plan vision, what the plan should contain/address, and the strategic environmental assessment.
- Call for Sites exercise.
- **Site selection and allocations** work.
- Evidence base preparation – local mineral and waste needs. Assessing effects of the plan.
- **Consultation** on local plan content and evidence (summer 2027), and **consultation** on proposed local plan (summer 2028).
- Gateway checks.
- **Public examination**.

How will we engage?

Communications Plan

- Outlines **how we propose to engage** the public throughout the plan-making process
- Forms part of the **consultation** – we are **inviting feedback** on how we propose to engage!



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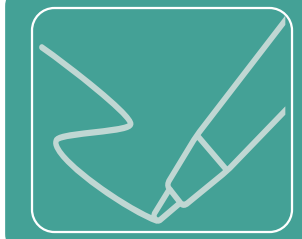

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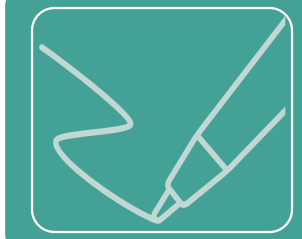

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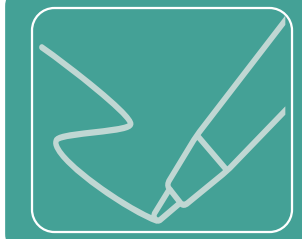

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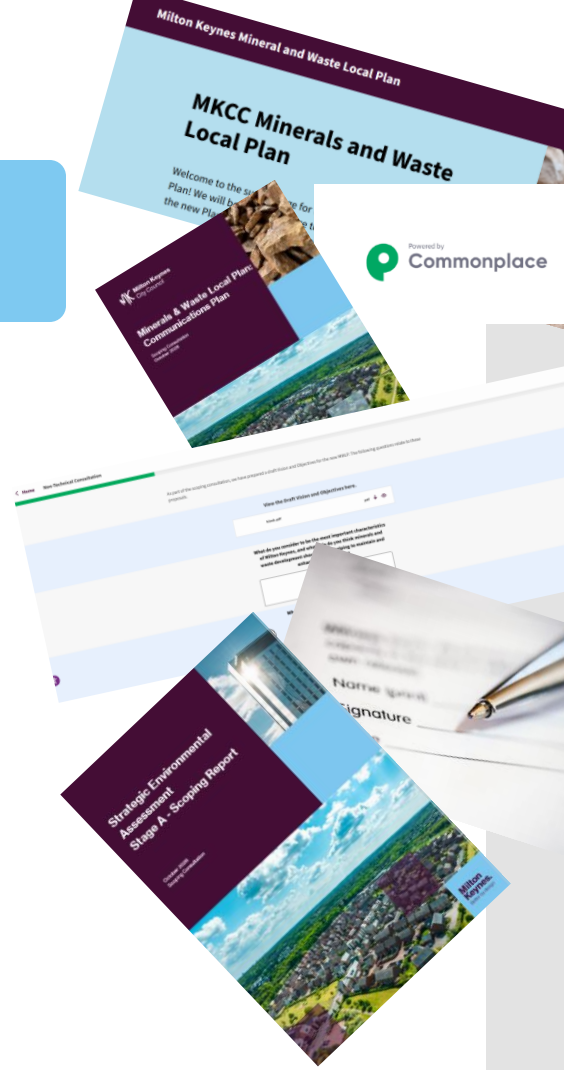

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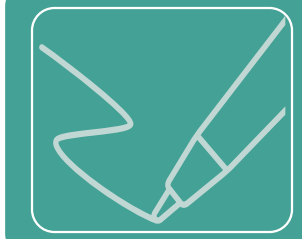

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