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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Norfolk County Council is the planning authority for minerals and waste matters within the county. Under the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended, all local planning authorities must prepare a Local Development Scheme. Similarly, a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme is prepared by a Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, and sets out the programme for preparing planning documents.
- 1.2 The County Council has prepared this Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) in accordance with the Act.
- 1.3 The National Planning Policy Framework requires all Local Planning Authorities to produce a Local Plan for their area. Norfolk County Council has produced the following development plan documents (DPDs) to meet this requirement: Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Management Policies, Minerals Site Specific Allocations and Waste Site Specific Allocations. All of these documents have been adopted by Norfolk County Council along with a Policies Map. The adopted Local Plan (consisting of DPDs) is the statutory development plan and the basis on which all minerals and waste planning decisions will be made in Norfolk.
- 1.4 The Council has also produced a Statement of Community Involvement, this Minerals and Waste Development Scheme and Monitoring Reports.
- 1.5 The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme is primarily a programme for the preparation of Development Plan Documents. The Scheme sets out which Development Plan Documents will be produced, in what order and when.

## 2. Existing Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework

- 2.1 The statutory plans for minerals and waste planning in Norfolk are contained in the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework. This framework consists of four planning policy documents which together form the Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Norfolk:
- 2.2 **Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Management Policies DPD (the 'Core Strategy')** contains policies for use in making decisions on planning applications for mineral extraction and associated development and waste management development, and in the selection of site allocations in Norfolk. The DPD contains measurable objectives to enable successful monitoring. This document was adopted in September 2011.
- 2.3 **Waste Site Specific Allocations DPD** – allocated specific sites which are available and acceptable in principle for waste management facilities, to meet the requirements of Core Strategy Policy CS4, until the end of 2026. This document was adopted in October 2013.
- 2.4 **Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD** - allocates specific sites which are available and acceptable in principle for mineral extraction and associated development, to meet the requirements of Core Strategy Policy CS1 until the end of 2026. This document was adopted in October 2013.
- 2.5 **Policies Map**  
The Policies Map accompanies the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (Core Strategy, Minerals SSA and Waste SSA DPDs). The Policies Map illustrates on an Ordnance Survey base map all of the policies contained in the adopted plans. The Policies Map will be revised and adopted successively each time a DPD that includes a policy requiring spatial expression is adopted. An interactive version of the policies map is available on Norfolk County Council's website: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf). The interactive map is considered to be the most up to date version of the map available.
- 2.6 The Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework also includes the following documents produced by Norfolk County Council:
- 2.7 **The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** sets out standards and the approach to involving the wider community in Norfolk in the preparation of all of the minerals and waste DPDs (and planning applications determined by the County Council). The document is considered fundamental to all future production of development plans and enables locally based requirements and community expectations to be addressed at an early stage within plan preparation. The most recent version of the (SCI) document was published, in April 2012 and was adopted in September 2012.
- 2.8 **This Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS)** which sets out what documents are being produced as part of the Local Plan and the

timetable for their production, including consultation stages. The previous MWDS came into force in May 2013.

### **Authority's Monitoring Reports**

- 2.9 The County Council is required to prepare monitoring reports to assess the implementation of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme and the extent to which policies in the development plan documents are being achieved. In accordance with Part 8 of the 'Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012' the County Council must make available any information collected as soon as possible after the information becomes available.
- 2.10 The County Council assesses:
- progress made in the preparation of the authority's local plans and whether progress made is in accordance with the timetable contained in the development scheme;
  - what action has been taken in accordance with the duty to co-operate with other local planning authorities during the monitoring period;
  - whether it is meeting, or is on track to meet, the targets set out in the development plan documents and, if not, the reasons why;
  - whether any policies need to be replaced to meet sustainable development objectives; and
  - what action needs to be taken if policies need to be replaced.
- 2.11 **Local Aggregate Assessment and Silica Sand Assessment** which is produced annually and includes information on the rolling average of 10 years' sales data, the landbank of permitted reserves and other relevant local information, taking into account the advice of the East of England Aggregates Working Party.

### 3. Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD – Single Issue Silica Sand Review

#### Overview

<b>Role and Subject</b>	To identify site specific allocations and/or areas of search for silica sand working up to 2026
<b>Coverage</b>	The administrative area of Norfolk
<b>Status</b>	Development plan document

The Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD was adopted by Norfolk County Council in October 2013. Norfolk County Council agreed to an early review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD in recognition of an under allocation of silica sand. The timetable below is for the Single Issue Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD. The Regulation 18, 19 and 22 stages have already taken place. The Hearing Sessions (regulation 24) are scheduled for 14 and 15 March 2017.

#### Timetable

Stage	Dates
Preparation of Local Plan consultation (Regulation 18)	Initial Consultation: March to April 2015  Preferred Options: November to December 2015
Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)	May to June 2016  Addendum of Modifications: September to October 2016
Submission (Regulation 22)	December 2016
Hearing (Regulation 24)	March 2017
Inspector's Report	August 2017
Adoption (Regulation 26)	October 2017

#### 4. Review of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

##### Overview

<b>Role and Subject</b>	To provide the core strategy and development management policies for minerals and waste planning in Norfolk until 2036. To allocate specific sites, preferred areas and/or areas of search for mineral extraction in Norfolk until 2036. To allocate sites for waste management facilities in Norfolk until 2036.
<b>Coverage</b>	The administrative area of Norfolk
<b>Status</b>	Development plan document

##### Timetable for Review

The Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Management Policies DPD was adopted in September 2011. The Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD and the Waste Site Specific Allocations DPD were both adopted in October 2013.

The National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 153) states that “Each local planning authority should produce a Local Plan for its area. This can be revised in whole or in part to respond to changing circumstances. Any additional development plan documents should only be used where clearly justified.”

The national Planning Practice Guidance (paragraph ref: 12-008-20140306) states that “To be effective plans need to be kept up-to-date. Policies will age at different rates depending on local circumstances. Most Local Plans are likely to require updating in whole or in part at least every five years. Reviews should be proportionate to the issues in hand.”

Therefore, a joint review of all three of the adopted DPDs will be carried out to ensure that the policies within them remain up-to-date, to extend the plan period to 2036 and to consolidate the three existing DPDs into one Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan, in accordance with national planning policy.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Preparation of Local Plan consultation (Regulation 18)	Initial Consultation: June to August 2017  Preferred Options: February to March 2018
Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)	November to December 2018
Submission (Regulation 22)	March 2019
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## 5. Glossary

**Monitoring Report** - records progress in implementing the Development Scheme and the performance of policies against targets in Development Plan Documents. Indicates what action an authority needs to take if it is not on track or policies need to be revised/ replaced.

**Core strategy (for Minerals and Waste)** - This planning policy document contains the vision, objectives and strategic planning policies for minerals and waste development in Norfolk until 2026. The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy also includes Development Management policies which are used in the determination of planning applications to ensure that minerals extraction and associated development and waste management facilities can happen in a sustainable way.

**Development plan documents** – A term brought in by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. These are the spatial planning documents that form part of the Local Plan. These set out spatial planning policies and proposals for an area or topic. They include the core strategy, development management policies, specific site allocations of land and area action plans (where needed).

**Local Plan** - The plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). Current core strategies or other planning policies, which under the regulations would be considered to be development plan documents, form part of the Local Plan.

**Minerals and Waste Development Scheme** – describes the local development documents which the authority intends to prepare and the timetable for their preparation.

**Policies map** – accompanies the adopted plans and illustrates on a base map all of the policies contained in the adopted plans.

**Site allocations** – allocations of land for specific or mixed uses of development contained in development plan documents, where landowners are supportive of the development and the proposal is likely to be acceptable in planning terms.

**Statement of Community Involvement** - A document that sets out the Local Planning Authority's consultation strategy for involving local communities in the preparation of local development documents and the determination of planning applications. This is a requirement brought in by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme Timetable 2016 - 2019

Milestone Plan	2016												2017											
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Key Milestones Plan
1. Preparation of the Local Plan - <b>Regulation 18</b>
2. Pre-Submission representations period - <b>Regulation 19</b>
3. Submission - <b>Regulation 22</b>
4. Independent Examination Hearings - <b>Regulation 24</b>
5. Inspector's report
6. Adoption - <b>Regulation 26</b>