

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan



Issues and Options Consultation February 2014

About the Joint Plan

As mineral and waste planning authorities, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), City of York Council (CYC) and the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP) are working together to prepare a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which, once finalised, will be a long term plan to help take decisions about matters such as where, when and how minerals, including gas, and waste developments should take place up to 2030.

About this Consultation

The **Issues and Options** is a critical stage in plan making. It is really important that as many people as possible get involved at these early stages and tell us what they think. The responses we receive will help us shape the future policy for making tough decisions on minerals, including gas, and waste planning applications within the Joint Plan area.

Full details of the **Issues and Options Consultation** are available on our website:


www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult

Within the **Issues and Options Consultation** we include a draft

vision and objectives which set out an overall direction for the Plan. It is important that we get these right at an early stage as they will influence the rest of our work.

The **Issues and Options Consultation** document includes a series of options setting out different policy approaches we could follow to deal with the key issues identified. A number of options are presented in relation to each mineral type, the different types of waste streams and on cross-cutting issues such as the environment and transport.

We would really like to know what you think about these matters. We would like you to tell us:



If you agree with any of the policy options put forward?

If there are any other options we should consider?

We would ask you to look at the full **Issues and Options Consultation** before you respond. This is available on our website:

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Why get involved?

If you want to know why it's important that you get involved, here are some reasons ...

1) Minerals, including gas, are essential to every day life, from the homes we live in, roads we take to work, and the power we use.

2) The Plan area, particularly the North Yorkshire planning authority area, is an important producer of minerals such as limestone, sand and gravel, coal, potash and gas and it is likely that demand for these will continue.

3) This means that proposals for new or extended mines and quarries and gas wells are likely.

4) The area also generates several million tonnes of waste every year, which needs managing effectively.

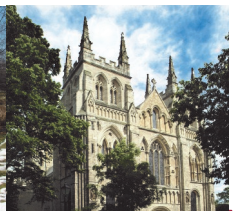
5) Environmental, legal and financial pressures mean that waste must be dealt with more sustainably, by more recycling and composting, or by recovering value from it such as energy, instead of relying on burying it in landfill sites.

6) To help this, there is likely to be a continued requirement for new or extended sites and facilities for dealing with waste, many of which will need planning permission.

7) The Plan area has a high quality environment, including the North York Moors National Park, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the historic City of York. Both minerals and waste development can impact on our environment and communities. It is important to ensure that these are given a high degree of protection.

8) The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan can help us by setting out new policies to guide planning decisions, so that any new development is as sustainable as possible.


9) By getting involved you can have your say on planning for minerals and waste development in the Plan area, including how we should choose locations for minerals and waste development and how to minimise the impacts of mineral and waste related development.



A Draft Vision and Objectives

The Plan's vision and objectives help give direction to the policies it contains. We have produced a draft vision which responds to the minerals and waste planning issues and challenges facing the area.

A number of objectives have been identified to help achieve the vision. These are broken down into four groups based on the main priorities identified in the vision. A summary of the draft vision and objectives are provided here. We would like you to tell us:



What you think about the Draft Vision and Objectives.

Draft Vision (Summary)

Over the period to 2030 a careful balance will be maintained between meeting requirements for minerals and waste development and infrastructure whilst protecting and enhancing the Joint Plan area's environment, supporting its communities and strengthening its economy.

Draft Objectives

Delivering Sustainable waste management

- 1) Encouraging the more sustainable management of waste
- 2) Planning for the waste management capacity needed to manage waste arising within the area

Achieving the efficient use of minerals resources

- 3) Protecting important minerals resources and minerals infrastructure for the future
- 4) Prioritising the use of sustainable alternatives to land won minerals extraction, by encouraging the re-use and recycling of minerals and the use of secondary and marine aggregates
- 5) Planning for the steady and adequate supply of minerals needed to contribute to local and wider economic growth, development, quality of life, local distinctiveness and energy requirements, within the principles of sustainable development

Optimising the distribution of minerals and waste development

- 6) Identifying suitable locations for the extraction and recycling of minerals, the production of secondary aggregates, key minerals supply and transport infrastructure and for the management of waste
- 7) Seeking a good match between locations for waste management and the places where waste arises, and between locations for mineral working and supply and the places where minerals are used, in order to minimise the overall need for transport
- 8) Promoting the use of alternatives to road transport such as rail and water and ensuring that new development is served by suitable transport networks

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Protecting and enhancing the environment, supporting communities and businesses and mitigating and adapting to climate change

- 9) Protecting the natural and historic environment, landscapes and tranquil areas of the Joint plan area
- 10) Protecting local communities, businesses and visitors from the impacts of minerals and waste development, including transport
- 11) Addressing the causes and effects of climate change relating to minerals and waste development activity, including reducing their carbon footprint and using opportunities arising from minerals and waste development and reclamation activity to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- 12) Delivering benefits for biodiversity, recreation opportunities and climate change adaptation through reclamation of quarries

What to do now

The full vision statement and objectives are available to view in the **Issues and Options Consultation** document. We recommend you read them before responding to this consultation.

Sustainability Appraisal

The Joint Plan authorities are required to carry out Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment as part of the preparation of the Plan. These assessments help ensure that the environmental, social and economic effects of the Plan are considered during its production.

What is Sustainability Appraisal (SA)?

- SA is a way of ensuring that our new policies consider environmental, social and economic issues in a balanced way.
- 17 sustainability objectives have been prepared against which to test our new policies
- A summary of the initial appraisal of our policy options is included in the Issues and Options Consultation
- You can comment on the SA as part of the current Consultation.

The first stage of the assessment process began with a Scoping Report, which summarises how these assessments will be carried out. We consulted on this as part of the First Consultation on the Joint Plan. The comments received have been considered in finalising the

Scoping Report which can be viewed, along with a Consultation Outcomes Report, at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwsustainability.

The Scoping Report identifies the sustainability issues relevant to the Joint Plan area. It includes 17 sustainability objectives against which the Plan will be tested during its preparation.

The policy options presented in the Issues and Options consultation document, along with the Plan's draft vision and objectives, have each been assessed in this way.

Within the full Issues and Options document a summary of the results of this assessment is presented alongside each set of options. The full details of the assessments are contained in the Sustainability Appraisal Report and associated documents. These can be viewed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult.

Comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Report are invited as part of this consultation.

The Sustainability Appraisal of the Issues and Options document, along with comments received on the vision, objectives and options, will help us decide which options to take forward.

Sites and Area Assessment

To achieve the objectives it is likely that the Joint Plan will need to identify areas and/or specific sites where minerals and waste development could be acceptable in principle.

To help us identify potentially suitable sites and locations, in May 2013 we carried out a 'call for sites'. This provided an opportunity for developers, landowners and other relevant parties to provide the authorities with initial details of sites they would wish to see identified in the Plan.

Two previous 'Call for site' exercises have been carried out, the first was carried out by NYCC in January 2011, and the second, was conducted by the City of York Council in August 2012.

Around 70 areas of land have been submitted for consideration. Summary information about each of these has been produced and is available in the **Issues and Options consultation**.

At this stage they have not been subjected to any assessment as to their sustainability, and their inclusion in this consultation does not indicate any commitment to them by the authorities, nor does it indicate that planning permission

would be granted for their development.

Before we consult in more detail on which sites and areas should be included in the Plan, they must be subject to a detailed assessment to ensure that issues of viability and sustainability are thoroughly checked.

Consultation with technical stakeholders was carried out, in May 2013, to help develop the methodology we will use to assess the sustainability of sites and areas. We have used the outcome of this to help us develop a more detailed methodology and to gather more information on the sites and areas. **We would now like to know your views on this.**

Full details can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult.

CALL FOR SITES

Any parties wishing to submit further areas of land or sites for consideration are requested to do so in response to this consultation and by the consultation deadline.

Further details about the information required to accompany any submission can be found at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/26220



How do I respond to the consultation?

We would like to know what you think about the issues we have identified, the draft vision and objectives and the policy options contained in the full **Issues and Options Consultation** Document.

The full Consultation Document contains a number of specific questions on which we would like your views.

Details about the consultation including supporting documents and a response form are available to view and download from our website www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult

Paper copies of the **Issues and Options Consultation Documents** can be viewed at

- All libraries, including mobile libraries;
- At the main offices of NYCC, CYC and NYMNP and district and borough Councils

Copies on CD and in paper format are available upon request.

The closing date for this consultation is 11 April 2014



How can I find out more?

As part of the consultation we are holding a number of drop in sessions in libraries across the Plan area. The events will provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to find out more to discuss the consultation with a member of the team.

Full details of the events are available on our website:

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I have received this leaflet but no longer want to be involved, what can I do?

If you have received this leaflet and no longer want to be informed of the progress of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan please let us know by contacting us using the details below. *Please be aware that we have a statutory duty to consult certain groups and organisations, including parish councils and are unable to remove these groups from our database.*

Contact the three authorities at

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