



Northamptonshire County Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Duty to Co-operate:
Partial Review of the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development
Framework**

Northamptonshire County Council has an adopted Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) comprising four Development Plan Documents (DPDs): Core Strategy (adopted May 2010), Site-specific DPDs for minerals and waste (adopted March 2011) and a development control policies DPD (adopted June 2011).

Despite its recent adoption, the County Council is now in the process of reviewing the MWDF and rolling forward the plan period from 2026 to 2031. This is intended to be a Partial Review to cover:

- A revision to provision figures for waste capacity and aggregates apportionment and taking these through to 2031.
- The inclusion of any new or amended policies that will be necessary to reflect changed national guidance, in particular the National Planning Policy Framework.
- The development of policy for matters not fully covered in the current MWDF.

The following matters are not proposed to be covered:

- Any revisions to the spatial strategy for waste and minerals.
- Any changes to minerals and waste allocations and designations.

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A consultation on the Way Forward for the Partial Review is now in progress and continues until Thursday 23 August. This consultation also includes a Local Aggregates Assessment and Local Assessment of Waste Management Needs for comment as well as a draft revision to the Statement of Community Involvement. These documents are available to view at:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/planning/policy/minerals/Pages/PartialReviewoftheMWDFLocalPlan.aspx>

In the spirit of the Duty to Co-operate we are notifying your authority of this consultation so that if you wish you have the opportunity to shape the Partial Review.

As key elements of the adopted MWDF such as the Spatial Strategy and the allocated sites are not proposed for review, it is the areas around provision of aggregates and the waste needs we intended to provide for that you may wish to focus any comments on. For aggregates apportionment we intend to base provision based on ten year annual sales figures in line with the NPPF, although may go for a slightly higher figure for crushed rock. For waste our forecasts have been revised to reflect both the reduction in growth planned for the county and the current economic downturn. The Way Forward consultation document also covers other areas such as low level radioactive waste, in relation to this matter we are questioning whether utilising facilities in Northamptonshire is the most appropriate and effective approach.

General comments on the Way Forward consultation document, Local Aggregate Assessment and Local Assessment of Waste Management Needs are welcome, but we are particularly interested in any specific comments you may have in relation to the Duty to Co-operate. This is particularly pertinent if you consider that our approaches are making assumptions that could impact of your area that you are currently not proposing to plan for.

Yours sincerely



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