

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on MINERALS AND WASTE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS October 2009:

- **Norfolk Minerals Site Allocations:** Further Issues and Options (Preferred Options)
- **Norfolk Waste Site Allocations:** Further Issues and Options (Preferred Options)

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1. What is happening now?

Norfolk County Council's Cabinet approved the conclusions on 99 potential minerals sites and 76 potential waste sites at their meeting on 14 September and agreed to issue the documents for eight weeks' public consultation. This consultation is currently underway and runs from the 19 October to the 11 December 2009.

2. How have the conclusions been reached?

Officers have assessed thoroughly all responses received on the sites during the previous consultation period, which ran from February to April 2008, and weighed up the strengths and weaknesses of each site in the light of the comments received and relevant planning policies

3. What are the conclusions?

Each site has been judged either:

- ☐ **"acceptable"** (meaning that, subject to standard planning conditions and considerations, the site is likely to be appropriate for the use proposed); or
- ☐ **"unacceptable"** (which means that it is thought that the site's constraints cannot be overcome and development should not take place); or
- ☐ **"potentially acceptable"** (which means that either the site is acceptable for a more limited range of uses than that proposed, or that amendments to the site are required, such as a reduction in site area or a different access route).

4. Where can I see the site analyses and conclusions?

These are contained in the current consultation documents which are available to view on the Norfolk County Council website at the following page:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf .

All parish councils will receive hard copies of the consultation material, and the consultation documents will be available to view at Norfolk's libraries, the seven district/borough/city council offices and at County Hall.

In case of difficulty please contact a member of staff in Planning Services at Norfolk County Council, as listed at the start of this document.

5. What sites are being consulted on?

We are consulting on all mineral extraction and waste management sites that have been proposed. All the sites that were part of the Issues and Options consultation in 2008 (that have not been withdrawn since) are part of the current consultation.

Additional sites have been put forward since the Issues and Options consultation and we are also consulting on these new sites.

Amendments have been made to some site proposals; these include changes to the site boundaries and/or the range of waste management uses proposed. A list of all the additional sites, amended sites and those sites which have been withdrawn is included in the current consultation documents, which can be viewed via the www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf webpage.

6. When will the public consultation commence?

The public consultation period will run for eight weeks from the 19 October until 11 December.

7. I made a consultation response previously. Will I be contacted automatically with details of the new consultation exercise and do I need to re-submit my response?

All residents who previously made a consultation response will be contacted with details of the new consultation via email or letter. All previously-made comments are still valid and will be taken into account in deciding the final shortlist of sites later; a re-submission of your previous consultation response is therefore not necessary.

However, you may wish to comment on or challenge the rationale behind the decision on certain sites, even if the nature of your response is largely unchanged

8. How can I make a consultation response?

The preferred method of submitting consultation responses is by using the Council's online consultation software to make the comments directly at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf.

Emails, letters and faxed responses will also be acceptable:

emails should be sent to: ldf@norfolk.gov.uk,

faxes should be sent to: 01603 223219,

letters should be sent to: Norfolk County Council, FREEPOST NC22093/8, Planning and Transportation Department, Planning Services, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2BR.

9. Is this the final stage of public consultation?

No. Following the close of the consultation period officers will assess all consultation responses received and report back to councillors. There will be further public consultation, focussing on 'new' sites (those being consulted on in October for the first time) and sites where a significant change is proposed (e.g. a reduction in the site area, or a request for different types of waste use to be considered). Following this, there will then be a final opportunity for residents to comment on the chosen shortlist of sites prior to the Minerals and Waste Site Allocations DPDs being submitted to the Government for independent examination in early 2011.