

Matter 8- Implementation and Monitoring

Statement by Northamptonshire County Council

Issue MO1

Are the policies sufficiently flexible to cope with changing circumstances?

- 1.1 The policies in the plan are, excepting the new radioactive waste disposal policy, either carried over unchanged from the adopted DPDs or have only had minor amendments since their adoption. These have therefore been found sound previously and experience of operating the policies since their adoption has not thrown up any issues.
- 1.2 This may be because the adopted MWDF policies are still relatively new and that there has not been time for changing circumstances to impact, but the approach of the Council is to keep policies under review to ensure an up to date plan is in place.

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Issue MO2

Does the Plan clearly identify the timescale by reference to which new minerals and waste provision should be made, in order to inform the monitoring process?

- 2.1 The Plan does not set timescales in relation to mineral provision. However, it does identify both the total provision for the plan period and the annual (average) provision rate. The Plan also states that seven and ten year landbanks for sand and gravel and crushed rock (respectively) will be sought (Policy 1).
- 2.2 For waste development Policies 11 and 18 show indicative capacity requirements for both 2021 and 2031 and accompanying Tables 6 and 7 show indicative capacity requirements and capacity gaps broken down by five year intervals (i.e. 2016, 2021, 2026 and 2031).

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Issue MO3

Does the Local Plan contain realistic, achievable targets, and indicators to monitor the performance and delivery of the strategy and policies; delivery mechanisms and timescales for the implementation of policies and an indication of who is intended to implement each policy?

- 3.1 The targets and indicators, delivery mechanisms and timescales and implementers, as shown in Table 8 is effectively a combined table taken forward from the adopted DPDs.
- 3.2 The new policy on radioactive waste has also been included within Table 8.

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Issue MO4

Are the key indicators, targets and trigger points for the policies appropriate and effective as a basis of monitoring the delivery of the strategy over the Plan period?

See response to Issue MO3.