

Leicestershire County Council Waste & Minerals Development Framework – Spatial Strategy Further Consultation - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Response (November 2007)

General Observations

- 1 It is requested that LCC amend key diagrams and spatial maps to reflect the preferred options of Hinckley & Bosworth, in particular reference to the proposed Sustainable Urban Extensions West of Barwell and South of Earl Shilton within the boundaries of the new bypass. Both the Waste and Minerals documents identify the proposed SUE within the area of Hinckley and Burbage. However, the Council would argue that the Urban conurbation of Hinckley and Bosworth includes not only Hinckley and Burbage, but also Barwell and Earl Shilton. The authority's preferred option, as set out in the September 2007 Core Strategy Preferred Options, specifies the preferred option of 2 SUE's adjacent to Earl Shilton and Barwell and would request that the County Waste and Minerals Development Framework account for this.
- 2 Note that further work regarding Development Control Policies and Site Allocations relating to the WMDF will take place in 2009. The Local Authority observes that this consultation is primarily to deal with the Spatial Strategy aspects of the documents and to concentrate on the spatial aspects relevant to the framework area.
- 3 **Paragraph 2.2 of both documents** – Up-to-date figures for the population of the Framework Area are available. Mid 2006 figures should be used:

Leicestershire	635,100 (Source: Leicestershire County Council)
Leicester City	289,700 (Source: Leicester City Council)
Total	924,800
- 4 **Paragraph 2.3** – Needs to identify what the '3 cities' are; Leicester, Nottingham and Derby.
- 5 **Paragraph 2.5 of both documents** - The A5 has been omitted from the listed road networks. The A5 is one of the principal access and transport routes for the Hinckley & Bosworth area and carries a high level of both passenger and heavy goods traffic through between the M69 and M42. It also serves the large industrial developments of Logix Park, Dodwells and Harrowbrook Estate and distribution centres located there.

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- 6 **Paragraph 2.9** – Need should have been identified regarding transfer stations, not referred to a potential and hypothetical need. Should have already identified if there is need or not- the sentence seems a bit vague.
- 7 The Local Authority note that Chapter 3 of the consultation document will replace the current Chapter 5 in the full, preferred options, document.

- 8 **Paragraph 3.2** – Introduces the RSS and LMWMS yet does not give their full titles until paragraph 3.3.
- 9 **Paragraphs 4.9 & 4.10.** These highlight that future 'strategic sites' for waste management facilities are likely to be sought close to Leicester, Coalville or Loughborough. This could potentially have cost implications to HBBC in terms of transport of collected waste to disposal/ recycling points if we are directed to use such facilities.
- 10 **Paragraphs 4.11 & 4.13** – Nailstone Colliery no longer factors as a major strategic site in terms of the waste document (also confirmed by John Wright at County), however, it has not been ruled out as being a potential site for small scale waste use i.e. recycling centre, treatment centre etc.
- 11 **Paragraph 4.13.** This highlights that, in the event of allocated sites not being implemented, 'unidentified' compliant sites will be approved. This seems to be a little 'open-ended' – It is suggested that 'unidentified' needs further clarification and detail.
- 12 **Paragraph 4.17** - This highlights the potential use of 'Green Wedges' (and agricultural land) for waste management sites. It is suggested that greater clarification of such use only as a last resort be included, together with any criteria to be applied for such use. Consideration must be made to the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan (RSS8) on this matter and in particular the 'Report of the Panel' (November 2007), which recommends the deletion of Three Cities SRS Policy 3 but that paragraph 4.12 should remain with the addition of a sentence to state "*A review of existing green wedges or the creation of new ones in association with development will be carried out through the local development framework process.*"
- 13 The document suggests that smaller non-strategic sites will be sought in close proximity to the Hinckley conurbation and/or SUE's. These waste facilities could potentially serve a 'renewable energy' purpose through fuel sources for CHP etc or serve as a recycling facilities to limit offsite transferral of waste and to help serve nearby residential areas.
- 14 **Paragraph 4.25** – Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will be required to monitor the progress of the strategic site allocations as consultation evolves between now, 2009 consultation and beyond.

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- 15 **Paragraph 3.7** – The County's preferred option is to allow extensions to existing sites where possible including the current site at Cadeby.
- 16 **Paragraph 3.12** – The local authority would question how much consideration has been given to the road networks that already suffer high congestion including the A447 through effected areas i.e. Stapleton. The authority request that more information be available as to how the county highways will mitigate and deal with increased heavy goods traffic on these roads if the proposed extensions were to go ahead. In addition the authority would raise concerns as to effects of vibration, noise and debris

in prevailing winds etc to the surrounding areas, especially in the case of area B which abuts the settlement of Newbold Verdon.