

Consistency of the Waste Core Strategy with the National Planning Policy Framework Position Statement April 2012

1. The government published on 27th March 2012 the National Planning Policy Framework (The Framework). This was therefore after the last of the hearing sessions that have so far taken place and its contents have not been taken into account in the discussions that have been held. If you wish to make any representations on the matters raised in the published framework as far as they relate to the Waste Core Strategy (WCS) examination, please respond using the representation form.
2. Although the WCS has been produced based upon previous guidance, the Council has assessed the policies and the Main Modifications which have arisen through the examination process for consistency with the NPPF. A brief assessment of each policy is provided below which shows that it is consistent with national guidance. In part it should be noted that 'the Framework' does not contain specific waste policies, as PPS10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management will remain in place until the National Waste Management Plan for England is published.

WCS POLICY	CONSISTENCY WITH NPPF
WCS0 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	This policy is included in the WCS with the specific purpose of ensuring that there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development which is in accord with paragraph 15 of the NPPF.
WCS 1 – Waste Reduction	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 2 – Recycling and composting	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 3 – Inert waste recycling and composting	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 3a – Anaerobic Digestion	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 4 – Other recovery (including energy recovery)	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 5 – Waste Water	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 6 – Hazardous Waste	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 6a- Landfill	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 7 – Cumulative Impact	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 8 – Safeguarding sites for waste management	This policy relates to guidance in PPS10 which is not currently being replaced, however it does encompass sustainable development. Therefore the policy is consistent with current

	national policy in the NPPF and PPS10.
WCS 9 – Flood Risk	The policy within the WCS has been written with to ensure that there is no inappropriate development in the areas as risk of flooding. Policy WCS9 is consistent with paragraphs 100-104 of the NPPF.
WCS 10 – Green Belt	The NPPF follows similar principles to Green Belt as PPG2 did. Therefore WCS10 as amended through MM18 is consistent with NPPF paragraphs 79-92 and highlights that there has to be 'very special circumstances' to justify development.
WCS 11 – Landscape	The NPPF states that Council's should set criteria based policies for landscape which the council have done through WCS 11. Higher status has been given to AONB. Policy WCS11 is consistent with NPPF paragraphs 109-125.
WCS 12 – Nature conservation (Biodiversity and Geodiversity)	The NPPF states that Council's should set criteria based policies for landscape which the council have done through WCS 12 with specific mention of SSSI and Nature Reserves. Policy WCS12 is consistent with NPPF paragraphs 109-125.
WCS 12a – Historic Environment	The NPPF broadly covers the same principles that were contained with PPS5. The policy that has been developed is consistent with the NPPF as it would ensure that historic assets are conserved and impacts are mitigated. Policy WCS12a is consistent with NPPF paragraphs 126-141.
WCS 13 – Design	The NPPF makes specific reference to high quality design, which is also encouraged by WCS13. The NPPF states that design should respond to local character which is one of the criteria within WCS 13. Policy WCS13 is consistent with NPPF paragraphs 56-68.
WCS 14 – Sustainable Transport	The NPPF makes specific mention to sustainable transport. The NPPF requires development which would lead to a significant increase in traffic movement to produce a transport assessment. Policy WCS14 already mentions the potential need for travel plans/assessments. Policy WCS14 is consistent with NPPF paragraphs 29-41.