THE COUNCILS OF THE BOROUGHS OF DARLINGTON, HARTLEPOOL, MIDDLESBROUGH, REDCAR AND CLEVELAND AND STOCKTON-ON-TEES

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2026

NOTICE OF SCOPING CONSULTATION

TEES VALLEY JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

NOTICE is hereby given under regulation 45 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 that on 24th November 2026, the Borough Councils of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees ("the Councils") are undertaking the 'Tees Valley Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Scoping Consultation'.

The scoping consultation will commence on 24th November 2026. Representations must be received by the Councils on or before 8th January 2027.

The consultation follows the Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation, which was made available in accordance with regulation 44. The Councils invite representations on:

1. The minerals and waste matters relevant to the preparation of the plan, including what the plan should contain; and
2. how the Councils should engage with consultees in the preparation of the Local Plan.

The Councils are inviting representations from the general consultation bodies it considers appropriate and the specific consultation bodies it considers may have an interest in the preparation of the Local Plan. Any person may also make representations on the matters above.

How to make representations

Representations may be submitted by:

- completing the online questionnaire at (www.darlington.gov.uk/teesvalleyminerals)
- email using the relevant contact details in Annex A; or
- writing using the relevant contact details in Annex A.

Where to view the consultation documents and this notice

The Local Plan scoping consultation documents and this notice will be available:

- online at www.darlington.gov.uk/teesvalleyminerals;
- for inspection at the principal office of each council (see contact details Annex A); and

Requests for notification on future stages:

1. consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence;
2. publication of observations or advice;
3. consultation on the proposed Local Plan;
4. submission of the proposed Local Plan for examination;
5. independent examination of the Local Plan;
6. decision by the examiner to consider further matters and pause the examination;
7. publication of documents and evidence relating to further matters;
8. publication of the Examiner's Report with recommendations and reasons; and
9. adoption or approval of the Local Plan.

If you only want to be contacted at certain stages in the preparation of the Local Plan, this request can be made by email using the relevant contact details in Annex A.

If you have any queries about the consultation or require further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team for your area using the contact details set out in Annex A.

Dated: 24th November 2026

Annex A – Contact Details

Darlington

Email: planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy Team, Darlington Borough Council, Town Hall, Feethams Darlington, DL1 5QT

Privacy Notice: https://www.darlington.gov.uk/the-council/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/privacy-notice/planning-policy/

Hartlepool

Email: landusepolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk

Postal address / Principal Office: Hartlepool Borough Council, Land Use Policy, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY

Privacy Notice: currently being updated, please contact Land Use Policy should you wish to receive a copy.

Middlesbrough

Email: planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Principal Office: Middlesbrough House, 50 Corporation Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2RH

Postal address: Planning Policy Team, Planning Services, Middlesbrough Council, Fountain Court, 119 Grange Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2DT.

Privacy Notice: https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/data-protection-and-privacy/privacy-notices/privacy-notice-planning-policy/

Redcar & Cleveland

Email: strategic.planning@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Principal Office: Redcar & Cleveland Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar TS10 1TD

Postal address: Planning Strategy, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, Seafield House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, TS10 1SP

Privacy Notice: https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/about-the-council/privacy-notices/

Stockton-on-Tees

Email: planningpolicy@stockton.gov.uk

Postal address / Principal Office: Planning Policy, Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 6BJ

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