

Northamptonshire County Council

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Partial Review: Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Consultation

Northamptonshire County Council is in the process of reviewing its Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) and rolling forward its plan period from 2026 to 2031. This is to ensure we continue to have an up to date plan in line with government guidance. As part of this review the individual Development Plan Documents (DPD) from the MWDF will be combined into one document to form the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

We are now consulting on the content of the Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The first part of the Draft Plan is a summary of the responses received on the issues identified in our 'Way Forward' consultation held over the summer and how we have taken these into account in preparing the Draft Local Plan. The second part contains the proposed Local Plan document and which brings together the four MWDF documents, amended as appropriate.

As most of the MWDF is simply being carried forward unchanged into the Local Plan, these unchanged elements are not being consulted on. Those parts of the Draft Local Plan that are new or have been changed and are included in the consultation are underlined. Parts of the previous MWDF that have been omitted are crossed out. The County Council welcomes comments and observation on these changes. These changes have also been subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA), and therfore the SA Environmental Report is also open for consultation.

Accompanying the Draft Local Plan consultation document is a Local Aggregates Assessment and Local Assessment of Waste Management Needs and these can also be commented on.

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The Draft Local Plan and SA Environmental Report are available to view at the County Council's main reception areas at County Hall and John Dryden House, as well as at Northamptonshire libraries and the main receptions of the district and borough councils in the county during normal business hours. Alternatively, this information can be viewed and downloaded from the County Council website: http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/planning/policy/minerals/Pages/PartialReviewoftheMWDFLocalPlan.aspx

This consultation will run from Thursday 17 January 2013 to Thursday 14 March 2013. Responses should preferably be made online at https://consult.northamptonshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/calendar or on the response form which is available to download from the website or on request. Please note that comments received after the closing date will not necessarily be able to be taken into account as we progress the MWDF review.

If there are any matters on which you require clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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