

Addendum to CD14.3 Post-Examination Changes Update to SA Report

In March 2012 Gloucestershire County Council commissioned Land Use Consultants (LUC) to produce an Update to the Publication Sustainability Report based on changes identified as Main Modifications through the WCS examination process.

Subsequent to LUC producing the report, the Government published the National Planning Policy Framework on 27 March 2012 and the Council has been advised to include a new policy within the WCS on Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development. Such a policy is now proposed under Main Modification MM0 as Waste Core Strategy Policy WCS0. This addendum provides a sustainability appraisal of the policy.

Table 1: Main modification/s Affecting New Core Policy WCS0 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	
Main Modification/s:	MM0
Impact on SA	<p>As MM0 proposes a new core policy WCS0 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development, a new SA assessment for this policy has been prepared and is presented in Table 2. The other changes which come under MM0 are mainly textual changes to update the WCS in light of the NPPF and do not specifically affect any of the original SA scores.</p> <p>The SA findings are that this new policy has mainly positive sustainability effects as it is seeking to ensure that there is a core policy in place to reflect the overarching theme within the NPPF of presumption in favour of sustainable development.</p>
Change to SA Score(s)	Not applicable as WCS0 is a new policy.

Table 2: Sustainability Appraisal of Policy WCS0

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification
Policy WCS0: Presumption on Favour of Sustainable Development		
1. To promote sustainable development and sustainable communities and improve the health and wellbeing of people living and working in Gloucestershire as well as visitors to the County.	++	The fact that the policy is actively promoting sustainable development means that the policy scores significantly positive in relation to this objective.
2. To educate the public about waste issues and to maximise community participation and access to waste services and facilities in Gloucestershire.	0	The policy is not considered likely to have a direct impact on education or levels of public participation in waste management.
3. To safeguard the amenity of local communities from the adverse impacts of waste development.	++	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and specifically seeks to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area and will have a significant positive impact upon this objective.
4. To promote sustainable economic development in Gloucestershire giving opportunities to people from all social and ethnic backgrounds.	++	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and specifically seeks to secure development that improves the economic conditions in the area and will have a significant positive impact upon this objective.
5. To manage waste in an economically sustainable way through means that represent good value for tax payers in Gloucestershire.	+	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the economic conditions in the area, therefore any development for waste management is likely to have a positive impact on this objective.

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6. To provide employment opportunities in both rural and urban areas of the County, promoting diversification in the economy.	+	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the economic conditions in the area, therefore any development for waste management is likely to have a positive impact on this objective. However the policy is not specific as to the location of the development.
7. To ensure that waste sites do not compromise the safety of commercial or military aerodromes .	0	The policy is not likely to have a direct impact on aircraft safety.
8. To protect, conserve and enhance biodiversity in Gloucestershire.	+?	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the environmental conditions in the area, therefore any development for waste management is likely to have a positive impact on this objective. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site are appraised separately.
9. To protect, conserve and enhance the landscape in Gloucestershire.	+?	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area and is likely to have a positive impact upon landscape. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site are appraised separately.
10. To ensure that waste sites have the potential for adequate screening and/or innovative design to be incorporated.	0	The policy is not likely to have a direct impact on the potential for waste sites to be well-screened; instead this will be determined by the design and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application

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11. To protect conserve and enhance Gloucestershire's material, cultural and recreational assets .	+	The policy is promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the environmental and social conditions in the area, and is likely to have a positive impact on material, cultural and recreational assets. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site are appraised separately.
12. To protect conserve and enhance geodiversity in Gloucestershire.	+	The policy is promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the environmental conditions in the area, and is likely to have a positive impact on geodiversity. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site have been appraised separately.
13. To protect conserve and enhance townscapes and Gloucestershire's architectural and archaeological heritage .	+	The policy is promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the environmental conditions in the area, and is likely to have a positive impact on heritage. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site have been appraised separately.
14. To prevent floodi ng, in particular preventing inappropriate development in the floodplain and to ensure that waste development does not compromise sustainable sources of water supply.	+	The policy is promoting sustainable development and is likely to have a positive impact in relation to flooding as inappropriate development or development that compromises sustainable sources of water would not be in accordance with the policy. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each

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15. To prevent pollution and to apply the precautionary principle in consultation with waste regulation authorities.	++	The policy is promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the environmental conditions in the area, and is likely to have a significant positive impact in relation to pollution prevention. Development without appropriate pollution control methods might not improve environmental conditions, and would therefore not be in accordance with the policy.
16. To protect and enhance soil/land quality in Gloucestershire.	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on soil/land quality in Gloucestershire as it likely that redevelopment of brownfield land would be the most sustainable option. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site have been appraised separately.
17. To protect and enhance air quality in Gloucestershire.	+	It is likely that to accord with the policy the waste sites should be located in order to reduce the distances that waste is transported. As such, the emissions from transport that have an adverse impact on air quality will be reduced, resulting in a positive impact on this objective. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site are appraised separately.
18. To protect and enhance water quality in Gloucestershire.	+	The policy is promoting sustainable development and to secure development that improves the environmental conditions in the area, therefore, it is likely that to accord with the policy the waste sites should be located in order to protect and enhance water quality. As such, this should result in a positive impact on this objective. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site

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<p>19. To reduce the adverse impacts of lorry traffic on the environment and communities through means such as:</p> <p>a) reducing the need to travel</p> <p>b) promoting more sustainable means of transport e.g. by rail or water</p> <p>c) sensitive lorry routing</p> <p>d) the use of sustainable alternative fuels</p> <p>e) promoting the management of waste in one of the nearest appropriate installations.</p>	+	<p>It is likely that to accord with the policy the waste sites should be located in order to reduce the distances that waste is transported. As such, this should result in a positive impact on this objective. However, there is an element of uncertainty as this will be determined by the type and precise location of each facility developed. The locations of sites other than the strategic allocations will not be known until the planning application stage, and the impacts of each strategic site are appraised separately.</p>
<p>20. To reduce waste to landfill and in dealing with all waste streams to actively promote the waste hierarchy (i.e. Prevent, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Dispose) to achieve the sustainable management</p>	++	<p>The policy is promoting sustainable development in relation to new waste management facilities. It is likely that all new waste facilities will be actively moving waste up the waste hierarchy and therefore should have a significant positive impact on this objective.</p>
<p>21. To reduce the global use of primary materials and minimise net energy balance requirements.</p>	++	<p>The policy is promoting sustainable development and the nature of sustainable development should ensure that there is a significant positive impact on this objective (e.g. through the re-use of construction and demolition materials instead of primary aggregates).</p>

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22. To reduce contributions to and to adapt to Climate Change .	++	The policy is promoting sustainable development and the nature of sustainable development should ensure that there is a significant positive impact on this objective (e.g. through reducing greenhouse gas emissions).
Original SA Objective 1: To promote sustainable development and sustainable communities in Gloucestershire in particular giving people the opportunity to live in an affordable and sustainably designed and constructed home.	++	The policy is actively promoting sustainable development and specifically seeks to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area and will have a significant positive impact upon this objective.
Original SA Objective 2: To safeguard sites suitable for the location of waste management facilities or future mineral development from other proposed development.	0	The policy is not considered likely to have a direct effect on this objective.