

**Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Development
Scheme**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Minerals and Waste Development Scheme is for Cambridgeshire.
- 1.2 The County Council is responsible for the preparation of planning policy to guide future mineral and waste management proposals. It also receives and processes planning applications for minerals and waste management development; and applications for its own development e.g. education, major infrastructure delivery, libraries.
- 1.3 Cambridgeshire County Council works closely with all surrounding authorities, and has produced joint Plans with Peterborough City Council. Joint working will continue in the future, and this document sets out proposals for the preparation of a new joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan with colleagues at Peterborough City Council.
- 1.4 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) requires all local planning authorities to produce a Development Scheme. County authorities produce a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) which is a programme for preparing mineral and waste management planning policy documents over the next three years.

2.0 PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 In Cambridgeshire there is a suite of different documents which have been prepared by the district councils and the county council, which together provide the spatial planning strategy for the area. These are:
 - a. **Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and / or Local Plans:** these are prepared by the relevant plan making authority i.e. this Council has responsibility for preparing minerals and waste plans and the district council's produce plans covering other forms of development. These are all spatial planning documents and are subject to an independent Examination by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. Development Plan Documents (which can be single subject) are gradually being replaced by comprehensive Local Plans.
 - b. **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):** these can cover a wide range of issues on which the planning authority wishes to provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in the DPD's and Local Plans. They will not form part of the Development Plan or be subject to an independent hearing, but their programme of preparation must be set out within a Scheme such as this.
 - c. **Neighbourhood Plans:**
Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Communities can shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders. Neighbourhood Development Plans become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications.
 - d. **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI):** this document sets out the standards which the local planning authority intend to achieve in relation

to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continual review of all policy documents, and in significant development control decisions. It is required to specify how these standards will be achieved.

3.0 CAMBRIDGESHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

3.1 This Scheme will specify:

- i. existing mineral and waste planning policy documents, and their status
- ii. joint working arrangements
- iii. the new document(s) to be prepared, including:
 - their subject matter and geographical area
 - the type of document, and if the documents will be prepared jointly with one or more other Councils
 - timetable for the preparation of the document
 - arrangements for production
 - time period to be covered and timetable for preparation and review.

i. Existing Mineral and Waste Management Planning Policy Documents and their Status

3.2 The County Council has the following adopted mineral and waste management planning policy documents:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (Development Plan Document), July 2011

This Plan sets the framework for all minerals and waste development until 2026. It sets out visions and spatial strategies for mineral and waste management, which aim to support the significant growth planned over this period. Strategic and detailed land use policies are there to guide mineral and waste management development with the underlying aim to:

- ensure a steady supply of minerals (construction materials e.g. sand and gravel) to supply the growth that is planned for the area
- enable new modern waste management facilities, to manage our waste in a much better way than landfill. It covers all waste streams including commercial and industrial; demolition, excavation and inert; municipal; and specialist waste arising.

The Plan is used by developers when preparing and putting forward proposals and by councils when considering planning applications.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals Plan (Development Plan Document), February 2012

The Site Specific Proposals Plan sets out the allocations for site specific proposals for future development and management of minerals and waste within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough until 2026. It also includes supporting site specific policies. This plan and the Core Strategy are supported by three adopted Key diagrams showing Minerals and Transport Zones; Waste; and Mineral Safeguarding Areas.

The Block Fen / Langwood Fen Master Plan (Supplementary Planning Document), adopted July 2011

The Block Fen/Langwood Fen Master Plan provides detailed guidance on the development of this area to supplement the policies and guide the delivery of strategic mineral and waste management allocations in this area, made by the overarching Core Strategy (above). Through the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy it is proposed that Block Fen/Langwood Fen will:

- provide an annual average of 1.4 million tonnes per annum of sand and gravel from 2010 onwards
- recycle around 240,000 tonnes per annum of inert waste
- dispose of around 0.5 million tonnes per annum of inert construction waste (which will be used to create the new lowland wet grassland)
- create strategic flood storage bodies with capacity of around 10 million m³
- create around 480 hectares of enhancement lowland wet grassland immediately adjacent the Ouse Washes
- deliver a strategic recreation after use and navigational improvements through the sealing of the Forty Foot Drain

The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities (Supplementary Planning Document), adopted July 2011

This document seeks to guide the location and design of waste management facilities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and ensure high quality facilities in design and operation. The guide illustrates how these facilities can be developed in both urban and rural settings. It also sets out a series of development principles based on good planning and design practice which

- encourage a more cooperative approach by all those involved in the design and development of waste management facilities
- provide a good practice benchmark to guide sustainable developments and designs and to speed up the evaluation and approval of proposals
- achieve the highest standards of design, in relation to integration, layout, access and environment, as well as making efficient use of materials

RECAP Waste Management Design Guide (Supplementary Planning Document), adopted February 2012

The adopted Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy sets out a requirement for developments to make provision for waste storage, collection and recycling in accordance with the content of the RECAP Waste Management Design Guide. Developers are also required to contribute to the provision of waste management infrastructure, including waste storage containers, Household Recycling Centres and Bring Sites within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The RECAP Waste Management Design Guide provides advice on the design and provision of waste management infrastructure as outlined above as part of residential and commercial developments including the following:

- internal/external storage capacity
- location of waste storage
- waste storage infrastructure
- highway design
- developer contributions
- the RECAP Waste Management Guide also includes a toolkit to be used by developers to demonstrate how they have addressed the waste management infrastructure requirements set out above as part of their proposals.

Status

All of the above plans and documents are adopted and they will remain in force until superseded by other plans or documents when they are adopted by the County Council. However, as the new Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan goes through statutory processes as it is being prepared, the weight which can be placed on its emerging policies and proposals increases.

ii. **Joint Working Arrangements**

- 3.3 Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are committed to joint working and jointly prepare minerals and waste policy. Officers from both Councils work closely together, and oversee consultancy work as required. Each Authority reports to its own Members at key stages. The emphasis is on producing a sound Plan through good project management, and progress will be closely monitored through regular project meetings.

iii **New Minerals and Waste Management Planning Policy Documents**

- 3.4 It is proposed to prepare the following minerals and waste management planning policy documents over the coming three years:
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan
- 3.5 A schedule for the preparation of this document follows.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Document Details	<p><u>Role & Content</u> Document setting out mineral and waste management policies and allocations over the period to 2036 (inclusive).</p> <p><u>Status</u> Local Plan</p> <p><u>Chain of Conformity</u> To conform with national planning policy and Regulations and the strategies for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</p> <p><u>Geographic Coverage</u> County of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Unitary Authority Area</p>
<p>Timetable</p> <p>Stages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainability Scoping Report Consultation 2. Issues & Options Consultation 3. Draft Plan Consultation 4. Submission Plan Consultation 5. Submission to the Secretary of State 6. Examination in Public: 7. Adoption 	<p>Dates:</p> <p>December 2017</p> <p>May / June 2018</p> <p>Mar / April 2019</p> <p>Nov / Dec 2019</p> <p>March 2020</p> <p>June 2020</p> <p>November 2020</p>
Arrangements for Production	The Plan will be jointly prepared with Peterborough City Council (PCC).
Post Production	The document will be monitored and will then be subject to review if the monitoring highlights such a need. Any proposals to review this document will be set out in a future MWDS.

