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# Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Preliminary Consultation 2018

## Welcome

Thank you for taking an interest in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough *Minerals and Waste Local Plan* (MWLP). These boards are here to provide a brief overview of the work that is currently going on the MWLP. We hope you find them useful and they answer most of your questions.

If you do require further information please do visit our website or contact us using the details at the end.

## A little bit of background...

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities to prepare Minerals and Waste Local Plans for their areas. These Local Plans guide where waste and minerals development should happen. Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council (the Councils), as Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities, working together, previously produced the documents shown on the right. These documents seek to:

- ensure that sufficient minerals, such as sand and gravel, limestone and brick clay, are available for use in construction and industry;
- provide sufficient facilities to manage the waste generated in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;
- safeguarding key minerals and waste infrastructure; and
- protect and enhance the environment whilst supporting growth.

The Councils are required to review the MWLP every five years and this is what is happening now.

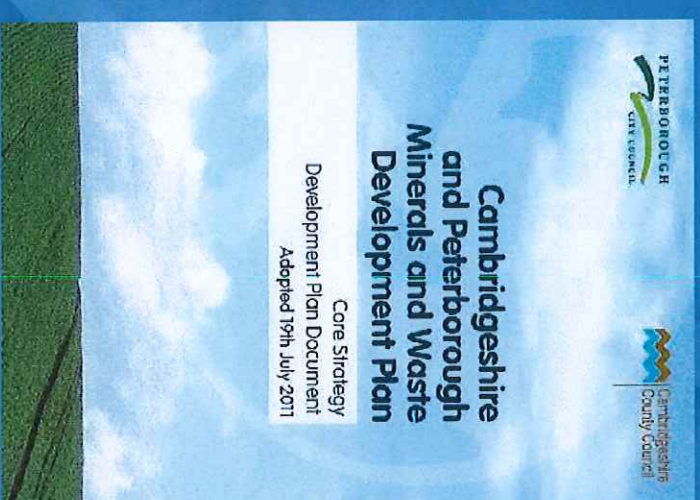
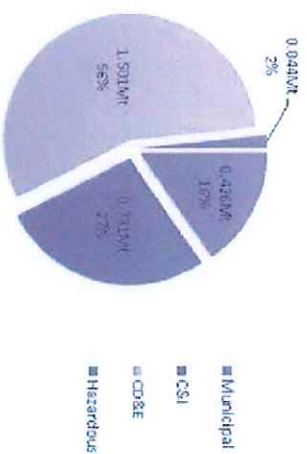


Figure 1: Waste arisings for the Plan area (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) 2016



2.38 Waste is also imported into the Plan area from other authority areas. In 2016 imports significantly outweighed exports (almost fourfold), with over half of waste imported from other authorities disposed of in landfill (non-hazardous and inert). This indicates that overall the Plan area is a net importer of waste. It also demonstrates that landfill void space within the Plan area serves a wider area and is therefore subject to external pressures.

2.39 Waste movements occur as a result of commercial contractual and operational arrangements as well as geographical convenience. There is a national policy direction for WPA's to increase their waste management capacity to the extent of meeting the needs of their area (i.e. moving towards net self-sufficiency). As such cross-border movements should reduce in the future although some movements will still occur. This is because it is not possible for all waste to be managed within the boundary of the WPA from which it arises due to economies of scale and operational requirements.

2.40 In providing for waste management facilities the intention is to set out the identified needs of the Plan area in relation to waste management capacity in order to achieve net self-sufficiency whilst driving waste up the waste hierarchy. The present intent is for such need to be identified for the whole Plan area (i.e. not include a Cambridgeshire-Peterborough split). If the MWLP did drill-down to this level there may be a need to include some mechanism to address how waste management capacity is distributed across the Plan area.

**Duty to Co-operate and Waste Management (DfC)**

2.41 Under the Localism Act 2011 and national planning policy, the Council's have a DfC. This duty requires cooperation between local planning authorities and other public bodies to maximise the effectiveness of policies for strategic matters in local plans, including waste management. When the local plan is examined by an independent inspector their role will be to assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the DfC, legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is sound.

2.42 National policy requires the Plan to consider the need for additional waste management capacity of more than local significance. The adopted London Plan identifies household and commercial & industrial waste to be exported and the East of England is specifically listed as the main destination for this waste partly owing to its proximity. Whilst some of London's waste is received at waste treatment facilities within the Plan area, at present the majority is disposed to non-hazardous landfill which is the matter with which the Plan is most concerned given the limited void space and pressures on such capacity.

2.43 The adopted London Plan sees household and commercial & industrial waste exports to the East of England reducing from 1.95 million tonnes in 2018, to 1.19 million tonnes by 2021, and ceasing completely in 2026. However, whilst London is moving towards net self-sufficiency in this respect, if the provisions of the adopted London Plan are not taken into account then the DfC would not have been met; and this local plan will most likely be found to be unsound. Thus it is being suggested that some provision for the landfill of some of London's household and commercial & industrial waste be made in the early plan period, albeit that in practice this may be waste which is displaced from other countries in the East of England which are closer to London and which may be the actual destination for London's residual waste.

2.44 Whether the Plan should make provision for the management of other areas wastes, in addition to London's waste and by accepting that waste movements will continue to occur in line with contractual and operational arrangements, is a key matter for consideration at this stage and your views are welcome on these points.

**Waste Management Capacity**

## About this consultation

Please take the time to read through of the MWLP preliminary consultation document, this is the main document setting out what is proposed and it may answer many of your questions, as well as helping you to decide what comment on. However, if want more information about specific topics you can also look at the supporting documents:

- Waste Needs Assessment
- Site Assessment Methodology
- Sustainability Scoping Report
- Mineral Safeguarding Methodology
- Flood Risk Assessment Methodology.

## Can I have the short version?

This is the beginning of the review and we are looking to 'kick start' a discussion on the MWLP. Broadly, our initial approach is to roll forward, refresh and consolidate existing policy, extending the plan period until 2036. This means we are currently suggesting that most of the existing policy approaches remain. That said, this is still only the beginning and depending on the response, things may change.



## Minerals

The Councils must ensure a steady supply of minerals, and for this area that is sand and gravel, limestone, brickclay and chalk. These minerals are needed to support planned growth i.e. the houses, infrastructure and goods that are needed, and which drive our economy.

Wherever possible we seek to use recycled and secondary minerals in preference to land won mineral.

However, we produce around 2.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel each year, and we may need some more allocations for sand and gravel to meet our future needs.

We also know that limestone is limited in the Plan area, and we will need to consider if we can allocate more sites and continue to supply this mineral at current rate of around 0.3 million tonnes per year.



## Waste Management

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough produce around 2.7 million tonnes of waste each year. This waste comprises a mix of different types of waste, the largest proportion of which comes from construction, demolition and excavation operations. Municipal waste (generated by households) only accounts for 16% of the waste to be managed.

Waste is a valuable resource much of it can be re-used, recycled, or it can be used to create energy. The Councils need to plan for sustainable waste management, and modern waste management facilities are required to achieve this. Landfill is the final means of managing waste, and waste must be 'pre-treated' before it is landfilled.

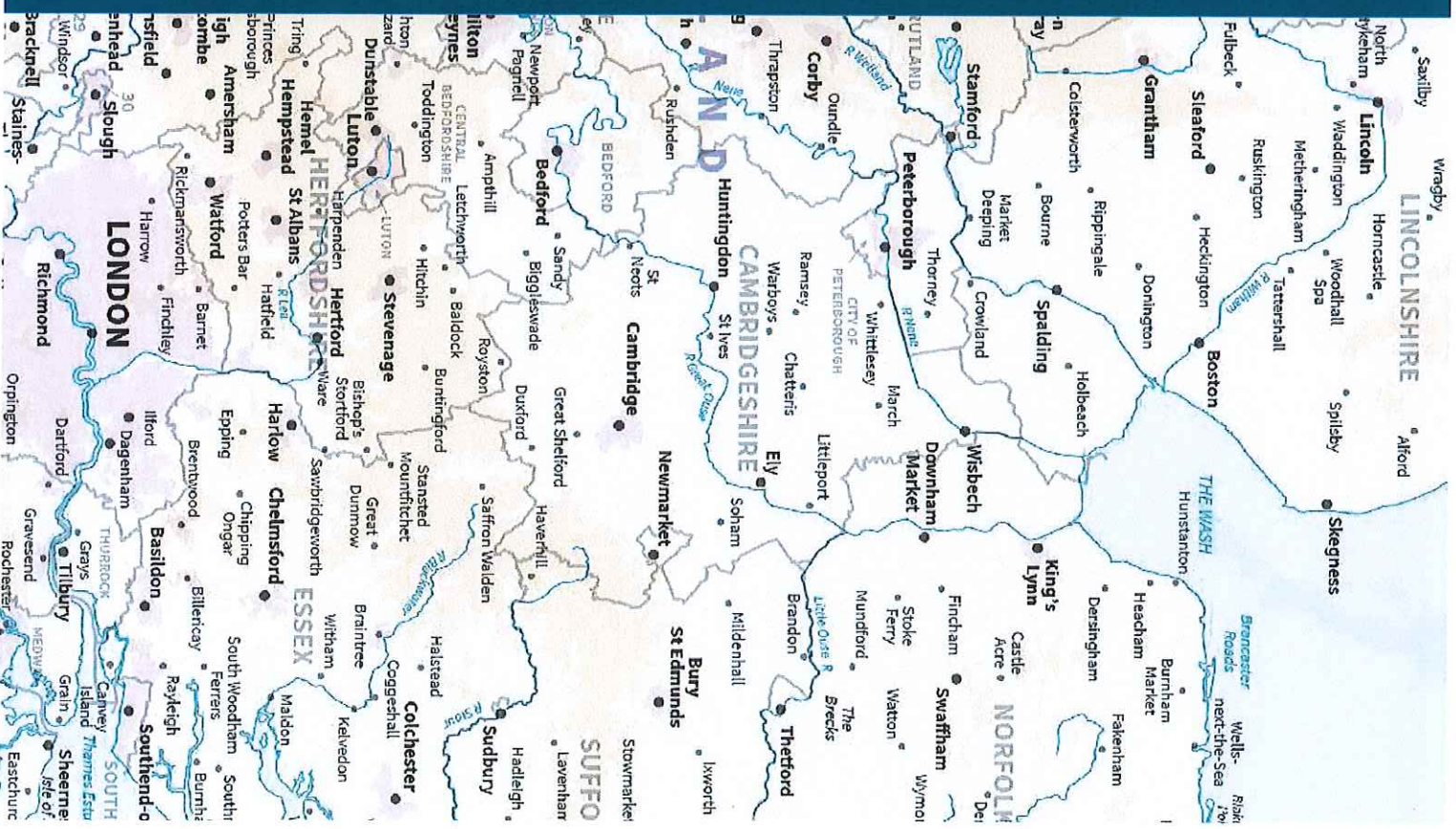
The Councils have produced a Waste Needs Assessment which forecasts waste arising and the capacity needed to manage this over the period to 2036. This will inform the new Plan and is available for comment.



## Will more sites be needed?

**We don't know yet** - initial information suggests that we are well placed to meet forecast needs. However, we may still need around 2.6 million tonnes of additional sand and gravel, as well as more waste management capacity to recover (treat) municipal and commercial and industrial waste from around 2026 onwards.

We are therefore seeking submissions from industry and others promoting new minerals and/or waste management sites, as well as asking if allocations in the existing Plans should be carried forward. Once this consultation has closed and there has been time to consider the response a draft plan will be prepared which is likely to include sites, and you will have another opportunity to comment. The methodology we propose to use to assess sites is also available for your comment.



## Contact Us

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### The important small print:

Please clearly let us know exactly which part of the document you are commenting by quoting the relevant paragraph number or policy number.

Please note that all comments will be uploaded to our online consultation portal and will not be confidential (however personal email addresses, telephone numbers and signatures will not be shown). All comments received will be taken into consideration and will help inform the Further Draft Local Plan, due to be published for public consultation in 2019.

## What can I comment on?

At this first stage we welcome a wide range of comments to be submitted to us, not necessarily just focussed on what is presented in this document. For example:

- Do you have any views on the overarching approach to preparing this Plan?
- Do you agree with the proposed wording of the policies?
- Is there a theme or policy area not properly covered?
- Are there any designations or allocations in the currently adopted MWLP that you agree or disagree with?
- Do you wish to promote a site for development?

## How can I comment?

The full issues and options report and further information can be found on <http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/mwlp>

If you wish to comment you can do so using one of the methods on the left. The closing date for all comments is 23.59 pm on 26th June 2018.

## Draft Review Timetable

- Dec 2017  
Consultation on  
sustainability appraisal
- May-Jun 2018  
Preliminary Consultation
- Mar-Apr 2019  
Preferred Options Consultation
- Nov-Dec 2019  
Submission Consultation
- Mar 2020  
Submission of Plan to  
Government
- Jun 2020  
Independent Examination
- Aug 2020  
Inspector's Report Published
- Nov 2020  
Adoption of Plan

## What happens next?

After the consultation closes we will consider all the responses and prepare a further draft of the Plan (known as Preferred Options), which you will be able to comment on early next year.

At this stage the Plan will include the overarching approach to the supply of mineral and waste management capacity; as well as all the proposed policies and their supporting text, any sites which are proposed to meet needs over the Plan period to 2036.