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'Act now on climate change' says CPRE Sussex

CPRE Sussex, the countryside charity, is calling on East Sussex County Council to take more actions against climate change.

Despite East Sussex County Council admitting that it is unlikely to meet its own carbon reduction targets for 2021/22, the revised draft Minerals and Waste Plan for the county fails to tackle climate change.

"We all face a climate emergency and urgently need to reduce carbon emissions" says Stephen Hardy, CPRE Sussex Trustee.

"Yet, East Sussex County Council and its partner authorities are not planning to tighten up policies on minerals and waste applications to minimise their impact on climate change."

Applications for minerals extraction and waste disposal have major and very long-term impacts on the environment. They can accelerate climate change through air pollution from the processes themselves and the traffic they generate. They also increase noise and water pollution.

"Why can't the County Council take this early opportunity to improve the way in which we dig out minerals like sand and aggregates and dispose of our waste?" asks Stephen Hardy.

"Putting it off only means worse standards of waste disposal and more polluting extraction of minerals. and even more damage to our precious local environment."

CPRE Sussex also argues that the proposed minerals and waste policies do not provide the required protection for the South Downs National Park and the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

"Failing to meet legal obligations on both climate change and landscape protection cannot be in the best interests of East Sussex residents," concludes Stephen Hardy.

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Notes for editors:

Detailed comments by CPRE Sussex on the East Sussex Waste and Minerals Local Plan revised policies are set out in the letter at: <https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2022/01/CPRE-Sussex-response-ESCC-Joint-Waste-Minerals-2021.2022-.pdf>

CPRE Sussex's comments are made in response to the consultation on East Sussex County Council's revisions to their Minerals and Waste Plan, which the Council has written jointly with Brighton and Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority:

https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/waste-and-minerals-revised-policies-proposed-submi/consult_view/

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