

Waste Planning Panel 19 January 2005
Item 4 Appendix C

To District Portfolio holders with responsibility
for planning
cc District Portfolio holders with responsibility
for waste management
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Dear

**HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – PROPOSED JOINT
LOCAL PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP**

As you are probably aware, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 has introduced fundamental changes to the planning system, particularly with regard to the development plan framework. The County Council is progressing the transition for its Waste Local Plan to the new Development Framework, and I am writing to seek your support for establishing a joint local planning advisory group to assist with us this work where there are matters of common interest.

The Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan was adopted in January 1999 and covers the period 1995-2005. It sets out detailed strategic and operational policies in respect of development that involves the recycling, recovery and depositing of refuse or waste materials other than mineral waste. The Waste Development Framework will replace the current Waste Local Plan.

As indicated above, the County Council has recently commenced work on the Waste Development Framework. It is anticipated that the framework will need to address changes to Government guidance, the introduction of new waste management technologies, the need to deal with increased waste streams and the identification of future sites for waste management uses.

The new Development Framework will be critical in providing the spatial dimension for delivering the principles set out in the "Hertfordshire Waste Strategy"; the joint municipal waste management strategy for Hertfordshire 2002-2024, which has been agreed by all

the local authorities in the county. It will therefore be crucial to ensure that all of the Hertfordshire authorities have a significant input to the development of the Framework if the waste management strategy is to be realised.

In addition, the new district Local Development Frameworks will need to include on their proposals maps any waste development allocation areas and safeguarding areas which are adopted by the County Council in a development plan document.

I would also draw your attention to the key planning objectives set out in draft Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for sustainable waste management, which are relevant to all tiers of planning authorities. These indicate that Regional planning bodies and planning authorities should prepare and deliver planning strategies that:

- help deliver sustainable development through driving waste management up the waste hierarchy, addressing waste as a resource and looking to disposal as the last option but one which must be adequately catered for;
- enable sufficient and timely provision of waste management facilities to meet the needs of their communities;
- help implement the national waste strategy, and supporting targets, and are consistent with obligations required under European legislation;
- help secure the recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without harming the environment and ensure waste is disposed of as near as possible to its place of production;
- reflect the concerns and interests of local communities, the needs of waste collection authorities, waste disposal authorities and business and encourage competitiveness;
- protect green belts but recognise the particular locational needs of some types of waste management and that the wider environmental and economic benefits of sustainable waste management are material considerations that should be given significant weight in determining whether proposals should be given planning permission;
- ensure the layout and design of new development supports sustainable waste management.

To ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach to achieve these ends, the County Council would like to establish a joint authority advisory group to contribute to the development of the Framework. It is envisaged that this would comprise a group of local authority portfolio holders with responsibility for local planning matters, supported by officers involved in both local planning and waste management. The advisory group would meet on a quarterly basis (or as required), contributing to the development of the Framework. Two areas of contribution are seen as particularly important. These are:

- the implications of waste in relation to development for which the County Council is not the local planning authority (e.g. management of any construction and demolition waste arising from new development or the provision of waste management facilities such as bring systems or suitable waste storage areas in built development proposals); and
- the identification of sites for future waste management uses.

It is proposed to hold an initial meeting of the advisory group in February or March, which would include a presentation on the new Development Framework system and how the Waste Development Framework will sit within the planning system as a whole and provide an overview on the preparatory work undertaken so far. It will also provide an opportunity to set out the proposed timetable for progressing the Waste Development Framework and to identify the key stages for input from the advisory group.

I would therefore be grateful if you could discuss this proposal with your officers and waste management portfolio holder (where appropriate) - I have also copied them into this letter so that they are aware of the background to the proposal - and indicate whether your authority would be willing to participate on the advisory group by completing the attached form and returning it to Clare Foxwell: Planning Policy Team, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford. SG13 8DN or by email to clare.foxwell@hertscc.gov.uk.

I hope that you will agree this represents a mutually beneficial way of addressing the many complex waste issues that will impact on Hertfordshire in the coming years.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Julie Reeve on 01992 556227 or via e-mail (julie.reeve@hertscc.gov.uk) or myself

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Pile', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Stuart Pile
Chairman – Hertfordshire County Council: Waste Planning Panel

cc Portfolio holders responsible for waste management
District/borough Chief Planning Officers

HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – PROPOSED JOINT LOCAL PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS/OFFICERS Reply Slip

Local Authority:		
The authority would be interested in participating in a joint local planning advisory group		<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant Portfolio Holder: Name Contact details		
Planning Officer Contact: Name Contact details (including phone, e-mail and fax)		
Waste Management Officer Contact Name Contact details (including phone, e-mail and fax)		
The authority would not be interested in participating in a joint local planning advisory group		<input type="checkbox"/>
The authority would not be interested in participating in a joint local planning advisory group but would like to be kept informed of its progress		<input type="checkbox"/>
Officer Contact: Name Contact details (including phone, e-mail and fax)		
<p>Please return to Clare Foxwell: Planning Policy Team, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford. SG13 8DN or by email to clare.foxwell@hertscc.gov.uk.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">by 28 January 2004</p>		