

MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

Leicestershire County Council is publishing its first round of consultations on two issues:

- options for preparing its plans for how raw materials that are needed for the economy are extracted in the County;
- options for dealing with the waste that we produce.

The results of the consultation will assist the preparation of the future plans, called the "Framework", which will be developed over the next 3 years.

Consultation

Issues and Options papers will set out the general background and options as to how the Council can plan for the future provision of waste facilities and mineral resources.

Lead Cabinet Member for Community Services, Ernie White commented:

"The two issues concerned – Waste and Minerals are both of great significance to Leicestershire and involving people and organisations in preparing these plans is an important part of the consultation process. The County Council will be ensuring that communities are given opportunities to influence the choices that have to be made."

The Authority has prepared a draft Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out how it is proposed to involve people in the planning process.

The consultation will be with a range of organisations including statutory consultees, district and parish councils, with members of the public also invited to make their views known.

The documents are available on the County Council's web site (www.leics.gov.uk) and leaflets are available in local libraries and service shops. A "drop-in" session will be held at County Hall on 14th July 2005 and will be available for anyone who wants to learn more about the issues and options. This first consultation period will last for 6 weeks beginning on 20th June 2005. After that the County Council will be considering the response to the consultation exercise and will present its preferred options later this year where there will be further opportunity for people to get involved.