Welcome

Thank you for taking an interest in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP). This summary provides a brief overview of the work that is currently going on the MWLP. We hope you find them useful and they answer most of your questions.

If you do require further information please do visit our website or contact us using the details at the end.
A little bit of background...

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities to prepare Minerals and Waste Local Plans for their areas. These Local Plans guide where waste and minerals development should happen. Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council (the Councils), as Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities, working together, previously produced the documents shown on the right. These documents seek to:

• ensure that sufficient minerals, such as sand and gravel, limestone and brick clay, are available for use in construction and industry;

• provide sufficient facilities to manage the waste generated in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;

• safeguarding key minerals and waste infrastructure; and

• protect and enhance the environment whilst supporting growth.

The Councils are required to review the MWLP every five years and this is what is happening now.
About this consultation

Please take the time to read through of the further draft MWLP document, this is the main document setting out what is proposed and it may answer many of your questions. It sets out the Councils preferred options. However, if you want more information about specific topics you can also look at the range of supporting documents, such as:

- Waste Needs Assessment
- Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Site Assessment Methodology and Site Assessments
- Mineral Safeguarding Methodology
- Flood Risk Assessment Methodology

Can I have the short version?

This is the second draft of the MWLP. It has been prepared using the evidence provided and sites proposed during the previous consultation in 2018. Broadly speaking, the Plan rolls forward, refreshes and consolidates existing policy, extending the plan period until 2036. Most of the existing policy approaches remain. A number of additional extensions to existing quarries are identified. No waste management allocations are proposed.
The Plan for Minerals

The draft Plan seeks to ensure a steady supply of minerals to support planned growth, i.e. the houses, infrastructure and goods that are needed, which drive our economy. In this area the available mineral resources include sand and gravel, limestone, brick-clay and chalk.

The Plan, therefore, seeks to provide a total of 45.6 million tonnes of sand and gravel; 6.3 million tonnes of limestone; and to maintain a 25 year ‘landbank’ of brick clay in the period up to 2036. This will be largely be sourced from extensions to existing quarries.

The only mineral for which it may difficult to maintain a continuous supply over the period to 2036 is limestone. This is limited in it’s extent and no suitable new sites were proposed. A criteria based policy is proposed to consider new sites if they do come forward over the Plan period.
Which quarries are being extended?

The following allocations are being proposed:

- Land off Main Road, Maxey
- Willow Hall Farm, Thorney
- Gores Farm, Thorney
- Kings Delph, Whittlesey
- Block Fen / Langwood Fen (East and West), nr. Earith / Mepal
- Mitchell Hill South & Chear Fen, Cottenham
- Burwell Brick Pits, Burwell
- Bare Fen and West Fen, Willingham / Over (Needingworth Quarry)

The majority of the allocations being proposed are being carried forward from the existing Minerals Plan.
The Plan for Waste Management

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough produce around 2.7 million tonnes of waste each year. This waste comprises a mix of different types of waste, the largest proportion of which comes from construction, demolition and excavation operations. Municipal waste (generated by households) only accounts for 15% of the waste to be managed.

Waste is a valuable resource much of it can be re-used, recycled, or it can be used to create energy. The Councils need to plan for sustainable waste management, and modern waste management facilities are required to achieve this. Landfill is the final means of managing waste, and waste must be ‘pre-treated’ before it is landfilled.

The Councils have produced a Waste Needs Assessment which forecasts waste arising and the capacity needed to manage this over the period to 2036. It confirms that existing capacity will meet almost all of our needs until 2036, and therefore no waste allocations are being proposed. Instead a spatial strategy and criteria based policy will guide any future waste management development.
What can I comment on?

Comments should focus on what is presented in this document. For example:

• Do you agree with the vision and spatial strategies set out in the MWLP?

• Do you agree with the proposed wording of the policies?

• Are there any designations or allocations in the draft MWLP that you agree or disagree with?

• Do you have any comment on the Appendices which set the Block Fen / Langwood Fen Master Plan, and guidance on the Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities?

How can I comment?

See the means of commenting on the left. The Further Draft Plan and its supporting information can be found on http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/mwlp and http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp; and in hard copy at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough and Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge. The closing date for all comments is midnight on 25th April 2019.

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The important small print:

Please clearly let us know exactly which part of the document you are commenting by quoting the relevant paragraph number or policy number.

Please note that all comments will be uploaded to our online consultation portal and will be made publicly available at a later time, (personal email addresses, telephone numbers and signatures will be redacted). All comments received will be taken into consideration and will help inform the Submission Draft Local Plan, due to be published for public consultation at the end of 2019.
What happens next?

After the consultation closes we will consider all the responses and prepare a submission draft of the Plan, which you will be able to comment on the ‘soundness’ and legal compliance of the Plan at the end of 2019. An independent Inspector will then hold a Public Examination of the plan informed by the comments on the submission draft.