Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance

August 2016

Localism Act 2011

The Localism Act introduced the “Duty-to-Co-operate” (the Duty, or DtC), a statutory duty for local planning authorities (including county councils) to co-operate with neighbouring local authorities and other prescribed bodies (e.g. Environment Agency, Heritage England, Natural England, Highways England, relevant private sector bodies and utility and infrastructure providers) in preparation of development in relation to strategic matters.

The intent of the Duty is to ensure that all relevant bodies involved in planning work together on issues that are of larger significance than the local level.

In particular, the Duty requires the LPAs to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis as well as have regard to activities of other local authorities and other bodies (as relevant) throughout the preparation of the development plan. The engagement required under the Duty includes considering whether to consult on and prepare, and enter into and publish, agreements on joint approaches in undertaking preparation of development plans.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Paragraph 179) states that “Local planning authorities should work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly co-ordinated and clearly reflected in individual Local Plans. Joint working should enable local planning authorities to work together to meet development requirements which cannot wholly be met within their own areas”.

Northamptonshire County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for the administrative area of Northamptonshire. As the Planning Authority, Northamptonshire County Council is preparing an updated Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP or Local Plan) in line with the NPPF. The Local Plan will set out the policies and proposals against which planning applications will be determined.

Both minerals and waste are strategic matters that are covered by the Duty. The County Council’s intention is to focus its DtC work on where in developing strategy, policies, provision and locations it considers these raise issues of such a strategic nature that they could have a key impact on other authorities.

In the County Council’s opinion where a Minerals and Waste Local Plan is reviewing all of its elements it would consider the following to have a strategic nature that potentially could affect another authority and therefore could be a DtC issue:

- The provision to be made for aggregates for both sand and gravel and crushed rock.
- The spatial strategy for extraction for both sand and gravel and crushed rock.
- Provision for the extraction of non-aggregate minerals. In Northamptonshire this would be particularly relevant to building stone extraction.
- The spatial strategy for waste management.
- The provision to be met to meet capacity gaps for waste management and disposal facilities.
- The proposed allocations for minerals and waste development.

However as we are undertaking a partial review of the Local Plan rather than a full review some of the above considerations will not apply.
An assessment of whether the Duty has been satisfied by Northamptonshire County Council in preparing the MWLP will be undertaken during the Public Examination. The NPPF (paragraph 181) states that “Local planning authorities will be expected to demonstrate evidence of having effectively co-operated to plan for issues with cross-boundary impacts when their Local Plans are submitted for examination. This could be by way of plans or policies prepared as part of a joint committee, a memorandum of understanding or a jointly prepared strategy which is presented as evidence of an agreed position. Co-operation should be a continuous process of engagement from initial thinking through to implementation, resulting in a final position where plans are in place to provide the land and infrastructure necessary to support current and projected future levels of development”.

The Council prepared a Statement on the Duty to Co-operate relating to the Local Plan Update which was published at the beginning of the Local Plan process and set out how the Council planned to address the matter of DtC. This document sets out what the Council considered to be strategic issues and discussed how DtC was going to take place as the plan progressed. The statement is included as Annex 1 for ease of reference.

This statement outlines how Northamptonshire County Council has met the Duty in the preparation of the MWLP.

**Engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis**

Throughout the plan-making process local authority and other prescribed bodies have been invited to contribute towards the preparation of the MWLP and related evidence base documents through the formal consultation stages including the Issues and Options, Draft Plan and Final Draft Plan. The evidence base documents included the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report and Environmental Reports, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA), Technical Appendix including site assessments and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).

All the consultation documents and a summary of responses received (including Councils comments) are publicly available on the Councils website. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council will consult on documents through the plan-making process and with whom; the SCI is also available on the Councils website.

Informal consultation rounds were undertaken during the development of study scope, methodology and report preparation (e.g. initial drafts) for several of the evidence base documents with other Mineral Planning Authorities (MPA’s), Aggregate Working Parties (AWP’s) and other relevant bodies; such documents included the LAA. The purpose of undertaking the informal consultation rounds was to encourage early and active engagement that focussed on the core technical evidence base documents. It was hoped that this would assist in the early identification of any cross-boundary issues, ensure transparency and facilitate information sharing. In addition industry stakeholders were engaged through surveys to determine aggregate sales, remaining reserves and related information.

**Regards for activities of other authorities and bodies**

The Council has engaged with other authorities and bodies in relation to emerging plans and associated evidence base documents (produced by the other authorities and bodies). The Council has also had an active participation in the AWP and minerals working parties and learning groups. Through the above actions the Council has remained abreast of the activities of other authorities and bodies and facilitated information sharing and transparency. Such actions complement engagement activities and helped to ensure that the Council has had due regard to other authorities activities and cross-boundary impacts.
Consideration of joint approaches

Northamptonshire has always had standalone plans for minerals and waste and until the abolition of the Regional Plan had its own apportionment. Due to the Counties position within the East Midlands, many of the adjoining authorities are within different regions so it was felt it would not be appropriate to link up with other authorities.

Responses received relating to strategic matters and outcomes achieved

Consultation responses received relating to strategic matters focussed on allocations of sites and is summarised below.

The process of engaging with neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies has enabled meaningful discussion and consideration of strategic matters and resulted in development of a robust evidence base to support the plan making process. Where appropriate the plan has been amended to reflect views made on strategic matters. In some cases this was not possible as it is also the Councils duty to ensure that the plan-making process takes a balanced view of matters, seeks development of sustainable communities, reflects local circumstance and complies with national policy.

The provision to be made for aggregate for both sand and gravel and crushed rock

No amendment of the provision figures was proposed through in the update of the Local Plan. The approach previously taken was derived from an average of aggregates sales over a ten year period (and consideration of other local factors) as per national policy. Monitoring will assist in identifying emerging trends.

The spatial strategy for mineral extraction (sand and gravel and crushed rock)

No amendment of the spatial strategy for mineral extraction was proposed through the update of the Local Plan. Mineral extraction will continue to be focussed on the country’s pre-glacial and glacial deposits together with reserves from the river valleys of the Nene and the Great Ouse.

Provision for the extraction of non-aggregate minerals

No amendment of the approach to (and policy for) building and roofing stone was proposed through the update of the Local Plan. Two additional sites were added to ensure supply to address conservation needs associated with maintaining local distinctiveness in new development, and for restoration of buildings and structures.

The spatial strategy for waste management

No amendment of the spatial strategy for waste management was proposed through the update of the Local Plan. Comments were received in relation to the distribution of waste facilities across the County and that there should be a more even spread, however, the strategy focusses waste management facilities within the County’s central spine and sub-regional centre where there is a greater need and to facilitate communities and businesses taking more responsibility for their waste.

The provision to be met to meet capacity gaps for waste management and disposal facilities

Most respondents agreed there was no need to allocate sites for inert recovery/landfill and that capacity could be met through directing inert fill towards mineral extraction sites in order to support restoration outcomes. Therefore there was no proposed amendment to the waste management capacity.
The proposed allocations for minerals and waste development

The plan identifies site-specific allocations to facilitate delivery of minerals resources and allows unallocated sites to come forward through the planning application process. Responses received were mixed with some supporting sites whereas other objected. Responses as to whether sites for inert recycling and advanced treatment should be allocated were divided. Some respondents considered that it ensured clear guidance on the spatial strategy for developers and the local communities; whilst others felt that given to the small capacity gaps this could be addressed through the development criteria (i.e. unallocated sites coming forward through the planning application process). Sites for waste management were removed from the Plan other than two sites which are considered suitable for integrated waste management facilities, the only sites that are now included for waste management are urban industrial areas that are considered to be acceptable in principle for waste management facilities.

Conclusions

Northamptonshire County Council has demonstrated the required level of co-operation with other authorities and bodies throughout the preparation of the Local Plan. The Council has engaged with relevant parties from an early stage in the plan-making process through both formal and informal processes in order to facilitate meaningful discussion on strategic matters and cross-boundary issues. The Council has also actively participated in numerous meetings, working parties/learning groups, information sharing and joint studies to inform both its own and other authorities plan making process, evidence base documents and general understanding of strategic matters in order to allow for regard to be had for the activities of other authorities and bodies.

As such it is considered that the Council has met the Duty in the preparation of the MWLP.

The Council will continue to co-operate with other authorities and bodies on strategic planning matters.

Evidence that the Duty has been met

The table below identifies how the Council has met the Duty with specific reference to local authorities and prescribed bodies.

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<td>Consultation was undertaken with all MWPA's in England and relevant AWP's throughout the plan-making process and development of the LAA through both formal and informal processes with due consideration given to their response(s). The Council is actively involved in the East Midlands AWP as well as related learning groups. In addition the Council has sought to promote information sharing and general understanding of cross boundary issues by engaging in discussions and consultation processes.</td>
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<td>Private sector bodies and other minerals and waste industry bodies were consulted throughout the plan-making processes. Some of these bodies are also associated with the AWP's and working parties/learning groups.</td>
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Figures and data provided on request to the following authorities under the Duty:

- Oxfordshire
- Lincolnshire
- North London
- Derbyshire and Derby City
- Hertfordshire
- Rutland
- Leicestershire
- Essex
- Walsall
- Tower Hamlets

Northamptonshire provided comments on the following authorities plans in relation to minerals and waste matters:

- Lincolnshire
- Northumberland
- Buckinghamshire
- Essex
- Leicestershire
- Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole
- Oxfordshire
- Kirklees
- Hertfordshire
- Rutland
- West Sussex
- Cumbria
Annex 1 - Northamptonshire MWLP Update Statement on the Duty to Co-operate relating to the Local Plan Update
Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update

Statement on the Duty to Co-operate relating to the Local Plan Update

1. The County Council adopted its Minerals and Waste Local Plan in October 2014. The Local Plan brought together the formally separate Development Plan Documents of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework into one combined document, updated in line with the NPPG and other guidance and rolled forward the plan period by five years to 2031.

2. The County Council wishes to ensure that the Mineral and Waste Local Plan remains up-to-date. On this basis it is now commencing an update of the Local Plan which is to concentrate on reviewing the sites/allocations for minerals and waste development but will update other elements as appropriate.

3. As part of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update the County Council is publishing this Statement on the Duty to Co-operate (DtC) on how we intend to address this matter through the plan preparation process.

4. Policy and guidance on the DtC and what it means is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), where it is particularly referred to as planning strategically across local boundaries, and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). On that basis we have not summarised what DtC means in this Statement.

5. It should be noted that this statement only relates to DtC engagement with other minerals and waste planning authorities. It does not cover any DtC engagement with the other relevant bodies, including district councils.

DtC Strategic Matters for Minerals and Waste

6. Both minerals and waste are strategic matters that are covered by the DtC. The County Council’s intention is to focus its DtC work on where in developing strategy, policies, provision and locations it considers these raise issues of such a strategic nature that they could have a key impact on other authorities.

7. In the County Council’s opinion where a Minerals and Waste Local Plan is reviewing all of its elements it would consider the following to have a strategic nature that potentially could affect another authority and therefore could be a DtC issue:

- The provision to be made for aggregates (expressed in terms of million tonnes per annum) for both sand and gravel and crushed rock. The strategic issue here would be around whether what is proposed could be considered under-provision and therefore implying an inappropriate reliance on another area to make up this provision.

- The spatial strategy for extraction for both sand and gravel and crushed rock. The strategic issue here would be how the spatial strategy relates to those in neighbouring authorities, particularly in relation to ensuring coherent boundaries. Potentially the spatial strategy could also be an issue where this was seen as being developed to specifically and inappropriately minimise extraction.

- Provision for the extraction of non-aggregate minerals. In Northamptonshire this would be particularly relevant to building stone extraction.
The strategic issue here would be whether there was seen to be a constraint on supply that could impact on stone needed for conservation and renovation of buildings in settlements outside of the plan area.

- The spatial strategy for waste management. The strategic issue here would be how the spatial strategy relates to those in neighbouring authorities, particularly in relation to ensuring coherent boundaries. Potentially the spatial strategy could also be an issue where this was seen as being developed to specifically and inappropriately minimise locations where provision could be made.

- The provision to be met to meet capacity gaps for waste management and disposal facilities. The strategic issue here would be whether provision made meets the requirements of the plan area to properly address its needs and is not relying inappropriately on other areas to meet its needs.

- The proposed allocations for minerals and waste development. The strategic issue here would be around whether the allocations would have a significant strategic impact on an adjacent plan area. It should be noted that this would be for significant strategic impacts only and not for detailed matters such as amenity impact – it is also the case that scale of the proposal at an allocation would be relevant here with the larger the proposal the more it could have a strategic impact.

8. However as we are undertaking a partial review of the Local Plan rather than a full review some of the above considerations may not apply. What is proposed to be reviewed will be consulted on at Issues and Options stage but this will not be finalised until the Draft Plan stage.

9. In some cases waste planning authorities send lists of waste facilities in their respective area which receives waste (and showing totals) from another authority’s area and vice versa and asking for comment on the likely continuance of these arrangements. The County Council will not follow this approach as it does not consider that this achieves anything. Most of these facilities are commercial undertakings hence if they are already importing waste would presumably continue to do so. Furthermore the amount received is normally not very significant in terms of overall volumes. It is only where the waste concerned is of a particularly large volume or of a particularly specialised nature such as hazardous or radioactive waste that this could become a more strategic issue and therefore becomes relevant to the matters referenced in para 7.

10. It should also be noted that the considerations in para 7 do not have a specific geographical focus. Where minerals and waste are concerned any authority could potentially be impacted by the authority’s strategic choice; it is not the case with most of the matters identified under para 7 that neighbouring authorities would be the most impacted and those farthest away the least impacted. Our specific DtC engagement will be on the basis of potential impact and not proximity.

11. There is some confusion by some minerals and waste planning authorities over what constitutes a DtC representation. The County Council will consider a representation relates to the DtC where it is a strategic representation relating to the matters we have identified in para 7. In other words it is for the County Council to determine what is a strategic matter (and is in line with Zurich Assurance Ltd v Winchester CC & South Downs NPA (2014) that...
how the authority goes about deciding what is a strategic matter is a matter for their judgement).

**The role of the Local Aggregates Assessment in DtC engagement**

12. It is a requirement for the County Council to prepare a Local Aggregates Assessment (LAA) annually. The LAA has to be signed off by the regional Aggregates Working Party (AWP) that the County Council is a member of (this is the East Midlands AWP).

13. Although it was perhaps not the original intention when the requirement to produce an LAA came in, the LAA does naturally become a more important document when it is prepared at the same time as preparation on a new minerals local plan. As the AWP comprises minerals planning authorities from the region as well as the minerals industry then a sign off of the LAA where it identifies potential local plan provision, can effectively be considered to give assent by that regions mineral planning authorities, unless individual authorities choose to make separate representations of disagreement. However, as stated in para 10 any authority could be impacted by our strategic choices and although support by minerals planning authorities in the region is helpful it is not conclusive.

**The role of regional working parties on minerals and waste in DtC engagement**

14. It is a requirement for the County Council to be a member of an AWP. The County Council is a member of the East Midlands AWP. The County Council is also a member of the Strategic Waste Advisory Group covering the East Midlands. Being members of both groupings can be considered to contribute to co-operation between minerals and waste planning authorities but the County Council does not see membership and participation in either body as absolving us from DtC strategic matter engagement directly with individual mineral and waste planning authorities where this is relevant.

**Stages of the Plan and the level of DtC engagement**

**Issues and Options**

15. The Issues and Options consultation document sets the context for the plan preparation and the initial views on how matters could move forward. This could involve providing options for sand and gravel provision or identifying potential sites for minerals or waste use put forward by the industry.

16. DtC consultation at the Issues and Options stage will comprise:
   - The sending out of specific DtC notifications (by email) to the minerals and waste planning authorities referenced in para 17 and identified in Appendix 1.
   - Undertaking follow up contact (by email, telephone or meeting) if a response is made that raises issues that require clarification, and potentially agreement, before we finalise the Draft Plan.

17. The County Council has a list of minerals and waste planning authorities it sends DtC emails to. It is an almost comprehensive list, basically comprising all of the minerals and waste planning authorities in England. Where there is a joint unit or clear joint arrangements relating to minerals and/or waste development planning and a dedicated email address is given then only the joint unit or lead authority will be contacted. In London the Mayor/GLA is also listed.

**Draft Plan (Preferred Options) Stage**

18. The Draft Plan stage is that stage when the Council starts to finalise its policy direction.
19. DtC consultation at the Draft Plan stage will comprise:

- The sending out of specific DtC notifications (by email) to the minerals and waste planning authorities referenced in para 17 and identified in Appendix 1 (Appendix 1 to be added).
- The contact email at this stage will state that it is particularly important for the respective authority concerned to make representations on the draft plan, and at this time, if they consider that the proposed approaches set out in the Draft Plan are making assumptions that could potentially impact on their area and that they are currently not proposing to plan for. To aid in this the email will state what the County Council considers to be the relevant strategic matters (for example, the proposed provision rate for sand and gravel and what this is based on). The email will also ask that any representations on DtC matters should be specifically made under this header. This is so that these can be dealt with separately from any other non-strategic comments/representations that the authority may wish to make.
- Follow up contact, if there has been no response from them, with any minerals and waste planning authorities that we have identified internally that we wish a specific response from. This is where we consider there is a strategic issue that we consider we need to address and conclude with them before we move on to the preparation of the Proposed Submission Plan.
- Follow up contact, and if necessary meetings, with any minerals and waste planning authorities who have responded and which raise strategic issues that we consider we need to address and conclude with them before we move on to the preparation of the Proposed Submission Plan.

Proposed Submission Stage

20. The Proposed Submission stage is that stage where the Council has what it considers the plan it wishes to be adopted and puts that plan out for representations to be formally made on it. Following Submission of the plan these representations will be considered by the appointed Inspector at the plan’s examination.

21. Any DtC matters should have been identified at Draft Plan stage and should have been subject to engagement (by email or in certain circumstances by telephone or by meetings) to either resolve or agree to disagree. DtC representations from authorities who did not raise issues at Draft Plan stage should not be expected to be raised at this time.

22. DtC notification at this stage will comprise:

- Simply notifying all those on our DtC database that the Proposed Submission period for representations has commenced.

23. Where a representation comes in stating a failure to meet the DtC but is not considered by the Council to be a strategic matter (as referenced in para 7), it will be treated as a representation relating to the soundness of the plan.

Northamptonshire County Council
December 2014
Appendix 1: Mineral and Waste Planning Authorities in England/Wales to be contacted

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| Kensington and Chelsea
| Lambeth
| Lewisham
| Southwark
| Tower Hamlets
| Wandsworth
| Westminster |

### East of England

- **Bedfordshire (3 UAs)**: Contact Joint Unit for Mins and Waste
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- **Cambridgeshire/Peterborough (2)**: Contact each mpa separately: Cambridgeshire Peterborough
  - Contact each wpa separately: Cambridgeshire Peterborough

- **Essex/Thurrock (3)**: Essex joint with Southend- contact Essex
  - Contact Thurrock separately
  - Essex joint with Southend- contact Essex
  - Contact Thurrock separately

- **Hertfordshire**

- **Norfolk**

- **Suffolk**

- **Broads Authority**: Covered by Norfolk and Suffolk Plans (therefore no contact)
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### East Midlands

- **Derbyshire/Derby (2)**: Joint Plan- contact Derbyshire
  - Joint Plan- contact Derbyshire

- **Leicestershire/Leicester/Rutland (3)**: Contact each mpa separately: Leicestershire Leicester Rutland
  - Contact each wpa separately: Leicestershire Leicester Rutland

- **Lincolnshire**

- **Nottinghamshire/Nottingham (2)**: Joint Plan- contact Notts
  - Joint Plan- contact Notts

### South West

- **Cornwall**

- **Isles of Scilly**
  - No contact- very small offshore authority
  - No contact- very small offshore authority

- **Devon/Plymouth/Torbay/Dartmoor NP/Exmoor NP (5)**: Contact each mpa separately: Devon Plymouth Torbay Dartmoor NP Exmoor NP
  - Contact each wpa separately: Devon Plymouth Torbay Dartmoor NP Exmoor NP

- **Dorset/Poole/Bournemouth (3)**: Joint Plan- contact Dorset
  - Joint Plan- contact Dorset

- **Gloucestershire**

- **Somerset**

- **Wiltshire/Swindon (2)**: Joint Plan- contact Wiltshire
  - Joint Plan- contact Wiltshire

- **West of England (former Avon County)**: Contact each mpa separately: Bath and North East Somerset Bristol North Somerset South Gloucestershire
  - Adopted Joint Plan- contact West of England Partnership

### West Midlands

- **Herefordshire**

- **Shropshire/Telford and Wrekin (2)**: Contact each mpa separately: Shropshire Telford and Wrekin
  - Contact each wpa separately: Shropshire Telford and Wrekin

- **Staffordshire/Stoke (2)**: Contact each mpa separately: Staffordshire Stoke on Trent
  - Joint Plan but contact each wpa separately: Staffordshire Stoke on Trent

- **Warwickshire**

- **West Midlands County (7)**: Contact each mpa separately:
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