



Our ref: SP8010.12
Ask for: Nicholas Dean

29th March 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document:
Consultation – 5th April to 5.30pm on 21st May 2012**

Proposed Changes to the Waste Core Strategy DPD following the Examination

The Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document was submitted to the Secretary of State on 28th November 2011. The Secretary of State appointed Mr. Andrew S Freeman to undertake an independent examination into the soundness of the Waste Core Strategy. As part of the Examination, hearing sessions were held from 13th to 16th March 2012 to discuss the principal matters identified by the Inspector.

In response to the Inspector's questions and the debate in the hearing sessions, the Council would like to propose a number of changes to the Waste Core Strategy. These changes have been the subject of further Sustainability Appraisal and updated Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Decision.

This is your opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

We will consider your comments before we submit the **Proposed Changes** to the Inspector. All comments will then be forwarded to the Inspector.

The **Schedule of Proposed Changes**, the **Sustainability Appraisal of the Proposed Changes**, the updated **Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Decision** and a statement on any implications of the new National Planning Policy Framework. are available to view on our website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs and in libraries and Worcestershire Hub customer centres. Alternatively paper copies are available on request.

It would be helpful if your response included the following information:

- Your details:
 - Name
 - Organisation and job title (where relevant)
 - Address

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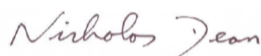
- Telephone number
 - Email address
- Which of the proposed changes or which part of the Sustainability Appraisal or Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Decision your representation relates to. If you wish to make representations on more than one Proposed Change or aspect of the Sustainability Appraisal or Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Decision, please address each one separately.
- Please set out whether the Waste Core Strategy incorporating the proposed Main and Additional modifications is sound and legally compliant and if not sound which of the following tests of soundness it fails.
 - To be 'sound' the Waste Core Strategy must be:
 - ✓ Justified:
 - ✓ Founded on a robust and credible evidence base
 - ✓ The most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives
 - ✓ Effective:
 - ✓ Deliverable
 - ✓ Flexible
 - ✓ Able to be monitored
 - ✓ Consistent with national policy
 - ✓ Comply with the law.
- Whether you wish to be notified of the publication of the Inspector's report and his recommendations, and any subsequent adoption of the document.

You can send your response in writing to me at the address below or email it to wcs@worcestershire.gov.uk. A response form can also be completed online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs.

The Examination of the Waste Core Strategy formally continues until the Inspector's final report is received. The Inspector is able to hold further hearing sessions if he considers this to be necessary in the light of any issues raised in this consultation.

The consultation commences on **5th April** and all comments **must be made by 5.30pm on 21st May 2012**. Any comments received after the closing date will be returned to the sender and will not be considered by the Inspector.

Yours faithfully



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