



Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Proposed Main Modifications

Representations Period: 9am on 17 October to 5pm on 13 December 2024

The proposed Main Modifications to the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM&WLP) have been published for representations to be made from 17 October to 13 December 2024, as part of the examination of the NM&WLP by an independent Planning Inspector on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Representations which are duly made will be submitted to the Planning Inspector and considered as part of the Examination of the NM&WLP.

The draft NM&WLP was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in December 2023 for examination. Examination hearings took place in July 2024. As set out in the hearing sessions, there are a number of Main Modification required to the NM&WLP in order for the Inspector to consider it sound and legally compliant. Main Modifications are those which materially affect the policies in the NM&WLP. Proposed Main Modifications have therefore been prepared and published by Norfolk County Council, without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the NM&WLP which will consider the representations submitted.

Important Note: Representations must be received between **9am on Thursday 17 October and 5pm on Friday 13 December 2024**. Representations received before or after these dates will not be considered. Representations cannot be treated as confidential.

How to complete the response form

There are two ways in which it is anticipated that you will respond to consultation on the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP, with your comments focusing on the soundness (as set out in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework) and legal compliance of the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP.

If you are seeking to make representations on the way in which Norfolk County Council has prepared the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of legal compliance.

If it is the actual content on which you wish to comment or object it is likely it will relate to whether the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP are 'sound', that is justified, effective, positively prepared, and consistent with national policy.

Section 1 and 2 – Please tell us your name and contact details, Representations are only valid if this information is supplied.

Section 3 – Please identify clearly which proposed Main Modification, paragraph and policy your comment relates to.

Section 4 – Please indicate if you consider that the proposed Main Modification you are responding to is legally compliant and meets all of the tests of soundness (set out in paragraph 35 of the NPPF).

Section 5 and 6 – Please state which of the four tests of soundness (justified, effective, positively prepared, or consistent with national policy) your representation relates to, why you consider the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP is not legally compliant or unsound and what changes are necessary to make the Main Modifications sound having regard for the test of soundness which you have identified.

Section 8 – Please read the privacy statement and sign and date the form.

The proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP have been published by Norfolk County Council for representations to be made on them as part of the examination of the NM&WLP by a Planning Inspector. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the plan complies with the relevant legal requirements, including the duty to co-operate, and is sound. The Inspector will consider all representations on the proposed Main Modifications that are made within the period set by Norfolk County Council.

To ensure an effective and fair examination, it is important that the Planning Inspector and all other participants in the examination process can know who has made representations on the plan. Norfolk County Council will therefore ensure that the names of those making representations can be made available (including publication on Norfolk County Council's website) and taken into account by the Planning Inspector.



Statement of Representations Procedure and availability of documents

This statement has been prepared by Norfolk County Council pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Title of the document: Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Proposed Main Modifications

Subject matter and area covered

The Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM&WLP) covers the whole of the administrative area of Norfolk County. The NM&WLP covers the period up to 2038 and includes a forecast of the quantities of minerals and waste that need to be planned for over the plan period to 2038. The NM&WLP contains criteria-based policies to be used to determine planning applications that come forward for waste management facilities. Specific sites are allocated for silica sand extraction, carstone extraction and sand and gravel extraction along with the policies to be used to determine planning applications for mineral extraction and associated development. This representations period is only regarding the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP. Main Modifications are those which materially affect the policies in the NM&WLP. The proposed Main Modifications affect a number of Policies and paragraphs in the NM&WLP. Main Modifications are proposed to the wording of the following policies: MW1, MW2, MW3, MW4, WP2, WP3, WP7, WP13, WP14, WP15, MP1, MP2, MPSS1, MP5, MP7, MP8, MIN12, MIN51/MIN13/MIN08, MIN96, SIL01 and MIN25.

Period of Publication for Representations

Representations of support or objection are invited for a period of 8 weeks from **9am Thursday 17 October until 5pm Friday 13 December 2024**.

Please note that representations received after this date will not be considered. Only representations received within this period have a statutory right to be considered by the Inspector at the Examination.

Representations at this stage should only be made on legal and procedural compliance of the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP, the soundness of the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP and whether the Main Modifications to the NM&WLP are in conformity with the Duty to Co-operate.

Where/how to view the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan proposed Main Modifications and supporting documents

The documents will be available to view on Norfolk County Council's local plan webpages at: <https://norfolk.oc2.uk> Copies will be made available for public inspection, by appointment, free of charge, within normal opening hours during the representations period, at the main office of each of the Local Planning Authorities in Norfolk:

- Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH
(email LDF@norfolk.gov.uk to arrange an appointment)
- Breckland District Council, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, East Dereham, NR19 1EE
(email planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk to arrange an appointment)
- Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council, The Horizon Centre, Peachman Way, Broadland Business Park, Norwich, NR7 0WF (email localplan.bdc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk for an appointment)
- Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF
(email localplan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk to arrange an appointment)
- Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX
(email receptionkingscourt@west-norfolk.gov.uk or planning@west-norfolk.gov.uk to arrange an appointment)
- North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EL
(prior notice should be given by email to planningpolicy@northnorfolk.gov.uk or 01263 516318)
- Norwich City Council, City Hall, Bethel Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH
(email planning@norwich.gov.uk to arrange an appointment)
- The Broads Authority, Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY
(email planningpolicy@broads-authority.gov.uk to arrange an appointment)

If you would like to request a copy of any of the documents, please telephone 01603 222193 or email LDF@norfolk.gov.uk and we will do our best to help you.



Things to consider when making a representation

When making representations on the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP, the following questions should be considered:

- **Are the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP legally compliant?**
Do the Main Modifications to the NM&WLP comply with the relevant legislation and regulations in the way they have been prepared, and in their content?
- **Are the proposed Main Modifications to the NM&WLP sound?**
The tests of soundness are set out in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Plans are sound if they are:
 - **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring authorities is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
 - **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
 - **Effective** - deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
 - **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

How to submit your representation

Representations must be made in writing, or via email, or the e-consultation website as follows:

Electronic Representation – This is our preferred method of receiving representations.
Representations can be lodged directly at the following web address: <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/>

Other Representation methods – Alternatively, you can complete this response form and send it to Norfolk County Council via email or post, using the following contact details:

Post: Norfolk County Council, Planning Services (Minerals and Waste Policy), Communities and Environment, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH

Email: LDF@norfolk.gov.uk

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- Representations cannot be treated as confidential.

How to request notification of the progress of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- Publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the NM&WLP.
- The Adoption of the NM&WLP.

What happens to the Representations?

Representations will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State and considered as part of the public examination by the independent Planning Inspector.



Please use a separate form for each proposed Main Modification to the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan that you wish to comment on.

Return to: Norfolk County Council, Planning Services (Minerals and Waste Policy), Communities and Environment, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH

Part A

1. Personal Details

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

Form with input boxes for Title, First Name, Last Name, Job Title, Organisation, Address Line 1, Line 2, Line 3, Line 4, Post Code, Telephone Number, and E-mail Address.

Please tick your preferred method of contact: Email [] Letter []

Which category do you fall into (Please chose one only)?

Form with checkboxes for District or County Council, Parish Council in Norfolk, Statutory Consultee, Neighbouring Parish Council outside of Norfolk, Mineral Industry, Waste Industry, and Individual.

Other Organisation (please specify): []



Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

3. Which proposed Main Modification does this representation relate to?

Main Modification (MM) number

Paragraph reference

Policy reference

4. Do you consider the proposed Main Modification that you are responding to is:

Please tick as appropriate

4 (i) Legally Compliant Yes No

4 (ii) Sound* Yes No

4 (iii) Complies with the Duty to co-operate Yes No

**If you have entered No to 4 (ii), please continue to 5. In all other circumstances, please go to question 6.*

5. Do you consider the proposed Main Modification that you are responding to is unsound because it is not...:

(i) Justified (ii) Effective (iii) Positively prepared (iv) Consistent with National Policy

6. Please give details of why you consider the proposed Main Modification that you are commenting on is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please set out the changes you consider necessary to make the Main Modification legally compliant and sound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the proposed Main Modification or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change.



7. The Main Modifications consultation forms part of the examination of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Do you wish to be notified about the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan at either of the following stages?

Publication of the Inspector’s report (anticipated February 2025)

Yes

No

Adoption of the Local Plan (anticipated spring 2025)

Yes

No

Disclaimer

Data Protection and Freedom of Information:

The Data Controller of this information under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)2018/ Data Protection Act 1998 will be Norfolk County Council. The purposes of collecting this data are:

- To assist in the preparation and examination of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan
- To contact you, if necessary, regarding the answers given in your form

The response forms received to this consultation on the proposed Main Modifications to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan will be made available for public viewing and submitted to the Planning Inspector carrying out the public examination of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. By submitting this form, you are consenting to your comments being stored by Norfolk County Council and the details being published for the purpose of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan preparation and examination processes. Once comments have been checked and verified, they will be available online (with respondents’ names) for others to see. Any representations which are deemed to contain offensive comments will be removed. Whilst we will include names on our website, we will remove personal contact details such as telephone numbers, emails and signatures before publishing. Please note that anonymous comments will not be accepted as comments must be attributable for the public examination by the Planning Inspectorate. See our Privacy notice at <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/privacy> for information on how we managed your personal information.

8. Signature

Date