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Updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

As highlighted in our Newsletter No.9, changing circumstances have significantly altered the progress of the Gloucestershire Minerals and Waste Development Framework. Newsletter 9 and other previous newsletters are available to download from <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste>.

Following these changes a third revision of the Gloucestershire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme has now been approved. This revised scheme is available to be viewed and for download from the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) website at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mwds>.

Summary of Key Changes

Waste Core Strategy (WCS)

Following consultation on the WCS Preferred Options — January to March 2008, as well as changes in Government policy, the WCS will now contain preferred sites or areas of search for strategic waste management facilities. Government Office for the South West (GOSW) have indicated that there is a particular need for sites within the WCS to meet any residual Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) requirements as set out in the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) produced by the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA).

The updated Minerals & Waste Development Scheme contains linkages to the WDA Outline Business Case for residual waste treatment. The relevant waste Private Finance Initiative (PFI) procurement milestones and dates are also indicated within the scheme. Work is already progressing on identifying strategic waste sites for household waste. The findings will be presented in an 'Options' stage for consultation planned for August 2009.

Updates

Recent National and Regional policy updates which are relevant to the Core Strategies

PPS12

The new Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12), published in June 2008, is now available for download from the Communities and Local Government (CLG) website at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planningpolicyguidance/planningpolicystatements/planningpolycystatements/pps12>

The Plan Making Manual

A new Plan Making Manual accompanies the revised PPS12. It has been produced by CLG and delivered via the Planning Advisory Service website. The manual brings together council experience, useful advice and guidance for producing Local Development Frameworks. It is accessible via:

<http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pageId=51391>

Proposed Changes to the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

The Secretary of State published the proposed changes to the Draft RSS on 22 July 2008. This marked the start of a 12 Week consultation which ended on 17 October 2008. Further details can be found on the South West Regional Assembly (SWRA) website

http://www.southwest-ra.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=538&t=swra&lb=1

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It is anticipated that the final adoption date for the Waste Core Strategy will be December 2011, following *Publication* and *Submission* stages during 2010.

Minerals Core Strategy (MCS)

The new timetable for the MCS indicates that 'Options' consultation will now happen during October 2010, with *Publication* and *Submission* stages now planned during 2011. Final adoption is expected towards the end of 2012.

Under the previous Development Schemes, the two strategies had progressed jointly. This new scheme introduces a deliberate staggering of the two strategies to incorporate two significant current issues:

1. Immediate prioritisation of the WCS (containing strategic site allocations) is required to link with the WDA's business case for residual waste treatment.
2. Any potential revisions to the aggregate apportionment within Gloucestershire (see *Draft Revised National and Regional Guidelines for Aggregates Provision in England: 2005–2020* below) will affect the core themes of the MCS. The evidence base supporting the MCS is likely to require updating before the MCS can progress. There is an issue regarding longer-term supply and the MPA will be writing to the Regional Planning Body in relation to this.

Draft Revised National and Regional Guidelines for Aggregates Provision in England: 2005–2020

The Draft Revised National and Regional Guidelines for Aggregates Provision provides revised demand forecasts for all aggregates in England for the period 2005 to 2020. These were published for consultation during the spring of 2008. When finalised, these guidelines will replace those for 2001–2016, published in June 2003.

These are available for download from the CLG website at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftaggregatesconsultation>

Our Database Needs Refreshing So You Can Stay Informed

We maintain an ever-expanding database of parties who have expressed an interest in minerals and waste issues within Gloucestershire.

Although we make all of our publications and consultations available on our website, we use the database to ensure that people can stay up-to-date without needing to keep checking the web. **It is very important to us that anyone who wishes to participate in our consultation process, is able to do so.**

- **If you have received this newsletter by post, then you do not need to do anything**, you will continue to receive our mailings unless you tell us otherwise. However, if you have moved recently, or are about to move, please keep us up-to-date so that you do not miss out on anything important.
- Although we want to consult as many people as possible, we do not wish to cause annoyance, or waste taxpayers' money, by writing to people who no longer wish to be contacted. **If you would like to be removed from our database, then please let us know.**
- **If you did not receive this newsletter by post and wish to be added to our database** so that you can receive future newsletters, or notification of important events such as public consultations, **please let us know.**

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Landfill produces methane gas, which is 21 times more harmful to the environment than carbon dioxide.

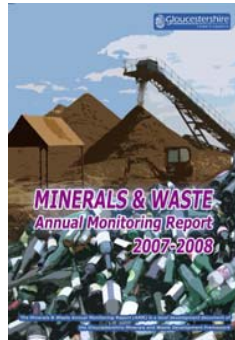
The council also has to pay heavy taxes and potential fines to Government on the waste that is sent to landfill.

These are becoming impossible to manage within the current County Council budget, and will have a direct impact on council tax and other council services in the future.

There are several alternatives to landfill available. Currently the County Council has no preferred technology and has made no decision on sites.

The next step is to officially begin the procurement process with a notice to potential bidders published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).

Deciding on the technology and location(s) will take approximately two years and the next step is to ask the waste industry to come forward with bids in early 2009.



The County Council submitted the 2007/08 Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Report to the

Secretary of State in December 2008.

This report contains annually collected minerals and waste data within Gloucestershire and is now available to download from <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/amr>.

New Data Published

The latest report from the South West Regional Aggregates Working Party for 2007 is now



available to download from: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/>



...to all of you who participated in our Preferred Options consultation for the Minerals and Waste Core Strategies between January and March 2008. Your comments have played an important role in how we will progress the Core Strategies over the next three years.

We have compiled all of your responses into two reports - one for each strategy. The reports also contain the planning authority response to your representations.

These reports are now available for download from the website.

The Waste Core Strategy Preferred Options Consultation Response Report can be downloaded from <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/wcspo>.

The Minerals Core Strategy Preferred Options Consultation Response Report can be downloaded from <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mcspo>.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Update

Following the recent decision to include strategic sites for waste management in the WCS, a five week consultation was undertaken on the following document: "Sustainability Appraisal Context & Scoping Report for Strategic Waste Sites July 2008" This report proposed a number of new SA Objectives that were more focused on the assessment of waste sites than the existing 15 broad SA



Objectives. All the representations from the consultation were considered, including those from the statutory consultees for SA, and these then fed into the latest update (Update 3) of Gloucestershire's SA Framework. The two reports that make up this framework are: 1. The Context Report (Update 3) and 2. The Scoping Report (Update 3) which are now available on the SA pages of the County Council's website at: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/sa>. These documents are also available at all libraries in Gloucestershire, as well as District and County Council offices.



Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

The purpose of the HRA of plans within Gloucestershire's MWDF is to ensure that the protection of the integrity of European sites is part of the planning process. For more information see our website at: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/hra>.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

The County Council in partnership with all six District Councils has recently commissioned a Level 1 SFRA in line with Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk. The SFRA will help to inform future development proposals (including minerals and waste) so that development in areas of high flood risk can be avoided. The SFRA will shortly be available to view online on the County Council website <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/sfra>.



Working Towards Waste Site Options

Current Work

To prepare for the summer consultation on waste sites, we have begun the waste site selection work.

We have applied criteria outlined in Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS10) to identify appropriate sites within the county.

Sites satisfying PPS10 criteria will be visited by officers and undergo technical assessments by appropriate experts on various issues including highways, flooding and ecology. An independent SA will also be carried out on all of the sites.

Any sites deemed appropriate will be presented to you in the summer WCS 'Options' consultation along with all the supporting evidence including the technical work undertaken.

Appropriate sites that came forward through the 'call for sites' process (see Newsletter 9) will also be tested through technical work and SA.



"Government's cash boost for county's multi million pound waste project"

Gloucestershire County Council has welcomed the announcement that the Government will help to foot the bill for new waste facilities in the county.

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has awarded the County Council with £92 million in Private Finance Initiative (PFI) credits, which will be worth £171 million over the life of the contract.

Cllr Stan Waddington, portfolio holder for waste, said: "Naturally, we are very, very pleased."



Even when the County Council reaches its target of at least 60 per cent recycling and composting by 2020, the remaining 40 per cent still has to be managed.

New waste facilities will mean that the County Council will no longer need to bury its rubbish in landfill, which damages the environment and is expensive.

