

Appendix 1 – Initial Impact Assessment for the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan			
Coverage:	Crosscutting			
This is a decision relating to:	☒ Strategy	☒ Policy	☐ Service	☐ Function
	☐ Process/procedure	☐ Programme	☐ Project	☐ Review
	☐ Organisational change	☐ Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	☐	Revision of an existing approach:	☒
It is driven by:	Legislation:	☒	Local or corporate requirements:	☐
Description:	Key aims, objectives and activities To assess the impact of the decision to commence work on the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Local Plan through to Gateway 1, including the Notice for Commencement, Scoping Report and Evidence Base. Statutory drivers The Council must prepare Local Plans and associated planning documents, under the requirements of Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Regeneration and Levelling Up Act 2023, and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Differences from any previous approach The emerging Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan will update the Council's planning framework that specifically relates to minerals and waste development in line with the latest legislation and policy/guidance. This includes new policy approaches for managing mineral extraction, safeguarding mineral resources, waste management infrastructure, recycling facilities, landfill restoration, and associated development across the Tees Valley Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The key stakeholders are: The Council, other Tees Valley Local Planning Authorities, minerals and waste developers, businesses, investors and the local community. Intended outcomes.			

	To seek approval to formally commence the initial stages of work associated with the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Local Plan through to Gateway 1, including the Notice for Commencement, Scoping Report and Evidence Base.			
Live date:	The Council will consider the report seeking approval for the Publication Local Plan on 9 th September 2026.			
Lifespan:	Once the decision is made the Council, in partnership with the other Tees Valley Local Planning Authorities, will undertake all tasks in order pass through 'Gateway 1' no later than 30 th April 2027.			
Date of next review:	Not applicable			
Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?	☒	☐	☐	The Council is required to be prepare a local plan for the area based on an up to date evidence base. The emerging Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to be involved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?	☒	☐	☐	The Council is required to be prepare a local plan for the area based on an up to date evidence base. The emerging Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to be involved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will have an adverse impact on different groups or individuals in terms of equality.
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?	☒	☐	☐	The Council is required to be prepare a local plan for the area based on an up to date evidence base. The emerging Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to be involved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.
Next steps: ➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.				

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