

Nottinghamshire
County Council

Nottinghamshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework



Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

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Foreword

In 2004, the Government introduced major changes to the way in which future development plans are to be prepared. These changes include a new style of development plan, greater public involvement and an ongoing process of strategic environmental assessment to ensure that development is as sustainable as possible. The County Council is responsible for preparing plans setting out where future minerals and waste development will be acceptable. These plans form the County Council's main guidance for determining all future planning applications for new or extended quarries, landfill sites and other waste management development such as recycling centres and composting sites. Work on preparing the new style development plans has already commenced and they will eventually replace the county's existing minerals and waste local plans. The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme sets out the timetable for making these changes.

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Preface

Nottinghamshire County Council has prepared this Local Development Scheme in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. The scheme was brought into effect on 21st June 2007.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is the County Council's **minerals and waste development scheme (MWDS)**. Its purpose is to explain how and when the County Council will prepare new style development plans and other documents which together form the **minerals and waste development framework**. These new documents will eventually replace the existing minerals and waste local plans. This scheme replaces the previous scheme which came into effect in June 2006.
- 1.2 The MWDS is just one of a number of changes to the planning system introduced under the **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004**. The County Council produced its first MWDS in June 2005 and this is the second revision.

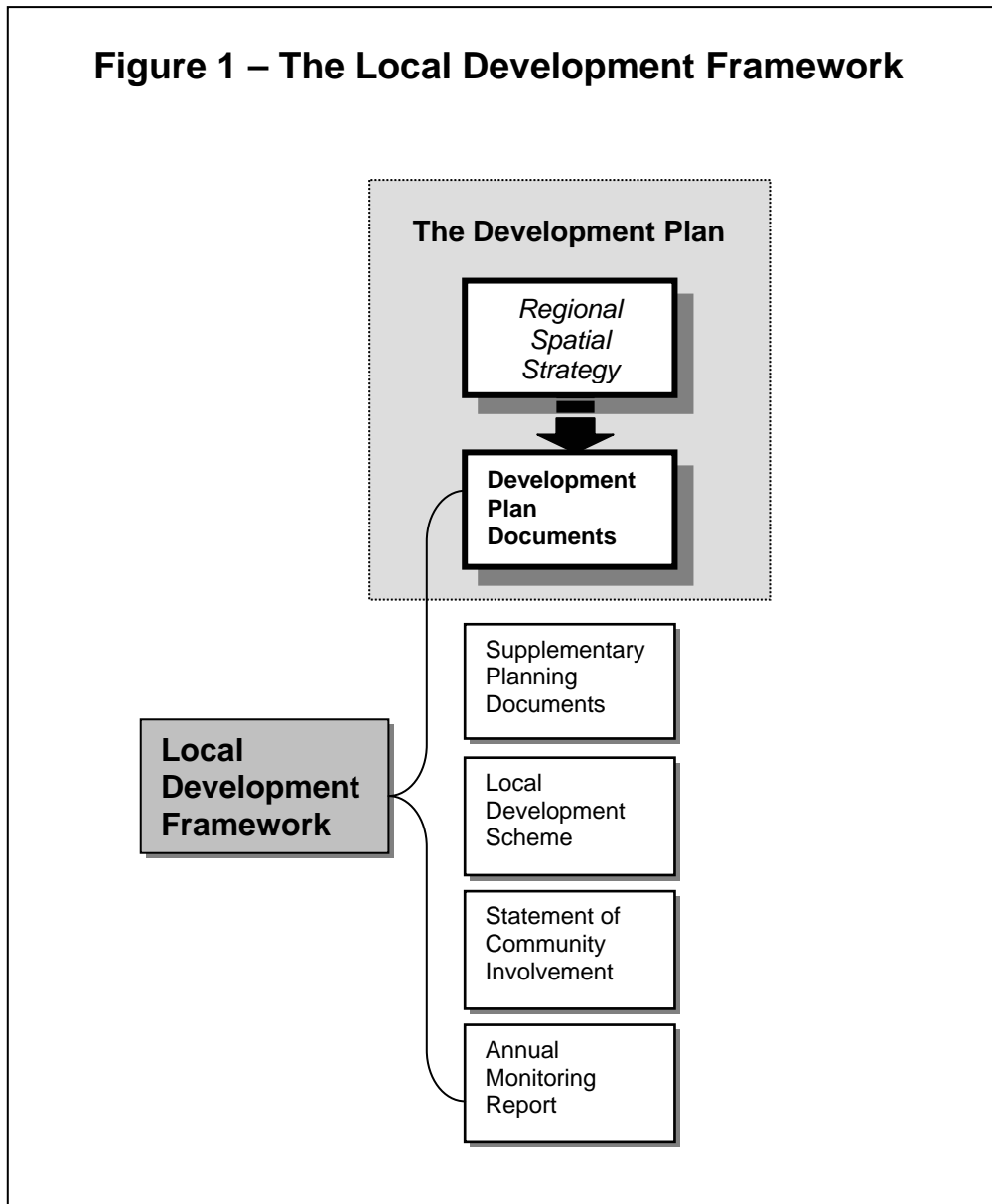
How is the planning system changing?

- 1.3 Most of the changes to the planning system affect development plans. The current system of county-wide structure plans prepared by county councils and some unitary authorities is being phased out in favour of a single regional spatial strategy to be prepared by the various regional assemblies. Local plans, which provide more detailed planning guidance, are being replaced by local development frameworks. These will carry out a similar role to existing local plans and are being prepared by the same planning authorities.
- 1.4 This means that the County Council is now responsible for producing a minerals and waste development framework with the seven Nottinghamshire district councils preparing local development frameworks covering all other types of development including housing, employment and leisure. As a unitary authority, Nottingham City Council is responsible for preparing a local development framework covering all of these matters.

What is the local development framework?

- 1.5 The local development framework is the composite name for a 'portfolio' of different documents that will deliver the local planning authority's strategy for its area (see figure 1). This portfolio includes development plan documents (which along with the regional spatial strategy make up the statutory development plan) and other documents which expand on the policies in the development plan documents, set out how the whole process will be managed, and detail how local communities, stakeholders and others can be involved in this preparation.

Figure 1 – The Local Development Framework



2. The Minerals and Waste Development Framework

2.1 This MWDS explains which of the County Council's current plans are to be saved and the proposed timetable for their replacement. As well as setting out a timetable for each new document, the scheme also considers the main resource requirements needed to prepare each plan, possible difficulties, and arrangements for future monitoring. The MWDS concentrates on what needs to be achieved by December 2009. The outline of work planned beyond 2009 is only indicative at present.

Saved policies

2.2 Minerals and waste policies are currently contained in the Minerals Local Plan adopted in December 2005 and the Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan adopted in January 2002. Strategic guidance is also contained in the joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Structure Plan adopted in February 2006.

2.3 The new development plan system will take time to implement. The Government has therefore put in place a series of transitional arrangements that allow existing policies to be 'saved' while the new documents are prepared. These policies will automatically be saved for three years until 27 September 2007 (unless replaced by new policies adopted under the new planning system). For local plans adopted after 28 September 2004, policies will be saved for three years from the date of adoption. Approval is required from the Secretary of State to save policies beyond this.

2.4 These rules mean that unless otherwise saved or replaced, policies in the above plans will lapse as follows:

- Waste Local Plan - 27 September 2007
- Minerals Local Plan – 4 December 2008
- Structure Plan – 15 February 2009

2.5 For policies due to lapse on 27 September 2007, Councils must submit their preferences to Government by 1 April 2007. This therefore applies to the Waste Local Plan. For later dates Councils must submit their preferences no later than 6 months before the expiry date. This applies to the Minerals Local Plan and Structure Plan (although the latter is expected to be superseded by new policies in the Regional Spatial Strategy well before 2009).

2.6 The Government has issued guidance on which types of policies should be saved and which should not. In line with this protocol the County Council's intention is to avoid any period of policy vacuum

between an existing policy lapsing and a new policy being adopted. This means that the County Council is likely to recommend that all policies be retained until replaced by new policies except those that are clearly out of date, contrary to or which simply repeat Government or regional planning guidance.

- 2.7 Until the Secretary of State has issued her direction it will not be clear whether the County Council's preferences will be accepted.

New development plan documents

- 2.8 The new minerals and waste development framework will comprise a variety of documents highlighted in figure 2. Separate documents are to be prepared for minerals and waste with the emphasis being placed on preparing the following three documents for each:

- **Core strategy** – This sets out the County Council's overall approach to future minerals and waste developments.
- **Development control policies document** – This details the County Council's requirements for environmental protection, site operation and restoration.
- **Site specific document** – This makes site-specific allocations and/or broader areas of search that meet future requirements as set out in the core strategy.

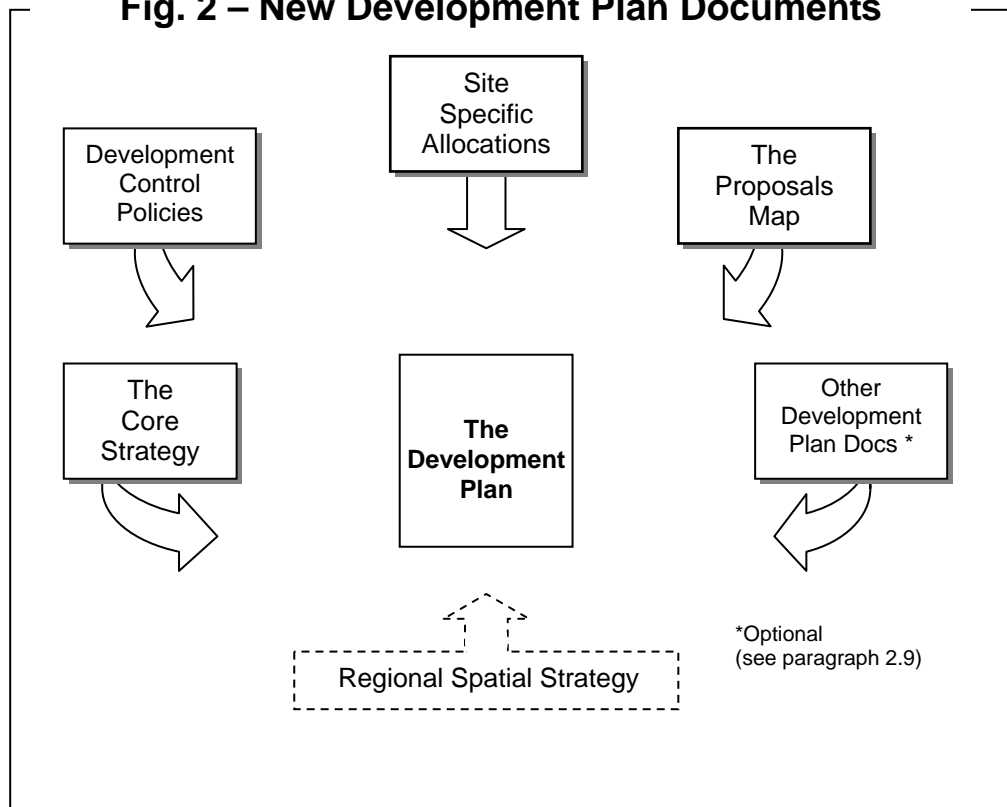
- 2.9 All policies with site-specific implications (allocations, areas of search, environmental protection designations) are to be shown on a combined **proposals map** with detailed inset plans where necessary. The proposals map will be updated as required whenever a new document is adopted. It will also show any remaining saved local plan policies.

- 2.10 The core strategy and development control policies will be prepared in parallel, followed by the site specific document. The waste documents are to be prepared jointly with the City Council due to the close links between the two authorities on waste management issues.

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 2.11 The County Council intends to prepare two supplementary planning documents. These will each provide further details on the types of planning conditions that maybe required for the operation and restoration of different types of development. One document will cover minerals development, the other waste. They will both be supported by best practice advice aimed at minimising the environmental impact of development and providing environmental enhancement.

Fig. 2 – New Development Plan Documents



How will the new development plan documents be prepared?

2.12 The preparation of development plan documents can be divided into four stages:

- **Pre-production** – This is the initial survey and evidence gathering stage, which will help to identify the issues that need to be addressed.
- **Production** – This involves strategic environmental assessment (see paragraph 2.13) and consultation on the issues and options available in order to identify ‘preferred options’. These will be open to further public participation before a final draft document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- **Examination** – Following formal submission, and further public consultation, each development plan document will be subject to an independent examination into its ‘soundness’. This will assess both whether the plan has been prepared properly and the merit of its planning policies and proposals.

- **Adoption** – After the examination, the inspector will produce a report with recommendations that will be binding on the County Council. The local planning authority must incorporate any changes required by the inspector before adopting the development plan document.
- 2.13 It is expected that each development plan document will take approximately three years to prepare.
- 2.14 Supplementary planning documents go through a much simpler preparation process compared to development plan documents. After the initial evidence gathering stage, the document goes through a period of public participation. The responses to this exercise are then taken into consideration by the County Council before the document is adopted. It is therefore expected that supplementary planning documents will take 12 months to prepare.

Strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal

- 2.15 All new development plan documents and supplementary planning documents are to be subject to an ongoing process of **strategic environmental assessment**, combined with the existing practice of **sustainability appraisal**. This examines the likely environmental, social and economic effects of new policies and proposals and informs the direction and content of each stage of the plan preparation process. The information used and the outcome of the appraisal process is to be set out in an 'environmental report', which will accompany each document at each stage of its preparation.

How will the community be involved?

- 2.16 Greater, and more effective, community involvement is a key feature of the changes to the planning system. It is important that everyone, not just industry and interest groups, becomes involved in the main stages of preparing the new plan documents. To reflect this, all local planning authorities have to prepare a **statement of community involvement** in conjunction with various stakeholders (members of the public, industry, environmental and heritage groups, utilities and others) to establish agreed standards for carrying out public consultation. This includes arrangements for public consultation on all planning applications made to the County Council. The County Council's statement of community involvement identifies who should be involved, at what stage(s) they should be involved, and the best way to involve different individuals or groups.
- 2.17 The statement of community involvement links to the objectives of the County Council's community strategy, which seek to involve individuals, partnerships and communities in promoting the social, economic and environmental well-being of the county. There are seven local strategic partnerships within the county, one for each

district, which have been set up to involve the public, private, community and voluntary sectors in integrating the provision of public services. The County Council's community strategy, 'All Together Better – Nottinghamshire Community Strategy 2005 – 2009' was adopted in July 2005.

- 2.18 The County Councils statement of community involvement was adopted on 18th January 2007. This followed several stages of public consultation, and an independent examination. The document now forms part of the minerals and waste development framework.

3. Timetable

Priorities

- 3.1 Since the new planning system came into effect, priority has been given to completing the adoption of the Minerals Local Plan (under transitional arrangements); the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement and the Waste Core Strategy and development control policies documents. The need for new waste Development Plan Documents was seen as being the most urgent. This is because the Waste Local Plan (adopted in January 2002) is now becoming out of date, especially when measured against a rapidly changing waste management scene.

Progress to date

- 3.2 The Minerals Local Plan was adopted on schedule in December 2005 and remains largely up to date. The Statement of Community Involvement was also adopted on schedule in January 2007. Progress in preparing the Waste Core Strategy has, however, been much slower than expected. Significant problems were encountered in obtaining and reconciling data needed to help determine issues for the Core Strategy. In hindsight the estimates for evidence gathering and preparing an issues and options paper suitable for public consumption also proved to be too ambitious. Preparation of new minerals documents to replace the Minerals Local Plan, which was due to commence in January 2006, has also been delayed. This was mainly caused by staff recruitment problems which have only recently been resolved. The above delays have inevitably had repercussions on the preparation on the Site Specific Documents, and Supplementary Planning Documents that will follow.

The new timetable

- 3.3 These delays mean that the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme needs to be revised. Details are set out in the Appendix. This sets out a profile for each document explaining the role of each document and subject matter, geographic coverage, status, and key milestone target dates. Arrangements for production and monitoring and review are also noted. Figure 3 of the Appendix provides a timeline for the preparation of all documents from January 2007 – June 2011. (The milestones beyond 2009 are indicative.)
- 3.4 In summary the new timetable aims to see a complete set of new development plan documents adopted by June 2011, beginning with the adoption of the Waste Core Strategy and Development Control policies in February 2009. Adoption of the Minerals Core Strategy is scheduled for August 2009. For both minerals and waste, the preparation of the Site Specific Documents will follow behind the Core Strategies. Final decisions on which sites should be included in the

submission document will not be made until the respective Core Strategy has been through the independent examination and shown to be sound. This approach minimises the risk of proposed sites being rejected as a later consequence of the Core Strategy being considered unsound and in need of substantial revision.

Is the new timetable realistic?

- 3.5 As explained further in Chapter 4, the preparation of these documents is very difficult to predict reliably. A range of factors can cause delay, as has already proved to be the case. However, with the benefit of 2 years experience in implementing the new planning system and additional resources being in place, it is more likely that the current timetable will be achieved. A summary of the proposed adoption dates for each new document and the minimum period for saving all current Structure and local plan policies is set out in Table 1 overleaf.

Table 1 - Summary of Saved Plans and Estimated Adoption Dates of all new documents

Saved Plans		Saved until
1.	Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan. Adopted 16 February 2006	16 February 2009, (or as replaced by Regional Spatial Strategy- estimated early 2008)
2.	Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan. Adopted 9th January 2002	27 September 2007, (or as approved by Secretary of State)
3.	Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan 2005. Adopted 5 December 2005	4 December 2008 (or as approved by Secretary of State)
New Development Plan Documents		Adoption Date
4.	Statement of community involvement	January 2007
5.	Waste core strategy development control policies	February 2009
6.	Waste site specific allocations	December 2010
7.	Minerals core strategy development control	August 2009
8.	Minerals site specific allocations	June 2011
Supplementary Planning Documents		Adoption Date
9.	Waste planning conditions & best practice	August 2009
10.	Minerals planning conditions & best practice	February 2010

Proposals map – ongoing preparation to coincide with adoption of waste core strategy, waste development control policies, waste site specific policies and subsequent minerals development plan documents.

4. Project Management and Resources

Project management

4.1 The preparation of these new documents needs to be carefully managed. As part of a 'project management' approach the County Council has set up the following organisational structure:

- **Project board** – Cabinet Member for Environment and Director of Communities.
- **Project manager** – Head of Planning Services
- **Project team** – Minerals and waste policy team with support from other groups and external bodies as needed

4.2 The preparation of each development plan document is overseen by the County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, the Director of Communities and an officer member working group. Key stages of each document are referred to cabinet and/or a meeting of all county councillors. The County Council will also set up stakeholder groups to involve local community representatives, environmental interests and the industry in the document preparation. Where documents are prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council these will be referred to the existing Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport. The City Council has set up a similar management structure to oversee their involvement in the jointly prepared documents.

Resources

4.3 Preparation of the minerals and waste development framework is being carried out by the County Council's minerals and waste policy team with support from other sections as needed. The County Council is also looking to bodies such as the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England for technical advice on some issues.

4.4 Money from the County Council's planning delivery grant will be used to fund the appointment of temporary additional staff and other consultants if necessary. Consultants will be used to carry out the sustainability appraisal of each document. This is both to provide the necessary expertise and help speed up the process. The County Council will nevertheless generally carry out the initial scoping exercise.

Joint Working with Nottingham City Council

4.5 The new waste development documents are to be prepared jointly between the County Council and Nottingham City Council, as was the case with the waste local plan. The County Council will take the lead

role and financial resources will be split proportionately according to population. The County Council will therefore contribute 72% of the costs; the City Council the other 28%. As there are no significant minerals issues within the City, it will not be involved in the preparation of the minerals development documents. If the City Council receives any planning applications for minerals development, they will be determined against policies in the Nottingham Local Plan (adopted November 2005) as minerals are required to be covered by the City for its own administrative area.

Risk Assessment

4.6 In setting out the proposed timetable for work on the new development plan documents, it is important to ensure that these targets are realistic, achievable and take account of possible problems that may arise. The main areas of risk in terms of implementing this MWDS are identified as:

- **Uncertainty** – as the new documents are being prepared under a new, and untried, system, it is more difficult to predict how long these will take to prepare. There is also a risk that critical new policy guidance or legislation could impact upon the timetable for plan preparation.
- **Consultation outcomes** – the consultation process could identify additional issues/options to be evaluated and/or the scale of objections could significantly increase workload and delay implementation. To minimise this risk, extensive pre-submission consultation is to be carried out with the local strategic partnership and stakeholder groups, statutory and other key consultees including parish councils, local environmental groups, and the minerals and waste industry.
- **Demand on consultees and the Planning Inspectorate** – many local authorities are likely to be preparing new development documents to a similar timetable. This could lead to delays in consultee responses and in time-tabling independent examinations. To minimise this risk the County Council intends to liaise with the Government Office for the East Midlands and the Planning Inspectorate to ensure a realistic timetable for preparing each document.
- **Soundness of plan documents** – if any document was declared unsound by an inspector the County Council would have to start again, resulting in significant budget and timetable implications. The possibility of this is to be minimised by close working with the Government Office for the East Midlands at all stages to ensure that the appropriate regulations are being met in full.

- **Legal challenge** – a successful legal challenge could mean having to re-start a document or find alternative development sites. This would again have significant time and cost implications. To minimise this risk, early and effective consultation with all interested parties will be carried out to identify and negotiate areas of possible conflict. The County Council will also liaise closely with its legal advisors to minimise any risk of challenge.
- **Staff resources** – long term sickness absence, staff changes given the anticipated difficulty in recruiting experienced staff, and unforeseen additional work could all have a significant impact on the timetable for preparing the minerals and waste development framework. To accommodate this risk the County Council would look to second existing staff from other teams and retain a financial contingency to appoint temporary staff or consultants for some areas of work if necessary.
- **Joint working** – the previous working arrangements with the City Council have worked well but there is always a risk that the two authorities may disagree over a significant issue. This could delay plan preparation or, in the extreme, prevent a plan from being continued on a joint basis. Delays could also result from differing schedules for reporting to members, the implications of which have been built into the relevant profiles (see pages 25-27 and 29). Regular officer liaison meetings and an officer member working group, will be used to ensure, as far as possible, that there is an ongoing consensus on future waste strategy.

Annual Monitoring

- 4.7 The County Council is required to produce an annual monitoring report showing whether or not the proposed timetable in the MWDS has been met, the reasons for any slippage, and whether or not the MWDS needs to be amended. The annual monitoring report will also assess the implementation of the County Council's minerals and waste planning policies and help to identify any future areas for review.
- 4.8 The most recent Annual Monitoring Report - submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2006 highlighted a number of slippages to the development plan documents. Due to these slippages it was seen as appropriate to review the development scheme document early before the statutory 3 year period was reached.

5. Further Information

- 5.1 For further information on this minerals and waste development scheme or any of the documents mentioned please contact the County Council at the address shown below. Information on the existing minerals and waste local plans and the new development plan process is also available on the County Council's website.

By post: Nottinghamshire County Council
Communities (Mineral and Waste Policy Team)
Trent Bridge House
Fox Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 6BJ

Email: development.planning@nottscc.gov.uk
Website: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

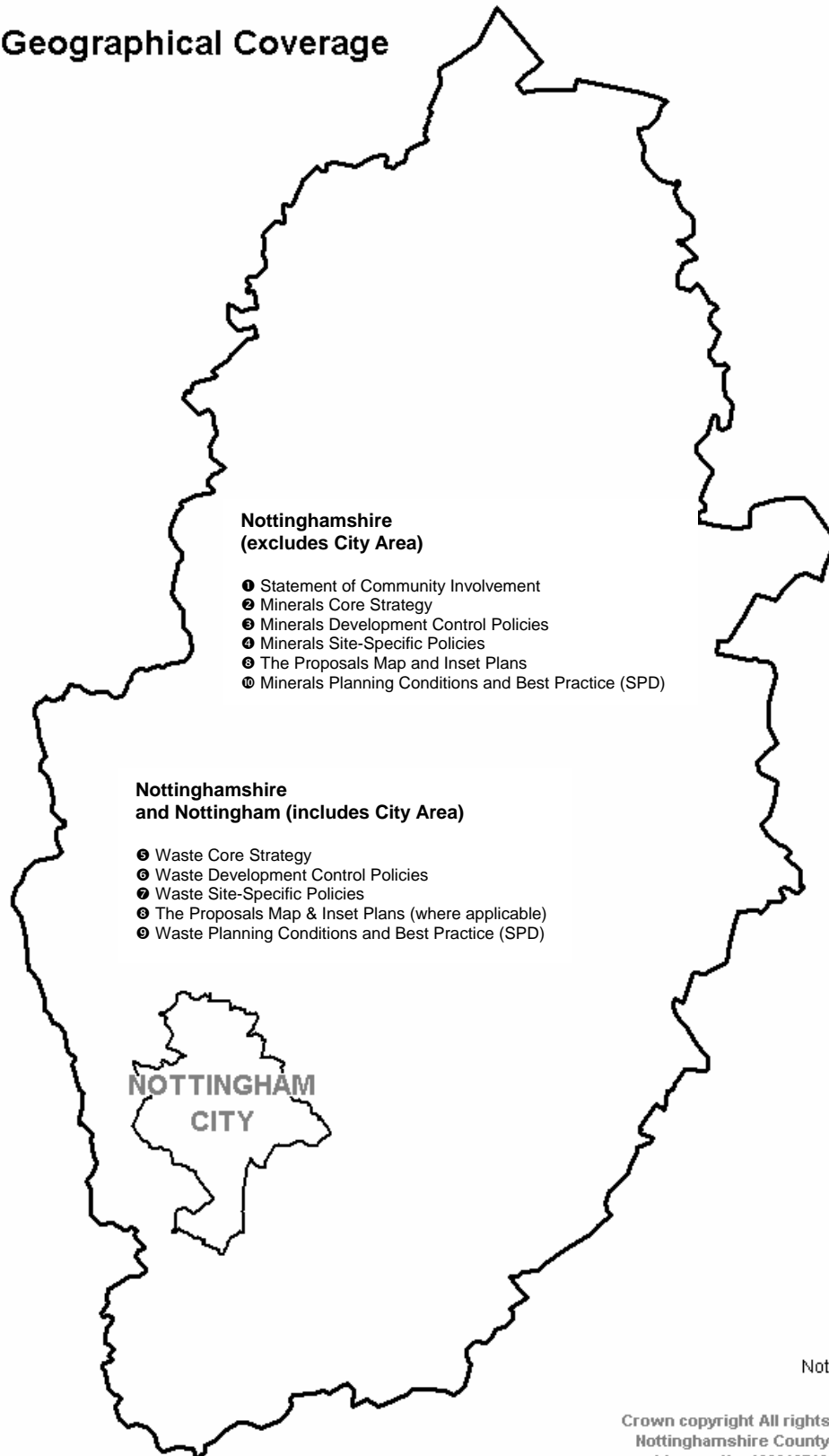
Alternative formats

- 5.2 This information can be made available in alternative formats and languages.

APPENDIX

- **Plan 1 – Geographical Coverage**
- **Profiles of Local Development Documents**
- **Figure 3 – Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Timetable until 2012**
- **Glossary**

Plan 1 Geographical Coverage



The Statement of Community Involvement ① (adopted 18th January 2007)

Overview

Role & subject	To outline public consultation arrangements for future minerals and waste planning policies and proposals, and all planning applications for minerals and waste and the County Council's own development
Coverage	Nottinghamshire (excluding City of Nottingham). Consultation arrangements on the joint Waste Development Document will be synchronised with Nottingham City Council
Status	Local development document (but not part of development plan)
Conformity	Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

Timetable (completed stages in *italics*)

Stage	Dates
<i>Scoping/evidence gathering</i>	<i>Jan – Apr 2005</i>
<i>Consultation on draft SCI</i>	<i>January 2006</i>
<i>Submission to Secretary of State</i>	<i>May 2006</i>
<i>Pre-examination meeting</i>	<i>September 2006</i>
<i>Independent examination</i>	<i>October 2006</i>
<i>Receipt of Inspector's report</i>	<i>November 2006</i>
<i>Adoption</i>	<i>January 2007</i>

Arrangements for production

Organisational lead	County Council's head of Development Planning
Political management	County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Local Plan Officer and Planning Support Officer
External resources	Legal advice, possible use of consultants
Community & stakeholder involvement	Statutory consultees and other known interest groups in accordance with Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Minerals Core Strategy ②

Overview

Role & subject	To set out the County Council's overall vision for future minerals development and to establish policy criteria for proposals outside allocated sites, taking account of predicted future needs
Coverage	Nottinghamshire (excluding City of Nottingham)
Status	Development plan document (statutory)
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, saved Structure Plan and Community Strategy

Timetable

Stage/milestone	Dates
Commence preparation of document	January 2007
Public participation on preferred options	January 2008
Submission & consultation on document	August 2008
Pre-examination meeting	December 2008
Examination	February 2009
Receipt of Inspector's report	June 2009
Estimated adoption	August 2009

Arrangements for production

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Minerals Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed.
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the emerging and adopted Statement of Community Involvement

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Minerals Development Control Policies ③

Overview

Role & subject	These will be the key policies controlling the general location and operation of minerals sites. They will cover the general principles for protecting ecological, landscape, heritage and amenity interests
Coverage	Nottinghamshire (excluding City of Nottingham)
Status	Development plan document (statutory)
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, Regional Waste Strategy, Minerals Core Strategy and Community Strategy

Timetable

Stage/milestone	Dates
Commence preparation of document	January 2007
Public participation on preferred options	January 2008
Submission & consultation on document	August 2008
Pre-examination meeting	December 2008
Examination	February 2009
Receipt of Inspector's report	June 2009
Estimated adoption	August 2009

Arrangements for production

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Minerals Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the emerging and adopted Statement of Community Involvement, simultaneous with Minerals Core Strategy

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Minerals Site Specific Policies ④

Overview

Role & subject	To allocate specific sites for future mineral development
Coverage	Nottinghamshire (excluding City)
Status	Development plan document (statutory)
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, saved Structure Plan, Minerals Core Strategy, Minerals Development Control Policies and Community Strategy

Timetable (indicative timings)

Stage/milestone	Dates
Commence preparation of document	January 2008
Public participation on preferred options	July 2008
Submission & consultation on document	February 2010
Pre-examination meeting	October 2010
Examination	December 2010
Receipt of Inspector's report	April 2011
Estimated adoption	June 2011

Arrangements for production

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Minerals Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the Statement of Community Involvement

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Joint Waste Core Strategy 5

Overview

Role & subject	To set out the overall vision for future waste development and to establish policy criteria for proposals outside allocated sites, taking account of predicted waste arisings and the need for sites identified within the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Regional Waste Strategy
Coverage	Whole County and City of Nottingham
Status	Development plan document (statutory) – with City Council
Conformity	Regional Spatial Strategy, Regional Waste Strategy, saved Structure Plan and Community Strategy

Timetable (completed stages in *italics*)

Stage/milestone	Dates
<i>Commence preparation of document</i>	<i>January 2005</i>
Public participation on preferred options	July 2007
Submission & consultation on document	February 2008
Pre-examination meeting	June 2008
Examination	August 2008
Receipt of Inspector's report	December 2008
Estimated adoption	February 2009

Arrangements for production (See also City LDS)

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transportation, County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Waste Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the emerging and adopted Statement of Community Involvement

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Joint Waste Development Control Policies ⑥

Overview

Role & subject	These will be the key policies controlling the general location and operation of waste development. They will cover the general principles for protecting ecological, landscape, heritage and amenity interests
Coverage	Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Status	Development plan document (statutory) – with City Council
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, saved Structure Plan, Waste Core Strategy and Community Strategy

Timetable (completed stages in *italics*)

Stage/milestone	Dates
<i>Commence preparation of document</i>	<i>January 2005</i>
Public participation on preferred options	July 2007
Submission & consultation on document	February 2008
Pre-examination meeting	June 2008
Examination	August 2008
Receipt of Inspector's report	December 2008
Estimated adoption	February 2009

Arrangements for production (See also City LDS)

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning & City Council equivalent
Political management	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transportation, County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Waste Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the emerging and adopted Statement of Community involvement, simultaneous with Core Strategy

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Joint Waste Site–Specific Policies 7

Overview

Role & subject	To allocate and/or safeguard specific sites for the various types of waste management development
Coverage	Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Status	Development plan document (statutory) – with City Council
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, Regional Waste Strategy, saved Structure Plan, Waste Core Strategy, Waste Development Control Policies and Community Strategy

Timetable (indicative timings)

Stage/milestone	Dates
Commence preparation of document	July 2007
Public participation on preferred options	January 2009
Submission & consultation on document	August 2009
Pre-examination meeting	April 2010
Examination	June 2010
Receipt of Inspector's report	October 2010
Estimated adoption	December 2010

Arrangements for production (See also City LDS)

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transportation, County Council's Environment and Sustainability Portfolio Holder and Environment and Sustainability Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Local Plan Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed.
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SEA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the Statement of Community Involvement

Post Production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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The Proposals Map and Inset Plans ⑧

Overview

Role & subject	To map minerals and waste development plan policies including 'saved' policies
Coverage	Whole County with detailed Inset Plan coverage of those parts of County affected by specific policies or proposals. Waste policies will also cover the City of Nottingham area
Status	Development Plan Document (Statutory) – waste policies joint with City Council
Conformity	The Proposals Map will conform to existing adopted Minerals and Waste DPDs

Timetable

Stage (adoption of DPDs)	Dates
Waste Core Strategy	February 2009
Waste Development Control Policies	February 2009
Waste Site Specific Policies and Allocations	December 2010
Minerals Core Strategy	August 2009
Minerals Development Control Policies	August 2009
Minerals Site Specific Policies and Allocations	June 2011

Arrangements for production

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	County Council's Environment Portfolio Holder and Environment Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Local Plan Officer and Planning Support Officer
External resources	Outsource hardcopy printing
Community & stakeholder involvement	Previous involvement in site specific consultations

Post production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Continuous update in line with DPD production
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Joint Supplementary Planning Document – Waste Planning Conditions and Best Practice 9

Overview

Role & subject	Provide further details on the types of planning conditions that may be required for different types of waste development, along with best practice advice on minimising the environmental impact of development and achieving environmental enhancement.
Coverage	Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Status	Local development document (but not part of development plan) – with City Council
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, saved Structure Plan, Waste Core Strategy, Waste Development Control Policies and Community Strategy

Timetable

Stage/milestone	Dates
Commence preparation of document	September 2008
Public participation on draft document	February 2009
Consideration of responses	March 2009
Estimated adoption	August 2009

Arrangements for production (See also City LDS)

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning & City Council equivalent
Political management	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transportation (tbc), County Council's Environment Portfolio Holder and City Council equivalent
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Waste Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the emerging and adopted Statement of Community Involvement

Post Production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Supplementary Planning Document – Minerals Planning Conditions and Best Practice 10

Overview

Role & subject	Provide further details on the types of planning conditions that may be required for different types of minerals development, along with best practice advice on minimising the environmental impact of development and achieving environmental enhancement.
Coverage	Nottinghamshire (excluding City of Nottingham)
Status	Local development document (but not part of development plan)
Conformity	With emerging Regional Spatial Strategy, saved Structure Plan, Minerals Core Strategy, Minerals Development Control Policies and Community Strategy

Timetable

Stage/milestone	Dates
Commence preparation of document	March 2009
Public participation on draft document	August 2009
Consideration of responses	September 2009
Estimated adoption	February 2010

Arrangements for production

Organisational lead	County Council's Head of Development Planning
Political management	County Council's Environment Portfolio Holder and Environment Select Scrutiny Committee
Internal resources	Minerals and Waste Policy Manager, Minerals Policy Officer and Planning Support Officer, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed
External resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing, use of environmental consultants for SA
Community & stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the emerging and adopted Statement of Community Involvement

Post Production

Monitoring & review mechanisms	Annual monitoring report with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary
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Figure 3 Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Timetable until 2012

	2010												2011												2012											
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Minerals core strategy & Minerals DC policies																																				
Minerals Site Specific Policies	S	S							M	E					R		A																			
Waste Core Strategy & Waste DC Policies																																				
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Milestones

	Pre-production stage	
	Production stage	
	Examination stage	-
	Adoption stage	

C	Commence preparation of document	S	Submission & consultation
I	Informal consultation on Issues and Options	M	Pre-exam meeting
D	<i>Draft SPD & consultation (SPD only)</i>	E	Examination (hearing)
P	Public participation on preferred options	A	Adoption
R	Receipt of Inspectors report		

N.B. The County Council will also prepare an Annual Monitoring Report for submission by 31 December each year.

Glossary

Terms shown in *italics* are defined elsewhere in the glossary.

Annual Monitoring Report: the annual monitoring report will assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and whether policies in *Local Development Documents* are being successfully implemented.

Area Action Plan: a type of *Development Plan Document* that can be used to focus on a specific area especially in terms of regeneration or conservation for example.

Community Strategy: local authorities are required to prepare these, with the aim of improving the social, environmental and economic well being of their areas in conjunction with local public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

Core Strategy: a *Development Plan Document* which sets out the long-term spatial vision for the local planning authority area.

Development Plan: consists of the relevant *Regional Spatial Strategy* (and the *Development Plan Documents* contained within the *Local Development Framework*).

Development Plan Documents: statutory documents which set out the *local planning authority's* formal planning policies for its area. Together with the *Regional Spatial Strategy*, these documents make up the *Development Plan* for that area. There are different types of document (see also *Core Strategy*, *Development Control Policies*, *Site Specific Policies*, and *Proposals Map*).

Development Control Policies: a suite of criteria-based policies designed to ensure that all development meets the aims and objectives set out in the *Core Strategy*. Can be included in another *Development Plan Document* or may form a stand-alone document.

Independent Examination: all *Development Plan Documents* will be tested for soundness through an independent examination held by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

Issues and Options: initial, informal consultation stage setting out the main planning issues and a range of possible options. Responses will help to identify what are the most realistic options, which will then be put forward as *Preferred Options*.

Local Development Document: the collective term for *Development Plan Documents*, *Supplementary Planning Documents* and the *Statement of Community Involvement*.

Local Development Framework: the name for the portfolio of *Local Development Documents*. It consists of *Development Plan Documents*, *Supplementary Planning Documents*, a *Statement of Community Involvement*, the *Local Development Scheme* and *Annual Monitoring Reports*. Together these documents will provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for a local authority area (see also *Minerals and Waste Development Framework*).

Local Development Scheme: sets out the programme for preparing *Local Development Documents* (see also *Minerals and Waste Development Scheme*).

Local Planning Authority: the local authority (i.e. council) responsible for planning decisions in its area. For most types of development this is the local District Council. For minerals and waste it is the County Council. Unitary Councils, such as the City of Nottingham, carry out all of these functions.

Local Strategic Partnership: partnerships of stakeholders who develop ways of involving local people in shaping the future of their neighbourhood in how services are provided.

Minerals and Waste Development Framework: the equivalent of the *Local Development Framework*, produced by County Councils who are responsible minerals and waste planning.

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme: the equivalent of the *Local Development Scheme* produced by County Councils who are responsible minerals and waste planning.

Preferred Options: formal consultation stage which will identify the *Local Planning Authority's* preferred approach (es) to likely development proposals and any alternatives that have been rejected, along with the reasons for this. Formal representations made at this stage will be considered at the *Independent Examination*.

Proposals Map: the adopted proposals map illustrates on a base map all the policies contained in *Development Plan Documents*, together with any saved policies. It must be revised as each new *Development Plan Document* is adopted, and it should always reflect the up-to-date planning strategy for the area.

Regional Planning Body: one of the nine regional bodies in England (including the Greater London Authority) responsible for preparing *Regional Spatial Strategies* (in London the Spatial Development Strategy).

Regional Spatial Strategy: sets out the region's policies in relation to the development and use of land and forms part of the *Development Plan* for local planning authorities.

Saved Policies or Plans: existing adopted development plans which are to be saved (usually up to 3 years unless otherwise extended by Government direction) until they are replaced by the new style *Development Plan Documents*.

Site Specific Policies: *Development Plan Document* which allocates specific sites for development.

Statement of Community Involvement: sets out the standards which authorities will achieve with regard to involving local communities in the preparation of *Local Development Documents* and development control decisions. The Statement of Community Involvement is not a *Development Plan Document* but is subject to independent examination.

Strategic Environmental Assessment: a generic term used to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes. The European 'SEA Directive' (2001/42/EC) requires a formal 'environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use'.

Supplementary Planning Documents: provide supplementary information in respect of the policies in *Development Plan Documents*. They do not form part of the *Development Plan* and are not subject to *Independent Examination*.

Sustainability Appraisal: tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect sustainable development objectives (i.e. social, environmental and economic factors). All *Local Development Documents* must be subject to this process and Government's preferred approach is to combine this with the requirement for *Strategic Environmental Assessment*.