



Medway Authority Monitoring Report 2019

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	Summary – Medway Council (for the calendar year 2019)								
Quarry Sales	2019 Sales (Mt) & Trend ¹	Average (10-yr) Sales & Trend ¹	Average (3-yr) Sales & Trend ¹	LAA Rate (Mt) ²	Reserve (Mt)	Landbank (years)	Allocations (years)	Capacity (Mtpa)	Comments ³
Soft Sand									No known reserves
Sharp Sand & Gravel	c	0.031 ↑	0.100 ↑	0.100	0.897	9	n/a	>0.200	Two quarries, one inactive
All Sand & Gravel⁴	c	0.031 ↑	0.100 ↑	0.100	0.897	9	n/a	>0.200	Two quarries, one inactive
Crushed Rock									No known reserves

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Aggregate Infrastructure Sales	2019 Sales (Mt) & Trend ¹	Average (10-yr) Sales & Trend ¹	Average (3-yr) Sales & Trend ¹	LAA Rate ² (Mt)	Reserve (Mt)	Landbank (years)	Allocations (years)	Capacity (Mtpa)	Comments ³
Recycled / Secondary Aggregates	c	0.044 ⊖	0.046 ↓	n/a				>0.075	One of two sites closed since previous LAA. Current temporary permission may impact future supply.
Marine Sand & Gravel	1.449 ↑	1.449 ↑	1.464 ↓	n/a				2.150	Established importation and distribution facilities with potential for growth. The capacity is combined total for all wharves across all aggregate types.
Rock Imports by Sea	0.923 ↓	0.923 ↑	1.031 ↓	n/a				2.150	Established importation and distribution facilities with potential for growth. The capacity is combined total for all wharves across all aggregate types.
Rail Depot Sales (Sand & Gravel)	c	n/a	n/a	n/a				n/k	Sales data not published due to commercial confidentiality.
Rail Depot Sales (Crushed Rock)	c	0.018 ⊖	0.003 ↓	n/a				0.100	Rail depot inactive during 2019. Sales data not published due to commercial confidentiality.

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General Comments⁶

The supply of aggregates in Medway is currently sufficient, with the existing importation facilities providing a high percentage of aggregates for the wider London and South East area. With extraction of sand and gravel from the quarry at Kingsnorth commencing in 2017, the supply of aggregates from Medway is expected to increase.

The government's assessment of Local Housing Need in Medway is for almost 29,000 new homes by 2037. In addition, the proposed Lower Thames Crossing and the London Resort comprise nationally significant infrastructure projects. The demand for aggregate in Medway is anticipated to increase and this will be met by increased sales from the Kingsnorth Quarry and utilisation of spare wharf capacity.

Medway Council is committed to plan positively for the steady and adequate supply of aggregate through its emerging Local Plan so that the needs of local and regional markets are met. Medway Council does not propose to allocate further sites for sand and gravel supply in the new Local Plan.

'c' denotes where sales data is not published due to commercial confidentiality.

Footnotes:

1. **Trend** – indicates whether the average sales are (compared with the previous year's LAA average sales) increasing (upwards arrow), declining (downwards arrow) or no change (level arrow)
2. **LAA Rate** – There should be LAA Rate for not only quarried aggregates but also aggregate sales at wharves, rail depots and recycled/secondary sites
3. **Comments** – limit comments to explain possible anomalies e.g. peculiarities about current sales, landbank limitations, important infrastructure changes, soft sand sales at wharves, origins of aggregate imports by sea/rail etc
4. **All sand and gravel** – data only required if AM confidentiality requirements breached by separately presenting information on soft sand and sharp sand and gravel
5. **Shading** – apply where aggregate supply source is not relevant
6. **General Comments** – explain overall picture with reference to demand, factoring in export requirements and sustainability of supply – landbank, allocations, infrastructure capacity - to meet this. If possible, should state **whether the mpa considers it is making an appropriate contribution to what are understood to be the aggregate supply that is required of the mpa area and include an analysis of the adequacy of the current mineral/local plan and whether this should be reviewed**