

## Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan

# Equality Impact Assessment: Desktop Screening

**Document Details:**

Status: 1.0

Date: 16 July 2012

Contact: Marianne Joynes, Policy Planner [minerals@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:minerals@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## Contents

1. Introduction.....	2
2. Desktop Screening .....	3
Part One:.....	3
Part Two:.....	6
Outcome .....	8



## 2. Desktop Screening

This exercise is not an Equality Impact Assessment. It is a desktop exercise designed to establish whether a full assessment should be carried out.

**Part One:** basic information needed to identify the policy and prepare for screening

1.1	Directorate and Section/Unit:	Planning Unit Business, Environment and Community Directorate
1.2	Title or brief description of the policy being screened:	Minerals Local Plan for Worcestershire Development Plan Document (part of the Local Development Framework for Worcestershire).
1.3	Screening by:	Marianne Joynes Policy Planner
1.4	Date of screening:	16 July 2012
1.5	Related policies/functions:	

Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan  
Equality Impact Assessment: Desktop Screening

		<p>Secretary of State in 2007, some of the policies in both the Minerals Local Plan and Structure Plan no longer form part of the development plan for Worcestershire. (This decision was made under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)</p> <p>The new Minerals Local Plan will replace the existing Minerals Local Plan and relevant Structure Plan policies but it will set out a new statutory planning policy framework rather than updating or refreshing existing Minerals Local Plan policies.</p>
1.8	Does the policy affect service users, employees, the wider	

Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan  
 Equality Impact Assessment: Desktop Screening

1.9	What are the planned outcomes for this policy?	<p>people living or working near or visiting areas with mineral resources.</p> <p>The Minerals Local Plan will be part of the Development Plan for Worcestershire and will provide a Minerals and Waste Development Framework for the County, the statutory basis for determining applications for planning permission in particular in the following areas:</p>
-----	--	--

Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan  
 Equality Impact Assessment: Desktop Screening

		Consultation questionnaires during the preparation of the Waste Core Strategy included an "About You" section to enable this monitoring. This will be included in the consultation questionnaires during the preparation of the Minerals Local Plan.
--	--	--

**Part Two:** The purpose of the following exercise is to assess the potential relevance of the policy in the lives of staff and/or residents who have one or more of the following "Protected Characteristics":

Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage/Civil Partnership, Pregnancy/maternity, Race, Religion/Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.

The questions in this section ask you to consider factors you will need to take into account in making your decision. The answers you provide will help you determine whether you will need to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment.

		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details and comments</b>
2.1	Could this policy have a significant impact on service delivery or other aspects of daily life for people who have any of the Protected Characteristics listed above?	✓		Mineral working is more likely to adversely affect those people who live nearby and do not go out to work, as minerals operations generally take place during the day. This might therefore have a greater impact on older people, children or those with disabilities which mean they spend a greater proportion of time at home than the general population or that they have less personal control over exposure to any adverse impacts. There may be local increases in lorry movements and potential for some noise and dust nuisance.

**Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan  
Equality Impact Assessment: Desktop Screening**





**EqlA not required: reasons and additional comments**

This screening assessment has been undertaken at an early stage in developing the Minerals Local Plan and as such there are no firm proposals to be assessed. This has been discussed with Sandy Bannister, Corporate Equality and Diversity Manager, and this will be kept under review as the Minerals Local Plan is developed.

Marianne Joynes...

16<sup>th</sup> July 2012..

Nicholas Dean...

16<sup>th</sup> July 2012..