Minerals and Waste Plan draft policies map: guidance note

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Introduction

The current adopted policies map shows the geographical extent of the policies in the Local Plan, including adopted policies in the Local Plan Strategy and saved policies in the Congleton Borough Local Plan, Borough of Crewe and Nantwich Local Plan, Macclesfield Borough Local Plan, Cheshire Minerals Local Plan, and Cheshire Waste Local Plan.

The first draft Minerals and Waste Plan (MWP) contains policies and site allocations that, if adopted, would result in changes to the adopted policies map. In addition, the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) has recently been examined and found to be sound, legally-compliant and capable of adoption, subject to making a series of changes (main modifications) recommended by the inspector. Adoption of the SADPD would also result in changes to the adopted policies map.

The Minerals and Waste Plan draft policies map shows how the adopted policies map would change if the first draft MWP was adopted as published and the SADPD was adopted with the inspector's recommended main modifications. Between them, the MWP and SADPD would replace all the saved policies from legacy local plans. The draft policies map shows:

- Adopted policies in the Local Plan Strategy
- Draft policies in the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document; and
- Draft policies in the Minerals and Waste Plan.

It also shows the areas with [completed neighbourhood plans](#), but it does not show the policies contained within each neighbourhood plan.

In addition, the map shows various other designations that are referred to, but not defined by the Local Plan (such as flood zones, conservation areas and local nature reserves).

Local plan policies not shown on the map apply across the whole plan area (all of Cheshire East Borough, excluding the area within the Peak District National Park).

How to use the map

Move the map and zoom in/out

You can move the map using the mouse (or a touchscreen) to click and drag. You can zoom in or out using the mouse scroll-wheel, by using the pinch gesture on a touch screen, or using the plus and minus zoom icons on the right of the screen.
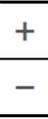
Identify tool

Single click on any point on the map (or tap the touchscreen) to open the 'identify' box. This will list all the map features at that point on the map. If there is more than one feature, you can scroll through them using the forward and back arrows. The outline of the currently selected feature will be highlighted in light blue (cyan) on the map. If the identify box is obscuring the map, you can click the minimise box button (single horizontal line near top right of the box) to minimise the box without unselecting the feature.

The 'identify' box will show you the map layer, the policy reference, the policy name, the policy status (adopted or draft), the policy document and provide a hyperlink to the policy text.

Other map tools

The map has several other tools and options available. These are listed and explained in the table below.

Icon	Map tool
⣿	Options (map menu). This opens the main options menu. • From the main options menu, you can switch individual map layers off and on (tick or untick them). As the map contains a lot of information with many overlapping map features, you may find it easier to view if you switch off any layers that you do not need. • Click on any layer name to select that layer (highlighted in orange) and once selected, the legend for that layer will be shown underneath the list of layers.

	• The options menu also includes 'settings' – you can change several, such as adding a scalebar to the map or view the mouse co-ordinates (grid reference).
	Address finder. Use this tool to search the council's property gazetteer for an address or postcode. There is also a quick search box underneath, but the quick search box searches the Ordnance Survey data (instead of the council's property gazetteer) which may not be as up to date for brand new properties.
	Streetview. Click this button to highlight it. Once highlighted, click on a road on the map to open a street-level view at that location. Click the streetview button again to return to the map.
	Measure tools. Use this tool to measure a length or area on the map.
	Print. Enables you to save a PDF or image copy of the current map view.
Grayscale Map ⌄	Select basemap. You can choose from the Ordnance Survey colour map, Ordnance Survey grayscale map, the open source street map, or imagery (aerial photography).
250000 ▾	Set map scale. Choose from the options or type your own custom map scale into the box. You can also zoom in/out using the zoom tools at the right of the screen, scrolling the mouse wheel, or using the pinch gesture on a touchscreen.
»	Hide the map toolbar (if currently shown).
«	Show the map toolbar (if currently hidden).
+ −	Zoom in/zoom out. You can also zoom in/out using the zoom tools at the right of the screen, scrolling the mouse wheel, or using the pinch gesture on a touchscreen.
	Zoom to the full map extent, to show the whole of Cheshire East.
	Zoom to your location (requires location services to be enabled in your browser).

Map layers and legend

There is much information shown on the map. To make it easier to view, the features have been grouped into 10 map layers as listed below. Each layer can be switched off and on from the options (map menu).

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Legend	Map feature
▣	Area of preferred extension (non-aggregate sand)
▣	Area of search for sand
▣	New site allocation – aggregate sand
▢	Petroleum, exploration & development licence (PEDL) areas
▣	Preferred area extension to controlled brinefield
▣	Safeguarding of waste management facilities
▢	Existing brinefield
▢	Existing quarry
▢	Existing mineral infrastructure
▢	Wastewater and sewage treatment facilities

Local Plan draft 2022 mineral resource safeguarding

Legend	Map feature
▣	Sand and gravel
▢	Salt (dry-rock head)
▣	Salt (wet-rock head)
▢	Sandstone (rock)
▢	Shallow coal
▢	Silica sand

Plan areas

Legend	Map feature
▣	Local Plan boundary
▢	Neighbourhood plans

Allocated sites and safeguarded land

Legend	Map feature
	Employment site
	Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons site
	Housing and employment site
	Housing site
	Mixed use (strategic location)
	Mixed use site
	Safeguarded land

Infrastructure, safety and pollution

Legend	Map feature
	HS2 safeguarding zone
	Land reserved for future railway station
	Land reserved for infrastructure provision
	Manchester Airport operational area
	Manchester Airport noise contours 2019 (day)
	Manchester Airport noise contours 2019 (night)
	Airport public safety zone
	Airport public safety restricted zone
	Aerodrome safeguarding
	Groundwater source protection zones

Heritage

Legend	Map feature
	Jodrell Bank World Heritage Site
	Jodrell Bank Observatory consultation zone/ World Heritage Site buffer zone
	Areas of archaeological potential

▫	Areas of special archaeological potential
🚩	Conservation areas
☐	Registered battlefields
⟡	Registered parks and gardens
▤	Scheduled monuments
⚡	Local geological sites

Retail, town centres and employment

Legend	Map feature
☐	Local centre boundary
⌞⌝	Local urban centre boundary
▫	Neighbourhood parade of shops
▣	Primary shopping area
◺	Strategic employment areas
☐	Town centre boundary
☐	Principal town centre boundary
▥	Macclesfield town centre and environs character areas
▥	Crewe town centre development areas
▤	Hot food takeaway restriction zones

Landscape and open space

Legend	Map feature
◣	Areas of high sensitivity to wind energy development
▢	Peak District National Park fringe
╱	Protected informal open space
☐	Protected open space
▤	Local landscape designations
⌐⌐	Flood zone 2

Legend	Map feature
	Flood zone 3

Settlements, countryside and Green Belt

Legend	Map feature
	Green Belt
	Open countryside
	Settlement boundaries
	Strategic green gaps
	Village infill boundaries

Ecology and nature

Legend	Map feature
	Ecological network corridors and stepping stones
	Ecological network core areas
	Ecological network restoration areas
	Meres and mosses catchments (buffer zones)
	Nature improvement areas
	Sites of special scientific interest
	Local wildlife sites
	National nature reserve
	Local nature reserve
	Ramsar site
	Special areas of conservation
	Special protection areas