

Waste Development Plan - Issues and Options Questionnaire 2004

The County Council is currently reviewing the Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan 1995-2005, and needs your input to ensure the new Plan reflects community views, issues and concerns as much as possible. One way to do this is by completing this questionnaire, which should take no more than 20 minutes of your time.

The responses to this questionnaire will inform the production of the Preferred Options paper, which is the next stage of the process. There will be continued community involvement throughout the process.

A. General content of Issues and Options Paper

1 How would you rate the content of the Hertfordshire *Waste Local Plan Issues and Options Paper*? Please tick one box only.

Very Good *Good* *Poor* *Very Poor* *Not Sure*

2 How interested are you in the information within the paper?

Extremely Interested *Very Interested* *Somewhat Interested* *Not at all Interested* *Not Sure*

3 To what degree do you agree with the vision statement for 2016? (ie is this how we will or can look in 2016?)

"The Hertfordshire community is waste conscious and aware, and leads the country in its adoption and implementation of the waste hierarchy."

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

"Members of the general community, industry and County Council alike place significant emphasis on waste reduction, reuse and recycling, with waste disposal to landfill at an all time low."

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

"A mix of established and newer emerging technologies have been embraced to ensure that Hertfordshire effectively manages its own waste within its own borders."

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In your opinion, now could the vision statement be improved?

B. Existing Waste Local Plan Objectives

In developing the new Waste Development Plan, its objectives will be listed. The objectives listed below are those of the existing Waste Local Plan. To what extent should these be kept, removed or amended? If you would like to see an objective amended, please specify how.

1. To reduce and minimise the amount waste produced for disposal, including through industry operations (e.g. packaging) (This objective is a new one proposed by the County Council).

<i>Keep</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Amend</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

2. To facilitate the provision of sufficient waste management facilities in Hertfordshire to accommodate the equivalent of the County's own arisings

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

3. To recognise that waste management generates employment and is part of the infrastructure which supports business in general

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

4. To locate waste recycling, handling and reduction facilities as close as practicable to the origin of waste

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

5. To promote the development of waste management facilities which increase the proportion of waste managed further up the waste hierarchy

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

6. To minimise the traffic generating effects of waste management development

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

7. To mitigate against the possible effects of greenhouse gases

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

8. To reduce the overall demand for resources (including land)

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

9. To involve the wider community in the waste management debate

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

10. To facilitate the increased use of recycled waste materials as aggregate in Hertfordshire

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

11. To facilitate a shift away from road transport as the principal means of transporting waste

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

12. To minimise the impact of waste management development on the natural and built environment

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

13. To maximise the recovery of value (including energy) from waste, where this represents the Best Practicable Environmental Option

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

14. To adopt the Best Practicable Environmental Option when considering alternative forms of waste management development

Keep	Remove	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If amend, please specify; _____

C. The Options Developed for the Key Plan Issues

Using the information you have read within the Issues and Options paper, together with your own knowledge and opinion, please answer the questions below.

1 Overall Balance of the Plan. Need vs Environmental Effects

From those given, which is your preferred option for the Waste Development Plan when looking at the need for waste management facilities against environmental effects.

- | | Please Tick |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 Place greater emphasis on the need for waste management facilities than environmental protection. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 While accepting that the need for waste management facilities is important, place even greater priority on environmental protection. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there an alternative option that you would like to suggest?

2 Site Identification.

Site Location (All options should take into account the 4 key principles of waste management from PPG10: BPEO, Regional self-sufficiency, Proximity Principle and the Waste Hierarchy)

It is a requirement of the Plan to identify possible locations for future waste management facilities.

From those given, which is your preferred option when identifying sites.

- | | Please Tick |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 Do not identify Areas of Search or safeguard existing sites for waste management facilities, and rely on a market-led approach. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Identify Areas of Search and safeguard existing and identified sites for waste management facilities, but have no criteria-based policies. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Have criteria-based policies for waste management facilities without identifying Areas of Search. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there an alternative option that you would like to suggest?

3 Site Assessment

When looking at the provision of new waste management facilities a suitable site will need to be found. From those given, which is your preferred option for dealing with site assessment.

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1 Revise criteria in para. 6.30 and Waste Policy 13 (of the Adopted Plan) for assessing sites for waste management facilities, through consultation with local stakeholders. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Retain criteria in para. 6.30 and Waste Policy 13 (of the Adopted Plan), but include a criterion: "provided the site represents a viable option for the waste management industry". | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

4 Environmental Effects and Mitigation. Public Relations/Communication/Awareness Raising

Any waste management facility will have an impact on the environment. From those given, which is your preferred option for dealing with PR/Communication/Awareness Raising of the possible effects of a new waste management facility.

Please Tick

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | The Council does more to raise awareness about wider waste management issues and the environmental effects associated with waste management facilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Developers do more to raise awareness about wider waste management issues and the environmental effects associated with waste management facilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

5 Facility numbers.

When looking at the provision of new waste management facilities the size and number of facilities needs to be considered. From those given, which is your preferred option for dealing with facility numbers.

Please Tick

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | In line with the revised targets, provide a small number of large waste management facilities to meet the need. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | In line with the revised targets, provide a large number of small waste management facilities to meet the need. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | In line with the revised targets, provide a mixture of small and large waste management facilities to meet the need. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Favour extensions to existing sites, where adjoining land allows this. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

6 Green Belt.

Given the shortage of land availability it is sometimes proposed to place waste management facilities within the Green Belt. From those given, which is your preferred option for looking at the Green Belt?

Please Tick

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | When considering proposals for waste management facilities, give more weight to Green Belt policy (PPG2) than to the need for the facility and the proximity principle, i.e. if a site is within the Green Belt, it will not be permitted even if its location is close to the source of the waste needing to be managed. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | When considering proposals for waste management facilities, give more weight to the need for the facility and the proximity principle than to Green Belt policy (PPG2), i.e. even if a site is within the Green Belt, it will be permitted if its location is close to the source of the waste needing to be managed and there is a clearly identified need that cannot be met elsewhere. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

7 Brownfield Land

Brownfield sites are often seen as appropriate sites for waste management facilities. From those given, which is your preferred option for looking at Brownfield land?

Please Tick

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Waste management facilities should be given priority for Brownfield land over other forms of development (i.e. housing, employment). | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Other forms of development (i.e. housing, employment) should be given priority for Brownfield land over waste management facilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

8 Local Designations

The siting of waste management facilities may sometimes conflict with a local designation that has been placed on the land. From those given, which is your preferred option for looking at local designations?

Please Tick

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Increase the restriction on development of waste management facilities in locally designated areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Decrease the restriction on development of waste management facilities in locally designated areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you could suggest?

9 Re-use of Inert Waste - Land Preparation

When considering development proposals the possibility of re-using materials is explored. From those given, which is your preferred option for dealing with the re-use of inert waste for use on site?

Please Tick

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Encourage the maximum re-use of clean, excavated material. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Balance the re-use of clean, excavated spoil with environmental considerations such as landscape impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

10 Residual Waste Treatment

New Technologies for dealing with residual waste are emerging all the time. From those given, which is your preferred option for dealing with new technologies proposed for dealing with residual waste?

Please Tick

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Give preference to technologies for treatment of residual waste which have an energy dimension. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Do not give preference to technologies for treatment of residual waste which have an energy dimension. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

11 Landraise

In the past, landraising has been used as a means of disposing of residual waste, should this be the case in the future?

- 1 Do not include landraise as a method for residual waste treatment. Please Tick

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

12 Mineral Voids

From those given, which is your preferred option for dealing with mineral voids?

- 1 The restoration of mineral voids should be paramount, and they should not be used for disposal of waste by landfill, except where it is demonstrated that the disposal is necessary to achieve the most appropriate form of restoration. Please Tick

- 2 The use of mineral voids for disposal of waste by landfill is more important than the restoration of those mineral sites.

Is there a different option that you would like to suggest?

D. Other Comments

13 Please use the space below to add any other comments or suggestions you may have (please use additional pages if required).

E. Potential Sites

14 Please use the space below to tell us about any potential sites that you believe should be considered for future waste management facilities (please attach a plan if necessary).

F. Feedback

13 Please complete this section of the questionnaire to help us with future consultations.

Where did you get the issues and options paper from? _____

Has it provided you with enough to make an informed judgement on the options given? _____

Could this document have been provided at a different source/s in order for more people to see it? _____

Would it have been easier for you if the document had been made available somewhere other than where you collected it, if so where? _____

Thank you for participating in this consultation exercise, your input is very much appreciated.

In addition, could you please complete the following:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fascimile: _____ Email: _____

I want to be put on a mailing list to receive material in the future? **(circle as appropriate)** Y / N

Thank you for your contribution. Please return the questionnaire in the reply paid envelope.

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