

The West Deeping Parish Council
West Deeping
Lincolnshire

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AN IMPORTANT UPDATE – WE DID IT !

Dear Residents,

The West Deeping Parish Council is delighted to announce that the latest draft of the emerging Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan published today **does not take forward** proposed mineral extraction sites SG17 and SG11 for allocation.

This is a momentous decision for the village. The immediate threat of 40 years of new mining in West Deeping Parish has been stopped and, when the Breedon and Cemex mines close next year, the parish will be free of active mining for the first time in over 75 years.

The Parish Council believes it is important to recognise that this outcome once appeared an almost impossible challenge. It could not have been achieved without the extraordinary efforts, resilience and dedication shown by individuals, community groups, councillors and the phenomenal support received from residents and supporters both within the village and far beyond it.

Over many months, residents and supporters devoted huge amounts of time and energy to ensuring that the concerns of the West Deeping community were presented clearly, respectfully and with strong supporting evidence throughout the process.

The proposed mineral operator continued to strongly promote the sites until the very end, making the challenge faced by the community all the greater.

The Parish Council would therefore like to sincerely thank every resident, volunteer and supporter who contributed to this remarkable community effort. Whether attending meetings, submitting objections, undertaking research, sharing expertise, writing letters, speaking publicly or simply helping maintain morale throughout — every contribution mattered.

The unity, determination and resilience shown by the village has been extraordinary and demonstrates that informed, respectful and sustained community engagement can make a genuine difference.

The Parish Council would also like to express its sincere thanks to Henry Tinsley for recognising and listening to the concerns expressed by the West Deeping community throughout this process, and to Lincolnshire County Council and its officers for carefully considering the extensive representations and evidence submitted before reaching this decision.

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The newly published draft Plan will now proceed to formal consultation before submission to the Secretary of State and examination by the Planning Inspectorate ahead of eventual adoption. Whilst this news is extremely positive, the Parish Council will continue to monitor the process carefully to ensure the interests of West Deeping remain fully protected.

If any members of the West Deeping community have any questions on this decision or the plan going forward, then we invite you to contact the Parish Council where we can endeavour to answer these for you. Our next Parish Council meeting is next Tuesday 12th May at 7pm in the Village Hall.

For now, however, this is a moment for the community to take pride in what has been achieved together.

West Deeping stood together — and together it has been heard.

To mark this important occasion for the village, the bells of St Andrew's Church will ring out at 6pm on Friday in celebration of this David and Goliath moment. Afterwards, residents are warmly invited to gather at the pub on Friday evening to celebrate this remarkable community achievement together.

With sincere thanks to everyone involved,

The West Deeping Parish Council