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# **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan**

## **Minerals and Waste Development Scheme**

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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. The current adopted Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework contains the following three minerals and waste planning policy documents and a policies map. These documents contain policies for use in making decisions on planning applications for mineral extraction and associated development and waste management facilities, and in the selection of specific site allocations in Norfolk:
  - Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Management Policies Development Plan Document 2010-2026 (adopted September 2011)
  - Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) (adopted October 2013, amendments adopted December 2017)
  - Waste Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) (adopted October 2013)
  - Policies Map (2017)
- 1.4 NCC are preparing a Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM&WLP), to consolidate the three adopted DPDs into one Local Plan, to ensure that the policies remain up-to-date and to extend the plan period to the end of 2038. This MWDS provides the up-to-date timescale and programme for the process up until adoption.
- 1.5 The Council has also produced an updated [Statement of Community Involvement \(2022\)](#), this 2024 Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (updated from the 2022 version) and [Monitoring Reports](#).
- 1.6 The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) is primarily a programme and schedule for the preparation of Development Plan Documents (DPD's), namely the NM&WLP. The MWDS sets out which DPDs will be produced, in what order and when. It is required to be updated (at least annually) and kept up-to-date and published on the NCC website. This MWDS replaces the previously published MWDS (October 2022).

## 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. This was most recently updated in 2022.
- 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 initial MWDS for the emerging Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan came into effect in June 2018. The timetable was amended again in October 2022, and this document is the latest revision (December 2024).

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.

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.

2.10 **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. Revisions to the MWDS during the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan process**

- 3.1 In the 2022 version of the MWDS, the Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19 stage) was planned for September / October 2022. The representations period took place from 28 September until 19 December 2022.
- 3.2 In the 2022 version of the MWDS the submission of the NM&WLP was planned for December 2022, however, the NM&WLP was submitted in December 2023. The delay was mainly due to the time required to process and respond to the representations received at the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) stage and the finalisation of Statements of Common Ground. The revised date of the submission meant that the subsequent stages of the NM&WLP process cannot take place in accordance with the timescales set out in the 2022 MWDS. Accordingly, a revised timescale is required to provide a realistic timeframe to undertake the remaining stages of examination and adoption.
- 3.3 The latest timetable, setting out the timeline for the NM&WLP process 2022 - 2025, is included in Figure 1 - Updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme timetable 2022-2025.
- 3.4 The MWDS will be reviewed as required to ensure it remains up to date. This information is also updated in the Monitoring Report.

## 4. Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM&WLP)

### Overview

<b>Role and Subject</b>	To provide the strategic and development management policies for minerals and waste planning in Norfolk until 2038. 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.

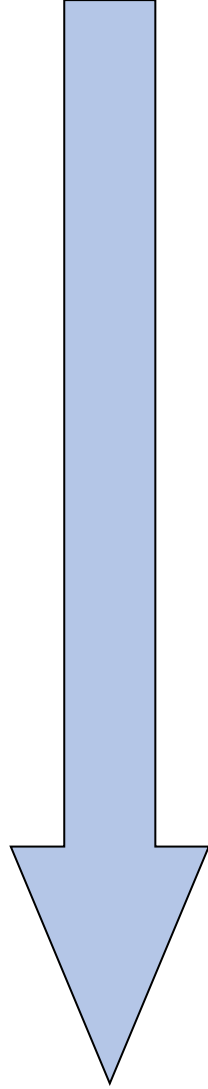
The National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 33) states that “Policies in local plans ... should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years and should then be updated as necessary. Reviews should be completed no later than five years from the adoption date of 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

<b>Local Plan stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Preparation of Local Plan consultation (Regulation 18)	Initial Consultation: June / August 2018 Preferred Options: Sept / Oct 2019
Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)	September - December 2022
Submission (Regulation 22)	December 2023
Hearing (Regulation 24)	July 2024
Inspector’s Report	February 2025
Adoption (Regulation 26)	May 2025

**Figure 1 - Updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme timetable 2022-2025**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Local Plan stage</b>
October 2022	Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)
November 2022	Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)
December 2022	Pre-Submission representations period (Regulation 19)
January 2023	
February 2023	
March 2023	
April 2023	
May 2023	
June 2023	
July 2023	
August 2023	
September 2023	
October 2023	
November 2023	
December 2023	Submission (Regulation 22)
January 2024	Independent examination process starts
February 2024	Examination process continues
March 2024	Examination process continues
April 2024	Examination process continues
May 2024	Examination process continues
June 2024	Examination process continues
July 2024	Examination hearings (Regulation 24)
August 2024	Examination process continues
September 2024	Examination process continues
October 2024	Representations period on Main Modifications
November 2024	Representations period on Main Modifications
December 2024	Representations period on Main Modifications
January 2025	
February 2025	Inspector's report received
March 2025	
April 2025	Adoption process (Cabinet and Scrutiny meetings)
May 2025	Adoption at Full Council (Regulation 26)



## 5. 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.