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Worcestershire County Council is preparing a new Minerals Local Plan. Once completed, the new plan will replace the existing plan from 1997 and will be used by the County Council to guide the location of mineral workings and to make decisions about planning applications for mineral extraction and processing in the county.

This is Publication Minerals Local Plan (Regulation 19 consultation). This is the version of the Strategy that we intend to submit to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector to assess the 'soundness' and legal compliance of the strategy.

Before we submit the document to the Secretary of State you have six weeks to comment on the Publication Document. Representations at this stage should only be made on the legal and procedural compliance of the Minerals Local Plan (MLP), the soundness of the MLP or whether the MLP is in conformity with the duty to co-operate.

The consultation is open from the **19th August 2019** to the **30th September 2019 at 17:00**. Responses made to the Publication Version consultation will be treated as a formal representation and will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector as part of an examination in to the Plan.

If your response is about the content of the Local Plan, then these are likely to relate to whether or not it is sound.

If your response is about the way in which we prepared the Local Plan, then these are likely to relate to whether or not it is legally compliant.

How to get involved

A guidance note has been prepared to assist in the completion of the questionnaire, including details on what points are able to be made under this Regulation 19 consultation. The consultation documents, guidance note, and questionnaire are available online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals. They are also available to view at County Hall reception (Spetchley Road, Worcester) and at public libraries in Worcestershire (opening hours at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries).

If you would like a free paper copy of any of the documents, please email us at minerals@worcestershire.gov.uk, telephone 01905 766374, or write to:

Freepost RTHC-XXCK-AJGY
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy
Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
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All representations must be made in writing. However, you can speak to a member of the Minerals Planning Policy Team on 01905 766374 if you have any questions relating to the consultation.

Please respond to the consultation by **5pm on the 30th September 2019**. All responses must be in writing and will be in the public domain.

Please contact me or a member of the Mineral Planning Policy Team if you would like any further information.

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