

**Minerals and Waste Development Framework
Bovey Basin Strategy: Member Engagement**

Report of the Chief Planner

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee note the proposal to form a Local Member Consultative Group to enable appropriate Member engagement during the preparation of the Bovey Basin Strategy.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the context for the preparation of the Bovey Basin Strategy and the proposed approach with regards to Member engagement.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Devon Minerals Plan 2011 - 2033 sets out that Devon County Council will prepare a masterplan for the Bovey Basin ball clay operations. Specifically, it states in para 4.2.18:

“This masterplan will be prepared in partnership with the mineral operators and other relevant organisations and local communities, to inform the consideration of future planning applications and periodic reviews of existing planning permissions, including site management and restoration proposals”

- 2.2 Work on the masterplan, referred to in this report as the Bovey Basin Strategy, has now commenced and is in the early stages. This has included initial discussions with the two mineral operators within the area (Imerys and Sibelco), Teignbridge District Council and statutory bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England.
- 2.3 The main aim and purpose of the Bovey Basin Strategy is to provide a strategic, overarching approach to inform the development of the Bovey Basin over the next 100 years which is joined up, consistent and coordinated between the key stakeholders and delivery partners. Whilst minerals planning is the primary driver behind the strategy, it will also consider other interrelated issues, such as biodiversity net gain, habitat creation, opportunities for enhanced flood alleviation and any contributions mineral development could make towards climate change mitigation and adaptation. There is also an opportunity to work closely with Teignbridge District Council and consider the impact of non-mineral development as part of the Newton Abbot Garden Communities work. It is envisaged the document would be a non-statutory

strategy which can be used as to inform the review and potential update of the Minerals Plan due in 2022.

3. Strategy Area

3.1 The area to be covered by the Bovey Basin Strategy, shown in Appendix I, is based upon the Mineral Consultation Area for Industrial Minerals as defined through the Devon Minerals Plan 2011 - 2033. This area extends across 4 County Council electoral divisions, these being:

- Bovey Rural
- Chudleigh & Teign Valley
- Newton Abbot North
- Kingsteignton & Teign Estuary

4. The Local Member Consultative Group

4.1 Officers have a duty to consult local members on issues affecting their divisions. The members for the first three divisions listed above are also members of the Development Management Committee and, as such, there is an opportunity for this group to act as a sub-group of this committee. This is considered to be a logical approach given that the requirement for the Bovey Basin Strategy is derived from the Minerals Plan, for which the Development Management Committee has responsibility to oversee.

4.2 The member for Kingsteignton & Teign Estuary is not a member of the Development Management Committee and as such cannot be part of a sub-group of the committee. He will instead be included in all correspondence/meetings as a Local Member only.

4.3 The proposed purpose of the group is primarily to ensure local members are kept informed of issues affecting their division, and it should be noted that the Local Member Consultative Group will not be a decision-making group. When is it necessary to make any significant decisions on the strategy, for example, to undertake community consultation on a draft document or approve the final document, a report will be brought back to Development Management Committee so all Members will have the opportunity to comment.

5. Reasons for Recommendation/Alternative Options Considered

5.1 As highlighted above, officers have a duty to consult local members on issues affecting their divisions and the proposed approach would meet this requirement. The potential for wider membership of the group was considered but, given the full Development Management Committee will have opportunities to comment at key milestones, it was deemed most appropriate for local members upon which the strategy would most directly affect to have more regular engagement and form the group.

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Electoral Divisions: **Bovey Rural, Chudleigh & Teign Valley,
Kingsteignton & Teign Estuary and Newton Abbot
North**

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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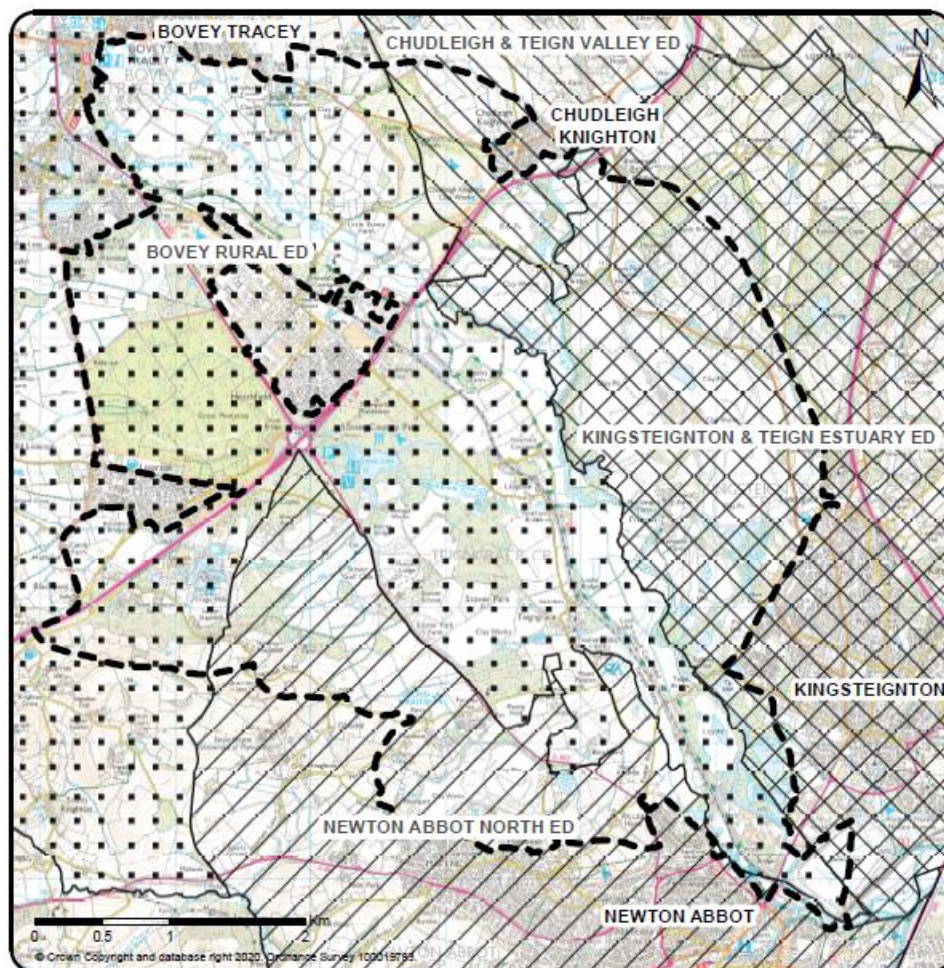
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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
Devon Minerals Plan	Feb 2017	https://www.devon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/minerals-and-waste-policy/devon-minerals-plan

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Electoral Divisions Covered By The Bovey Basin Strategy Area



Bovey Basin Strategy Area

Electoral Divisions

-  Bovey Rural ED
-  Chudleigh & Teign Valley ED
-  Kingsteignton & Teign Estuary ED
-  Newton Abbot North ED