

Minerals Matter

**Drop-in session coming to Roxwell memorial hall on Monday 31st
January 2011 – 1.30pm - 6.30pm**

Essex County Council will be consulting on the Minerals Development Document: Preferred Approach for ten weeks from **9 December 2010 to 17 February 2011**.

The document sets out what has emerged as the Preferred Approach to future mineral supply following previous Issues and Options consultations and consideration of over 3,000 consultation responses. The document outlines a Preferred Core Strategy, Development Management policies and the sites selected as Preferred Sites for future mineral extraction and mineral transshipment.

It is a very important time to have a further say on the approaches being proposed, on the site selection methodology and on the sites selected. Comments made at this stage will inform the next stage of the document – the Submission version, due to be available at the end of 2011.

Exhibitions are planned for libraries across Essex during the consultation period, and drop-in sessions are to be held at venues in the vicinity of all the suggested mineral extraction sites – both those selected and those not selected at this stage. The final list of preferred sites to go into the Submission document may change as a result of the responses made to this consultation, so it is important to have your say and submit a response to this consultation.

For further information see the Essex County Council website at:
www.essex.gov.uk/MDD-consultation