

**LEICESTERSHIRE & LEICESTER
WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**CORE STRATEGY &
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES**

**HEARING AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Whether the provisions in respect of environmental protection are clear and appropriate

1. Should Policy CS10 refer to sites of geological interest? [NE]
2. Should Para 4.66 / Policy CS11 refer to nature conservation and cultural heritage sensitivities and opportunities? [EH]

Whether the provisions in respect of the National Forest and Charnwood Forest are clear and appropriate

3. What are the Green Infrastructure strategies that should be promoted in the 6Cs area? What additional emphasis should be given to bringing about net gains in biodiversity? [CBC]
4. Do Policies CS11 and CS12 give sufficient protection to the National Forest and to Charnwood Forest? Should Policy CS11 be more positive in terms of establishing and improving the National Forest? Is the supporting text relevant and does it clearly identify and support the policy intention?
5. Do policies CS11, CS12, DC15 and DC18 need to set out how the spatial strategy is to be achieved? [CBC]
6. Should contributions to Green Infrastructure be referred to in the context of planning obligations? [CBC]

Whether the provisions in respect of Green Wedges are clear and appropriate

7. Is the level of protection afforded to Green Wedges (Para 4.70) very similar to that of Green Belt policy? [GOEM]
8. Does Policy CS13 give implicit acceptance to development on brownfield sites in Green Wedges and, if so, is this intended?
9. In Policy CS13, should there be a requirement to demonstrate that the waste development cannot be accommodated within the urban areas? [BDC]

Whether the provisions in respect of transport are clear and appropriate

10. In Policy CS14, would there be benefit in giving priority to waste arising over proximity to markets? [GOEM]

Whether the development control provisions in respect of the natural environment are clear and appropriate

11. Policy DC3 refers to special landscape areas and landscape feature of importance (such as open space in built-up areas). Are these specific designations? Do the landscape areas accord with PPS 7 Paras 24 and 25?
12. Should Policy DC5 be re-phrased so as to give greater credibility and weight to countryside matters? Should emphasis be given to safeguarding the general appearance and character of the landscape and the countryside? [NE]
13. Should the wording of Policy DC5 refer to "open" countryside? [BDC]
14. Does Paragraph 5.11 repeat detail from Policy DC5? If so, what amendments would be appropriate? Is the policy locally distinctive?
15. The text supporting Policy DC5 refers to communities taking more responsibility for their own waste. Is this consideration adequately reflected in the policy?
16. Should there be explicit recognition of composting opportunities in the open countryside?
17. In Policy DC7 (Landscaping and Woodland), should new woodland planting be encouraged but only where it would be the most appropriate habitat and would contribute to the wider diversity of the area? [NE]
18. Should Policy DC7 make clear that woodland planting should have regard to Landscape Character Areas? What is the source document in this regard? Should there be greater emphasis on planting in the National Forest area?
19. Should Policy DC12 refer to "unacceptable impacts"?

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