

Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development)
(England) Regulations 2012
Regulation 18 Statement - Notice of Intention to Prepare
a Local Plan Development Plan Document

Durham County Council is preparing a new Local Plan Development Plan Document (DPD) which will be called the Minerals and Waste Policies and Allocations Document (M&WDPD). The documents preparation is a longstanding commitment of the council and our intent to prepare the M&WDPD and its intended role is specifically referred to within the County Durham Plan which was adopted in October 2020.

In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 the Council is required to notify specified bodies and persons of the subject of the DPD which it proposes to prepare and invite each of them to make representations to the Council about what the DPD ought to contain. The Council's proposals are set out below:

The M&WDPD will cover the administrative area of County Durham and is intended to run to 2035 to align with the time period of the adopted County Durham Plan. The overall scope of the M&WDPD is to develop the strategic and/or complement the minerals and waste content of the County Durham Plan. Accordingly, it is not envisaged that the M&WDPD will include a specific overall spatial strategy or objectives, however, it is envisaged that it will include:

- Specific policies for a number of economically important minerals not addressed by the strategic minerals policies of the CDP but where future planning applications for the 'winning and working of minerals' cannot be discounted such as for conventional and unconventional oil and gas, silica sand, clay for engineering purposes and vein minerals.
- Specific policies for waste management processes and technologies such as inert landfill/landraise, non-hazardous landfill, the incineration of waste with and without energy recovery, and also for specialist wastes and hazardous substances.
- Detailed minerals and waste development management policies covering for example matters related to the processing and storage of minerals, the transport of minerals including road to rail transshipment facilities, borrow pits, the control of mineral working operations including standoff distances from local communities, cumulative impacts, noisy short term activities, quarry blast vibration, quarry and landfill slope stability, the restoration and after-use of mineral sites and a policy detailing the benefits of minerals development.
- Where needed and justified the M&WDPD will allocate non-strategic minerals and waste sites. Any allocations will take into account the spatial and quantitative approach (where applicable) provided by the CDP. However, we will also seek to take into account the most up to date information available and in the case of aggregates, account will be taken of the council's latest Local Aggregate Assessment.

The M&WDPD will be prepared in accordance with the timetable for its adoption as set out in the Council's latest Local Development Scheme (December 2020).

The Council will take into account representations made in response to this notification and in addition we will also consider the representations of additional persons and organisations who respond as a result of the publicity we undertake.

Representations on the proposed scope and content of the M&WDPD should be submitted during the six-week consultation period running from **Friday 15th January 2021** and ending at **5pm on Friday 26th February 2021**.

Representations can be made using:

- our online form which is located on our consultation portal;
- or sent via email to spatialpolicy@durham.gov.uk;
- or posted to Spatial Policy Team using our freepost address, which is **FREEPOST SPATIAL POLICY**.

All representations on the Regulation 18 Statement - Notice of Intention to Prepare a Local Plan Development Plan Document will be published but apart from the name of the sender and company/organisation (if relevant) no other personal information will be publicly available.