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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’)** - 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. The DPD contains measurable objectives to enable successful monitoring. This document was adopted in September 2011.
- 2.3 **Waste Site Specific Allocations DPD** allocates 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 and updated with the adoption of the Single Issue Silica Sand Review in December 2017. The Single Issue Silica Sand Review allocated an additional site and areas of search for future silica sand extraction until the end of 2026.
- 2.5 **The Policies Map** accompanies the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (currently the 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 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 Norfolk County Council’s consultation strategy for involving local communities in the preparation of Norfolk’s minerals and waste DPDs and in the determination of planning applications submitted to the County Council.
- 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 June 2018.

- 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. Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

#### Overview

<b>Role and Subject</b>	To provide the strategic 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 2038. To provide criteria-based policies for waste management facilities in Norfolk until 2038.
<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 33) states that “Policies in local plans ... should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years and should then be updated as necessary. Reviews should be completed no later than five years from the adoption date of a plan and should take into account changing circumstances affecting the area, or any relevant changes in national policy.”

Therefore, a joint update of all three of the adopted DPDs is being carried out to ensure that the policies within them remain up to date, to extend the plan period from 2026 to 2038 and to consolidate the three existing DPDs into one Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan, in accordance with national planning policy.

#### Local Plan milestones

Local Plan stage	Dates
Preparation of Local Plan consultation (Regulation 18)	Initial Consultation: June / August 2018 Preferred Options: Sept / Oct 2019
Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)	September / October 2022
Submission (Regulation 22)	December 2022
Hearing (Regulation 24)	April 2023
Inspector’s Report	October 2023
Adoption (Regulation 26)	December 2023

## 4. Glossary

**Local Development Documents** - A term brought in by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. These are all documents which form part of the Local Plan, both spatial and non-spatial.

**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 timetable 2022-2023



Date	Local Plan stage
April 2022	
May 2022	
June 2022	
July 2022	
August 2022	
September 2022	Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)
October 2022	Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)
November 2022	
December 2022	Submission (Regulation 22)
January 2023	Independent examination process starts
February 2023	Examination process continues
March 2023	Examination process continues
April 2023	Independent examination hearings (Regulation 24)
May 2023	Examination process continues
June 2023	Examination process continues
July 2023	Examination process continues
August 2023	Examination process continues
September 2023	Examination process continues
October 2023	Inspector's report
November 2023	
December 2023	Adoption (Regulation 16)