

Essex County Council are pleased to announce the launch of our new **Minerals and Waste Planning website** - www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning

The new website will provide full details of current minerals, waste and County Council applications that have been submitted to the planning team and will allow users to make comments on applications, follow progress from submission to decision and even check details of appeals against decisions.

To view planning applications all you need to do is click on the link above and search for an application using the application reference, the application date, location or proposal.

This new service will allow your council and residents to access planning information from the comfort of your own office or home, removing the need to view hard copies at libraries or council offices. This service will be available around the clock and will allow multiple people to view the documents at the same time - *it will provide a one-stop-shop for information gathering and response.*

Your council and your residents will now be able to zoom into plans to view the smaller details that may not be easily visible on hard copy plans and the website will provide easier access to the information for those with disabilities and those whose first language isn't English.

The new system will help remove the council's reliance on postal consultation by providing consultees with electronic access to all of the applications that would have traditionally be provided in a hard copy format. Please remember that free internet access is provided by all local libraries in Essex for those without the internet at home.

For more information about using the new Minerals and Waste Planning website please contact the Minerals and Waste Planning team on 01245 435555 or email us at mineralsandwastedm@essex.gov.uk