

Herefordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan

Consultation Statement

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Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) – Consultation Statement

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to explain how the council has complied with its Statement of Community Involvement and Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in the arrangement of this consultation.

This statement sets out the methods Herefordshire Council has used to engage with both stakeholders and the community in the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan between 21 January and 4 March, including the following:

- Which bodies and persons were invited to make representations
- How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations
- How information was made available to be viewed
- An overview of the responses received

The document preparation process includes undertaking appropriate consultation and engagement at key stages.

The following table shows the different stages of preparation for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Stage	Date
Call for Sites	Apr-Jun 2016
Issues and Options Public Consultation	Aug-Oct 2017
Call for Sites	Aug-Oct 2017
Draft Plan Public Consultation	Jan-Mar 2019
Pre-Submission Public Consultation	Winter 2019
Submission of final draft to Secretary of State	Spring 2020
Inspectors Report	Spring 2020
Council Approval for Adoption	Summer 2020

2. Preparation of the Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP)

During the Core Strategy examination in 2015, it was recommended by the assistant inspector that the existing minerals supply and waste management provision should be reviewed in line with the NPPF, the NPPW and all relevant policy guidance in order to bring it up to date.

Once adopted, the Minerals and Waste Local Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for the area and be used as such for the purpose of determining planning applications for minerals and waste matters.

Certain statutory procedural requirements will be adhered to during the preparation of the document, including duty to cooperate, sustainability appraisal and habitat regulations assessment undertaken at key stages.

Hendeca consultancy was commissioned to compile the document and evidence base reports.

The purpose of the draft MWLP is to:

- present the vision and objectives for minerals and waste strategy until 2031
- present the evidence gained so far and identify future evidence sources;
- identify proposed sites within the Plan;

3. The Consultation

The Council published the draft MWLP document for public consultation from 21 January to 4 March 2019.

The following documentation was made available to download on the dedicated webpage www.herefordshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste.

- Draft Development Plan Document (Minerals and Waste Local Plan)
- Appendices to the document
- Questionnaire
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitat Regulations Assessment

The council has an extensive consultation database. The list includes individual residents, developers, businesses based across the county, parish councils, community and voluntary groups, infrastructure providers, industry contacts, neighbouring authorities, government agencies and elected members.

The council used a range of methods to engage with all potentially interested parties, in order to ensure ample opportunity to make a representation.

The purpose of the consultation was to invite feedback on a number of aspects featured in the document.

Stakeholders and local community members were informed by email or letter about ways to get involved in the consultation. Methods to respond both on and offline were given, in order to reach the broadest audience possible.

The following table details each method used to distribute information:

Method	
Email Specified statutory consultees, local business owners, groups representing, parish reps & neighbouring authorities	Notification of consultation Reminder sent part way through consultation
Letter As above with no email address known, inc MPs	Notification of consultation
Social Media	Notification of consultation start posted on council page with direct link to website followed by another 7 updates. Over 51K users reached.
Council Website	Featured on council news page with a direct link to consultation page
Cabinet members' Newsletter	Information in weekly newsletter
Hard copies made available at info points / libraries across the county	Posted to each with instructions. Followed up to ensure information was on display and address any queries from staff
Presentation to members and stakeholders as well as an exhibition open to the public	The Courtyard, Hereford 5 February

4. Responses to the Consultation

55 responses were submitted either via the online survey or direct email.

Of those that responded, the following groups and organisations were among them:

Organisation
Almeley Parish Council
Ataghan Ltd - Stoke Edith Estate
AWP
Aymestry Parish Council
Burghill Parish Council
Cadent Gas
CPRE
Dormington & Mordiford Parish Council
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
Environment Agency
Gloucestershire County Council
GP Planning
Green Party
H&W Earth Heritage Trust
Heatons on behalf of Tarmac
Here for Hereford
Herefordshire Local Nature Partnership
Highways England
Historic England
Igas
Kingsland Parish Council
Lichfields on behalf of Bourne Leisure
Mineral Products Association
National Farmers Union
National Trust
Natural England
Orleton Parish Council
Pembridge Parish Council
Shobdon Parish Council
South Worcestershire Councils
Staffordshire Council
UKOOG
Wellington Parish Council
Worcestershire Council
Wye Ruin It

5. Conclusions – Response Analysis

Please refer to the separate summary for a breakdown of the representations.

6. What Happens Next?

The pre-submission stage of the MWLP consultation will:

- Present the final draft plan
- Seek public feedback on the soundness of the plan

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Consultees

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out those bodies that the Council must consult with when preparing plan documents and planning applications.

Organisations and Groups targeted include:

- Central, regional and local Government organisations
- Adjoining local authorities
- Statutory bodies such as Highways England and utility companies
- Community, voluntary, resident and other interested groups
- Members of the public
- Parish/Town Councils
- Local businesses
- Developers and agents

Appendix 2 – Letter



Economy and Place Directorate

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Date as postmark

Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) Draft – Consultation

We will shortly be consulting on the final draft of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which will form a part of the planning policy framework (Local Plan) for Herefordshire, and would like to know your views.

The paper will be consulted upon from 21 January to 4 March 2019.

Minerals and waste planning is concerned with controlling minerals extraction and managing waste. The document explains the vision, objectives and strategy for minerals and waste planning. It will contain detailed policies and locations for future minerals extraction, (such as sand and gravel pits or crushed rock quarries) and for the development of waste management facilities (such as recycling centres).

The Plan will set out the strategic priorities for minerals and waste development in Herefordshire until 2031.

Alongside the issues and options consultation, a second Call for Sites is being conducted for those wishing their sites to be considered for possible allocation through the plan and who have not previously made a submission.

The draft plan and more information about how to submit a site or take part in the consultation can be viewed online at the following web address:
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

Documents can also be viewed online at libraries and info centres across the county.

A short presentation for stakeholders and all interested parties, followed by an information drop-in will take place at the following venue, where officers will be available to answer any queries:

The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR from 1-3pm on 5 February 2019

Responses received during this period along with further evidence gathered will help formulate the final version of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

If you have any questions about the consultation, need help completing the questionnaire, or need it in another format, you can call us on 01432 260146, 01342 260137 or email us on ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

Your details are contained within our Consultation database. You have the right for them to be withdrawn at any time by contacting ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

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News release

PR011/19

23 January 2019

Have your say on how Minerals and Waste are managed

Consultation now live

Herefordshire Council is encouraging local people to have their say on the first draft of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) for Herefordshire.

The consultation went live this week (21 January) and will run until Monday 4 March 2019.

The draft Plan will set out the strategic priorities for minerals and waste development in Herefordshire until 2031 and beyond. It contains the vision, objectives and strategy for minerals and waste planning, along with detailed policies and locations for future minerals extraction (such as sand and gravel pits or crushed rock quarries) and the development of waste management facilities.

The draft Plan and more information, such as associated evidence base documents, and details on how to take part in the consultation, can be viewed online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

Documents can also be viewed online at libraries and info centres across the county.

Herefordshire Council will also host an informal public drop-in session, where council officers will be available to answer any queries you may have. The session will be held at The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR from 1-3pm on Tuesday 5 February 2019. The exhibition will then move to Leominster Library for the remainder of the consultation.

Cllr Philip Price, Cabinet member infrastructure, said: “The Minerals and Waste Local Plan is vital to help us ensure the continued delivery of sustainable minerals and waste management.

“With the demand for new housing and a growing economy towards better paid jobs and a thriving further education facility, it is important that you have your say on the right balance of quality of air, water, landscape and health, in ensuring that where and how we get our construction materials and how we recycle waste becomes an important part of everyday life over the period of the plan. Please take time to have your say on the evidence within this draft.

“All responses, along with further evidence gathered, will help us to shape the Plan, and so we encourage people to get involved and have their say on minerals and waste in our county.”

If you have any questions about the consultation or need help completing the questionnaire, you can call us on 01432 260146, 01342 260137 or email us at ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

Appendix 4 – Questionnaire



Draft Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation Jan – March 2019

We would like to know what you think of the draft plan. Your views will help to shape the pre-submission draft, which will be sent for independent examination.

Please read the draft plan and accompanying background documents before answering the following questions:

1. Do you consider that the evidence gathered to underpin the Draft Minerals & Waste Local Plan is sufficiently comprehensive?

Yes No

If no, please explain why

2. The Draft Minerals & Waste Local Plan's vision (in section 4) is focussed on achieving sustainable development through: the efficient use of minerals; the minimisation and effective use of wastes; and enabling self-sufficiency and resilience. Do you consider this to be an appropriate, yet deliverable approach?

Yes No

If no, please explain why

3. Evidence shows that there will be a need for additional sand and gravel reserves to be permitted over the lifetime of the Minerals & Waste Local Plan. Do you consider the policy approach of 3 allocated sites, 2 preferred areas of search and other areas of search to be appropriate? (Policy M3)

Yes No

If no, please explain why

4. Seeking to increase levels of self-sufficiency and to make a contribution to the Managed Aggregates Supply System of crushed rock (limestone), Policy M4 sets out where new permissions for its extraction shall be permitted (2 allocated sites, 2 areas of search and other areas of search). Do you consider this to be an appropriate approach?

Yes No

If no, please explain why

5. The waste strategy (Policy W1) seeks to see Herefordshire reduce its wastes produced, re-use, recycle and recover energy more and decrease the amounts going for disposal. Do you consider this and the subsequent policies on waste management development are suitable and deliverable?

Yes No

If no, please explain why

6. The draft Minerals & Waste Local Plan has been prepared flexibly, to enable appropriate development to occur within the context of local and national changes in circumstances, and will undergo 5-yearly reviews. Do you consider this is an appropriate and considered approach to minerals and waste management provision over the plan period (up to 2031)?

Yes No

If no, please explain why

7. Do you have any other comments on the draft Minerals & Waste Local Plan, its evidence base, or its soundness?

Yes No

If no, please explain why (Use continuation box on page 4 if necessary)

About you:

Name:

Address:

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Email:

Do you wish to be informed of future planning policy consultations?

Yes No

(You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by notifying us.)

Access to Information

All personal data will be treated in line with our obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018, which includes the provisions of GDPR. This means your personal data will not be shared. The data collected will not be used for any other purpose. We do publish representations but email addresses, telephone numbers and signatures will be removed beforehand.

Herefordshire Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, (FoI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) which means that questionnaires may be released in response to a request for information but private information would be redacted.

Details of our privacy notice can be found at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/privacynotices

If you would like any further assistance, please contact us in one of the following ways:

Email: ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01432 383357

Questionnaires can be returned by post to:

Forward Planning, Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE

Or by email to ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

Please return this questionnaire by midnight on 4th March 2019

Thank you for taking time to share your views with us.

Further comments (Please indicate the question you are referring to).