

## **Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy First Draft Submission Consultation Questionnaire September 2010**

The Council is preparing a *Waste Core Strategy*: a plan for how to manage all the waste produced in Worcestershire up to 2027. You can help us by telling us what you think about our *First Draft Submission Consultation Document*.

We would like you to tell us whether you agree with our approach and the policies we propose or, if not, why not and what you think we need to say. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to us but feel free to concentrate on the issues that most interest you. Any comments you make will be useful to us.

We would also appreciate any comments on any of the background documents we have prepared to support the development of the Waste Core Strategy, these are available on our website: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs).

The consultation will run from **28<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010**.

It is important that you reply by the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 so that we can fully consider your comments.

Please complete the questionnaire online at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs) or send your comments or completed questionnaires to:

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Please contact me if you need any further information or additional copies of this report, the executive summary or the questionnaire.

### **Next steps**

We will take your comments into account and prepare a final version of the document which will be submitted to the Secretary of State after a final round of consultation, in which you will only be able to comment on whether the Waste Core Strategy is "sound". To be sound the Strategy must be justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Some of the questions in this questionnaire have been designed to help us ensure that the final Waste Core Strategy is "sound" and we have therefore asked questions relating to:

- Robust and credible evidence base
- The consideration of alternatives
- Whether the objectives and policies are deliverable, flexible and able to be monitored

We would invite any further comments on any of these issues.

The contact details and any responses you supply will only be used in relation to the planning process as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and will be kept on the Council's database until the adoption of the Waste Core Strategy, currently planned for 2012. In returning this questionnaire please be aware therefore that this means you that agree to this information being held by the Planning Service of the County Council and used for this purpose.

Please include your contact details if they are not already printed here:

## Setting the Context

### Overview of Waste Management in Worcestershire

- 1 a) Does the Overview adequately identify the main issues which make the County distinctive?  
*See pages 3-5 of the summary document or pages 9-14 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If not please include details

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- 2 a) Do you agree with the Broad Geographic Hierarchy?  
*See page 3 of the summary document or page 15-16 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If not please include details.

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- 3 a) Do you agree with the figures relating to arisings and the capacity gap?  
*See pages 18-21 of the full document.*  
*(Further details relating to alternative methods are set out in the background document "Arisings and capacity")*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If not please include details.

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- 4 a) Are there are additional national or local policies that should be considered in the development of the Waste Core Strategy?

*See pages 25-28 of the full document.*

*(Further details regarding all of the local policies consider are set out in the background document "Links with Districts' & neighbouring Local Authorities' plans and strategies")*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If no, please suggest further key policy documents that should have been included.

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### Vision and objectives

- 5 a) Do you agree with the vision?

*See page 6 of the summary document or pages 29-32 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) Does it reflect local issues?

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

c) If no, please make suggestions for addressing these issues.

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- 6 Do you agree with the objectives?

*See page 7 of the summary document or page 33 of the full document.*

Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

7 Do the objectives reflect local issues and contribute towards the vision?  
*See page 7 of the summary document or page 33 of the full document.*

Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Location of waste management Development

- 8 a) Do you agree with the method for identifying areas of search?  
*See pages 8-12 of the summary document or page 34-46 of the full document.  
 (Further details relating to alternative methods are set out in the background document "Identifying areas of search")*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

- b) Does it reflect local issues and contribute towards the vision and objectives?

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

- c) If no, please make suggestions for addressing these issues.

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- 9 a) Do you agree with the types of land use that would be compatible for waste management facilities?  
*See page 8-9 of the summary document or page 35-39 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

- b) If no, please make suggestions for addressing these issues.

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10 a) Do you agree with the broad categories of waste management facilities?  
*See page 8 of the summary document or page 36-39 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If no, please make suggestions for addressing these issues.

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11 a) Do you agree with the constraints listed?  
*See page 9 of the summary document or page 40-41 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If you no, please list those that you think should/shouldn't have been identified.

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12 a) Do you agree with the way in which connectivity is assessed?  
*See page 10 of the summary document or page 42 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If no, please make suggestions for addressing these issues.

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13 a) Do you agree with using the broad geographic hierarchy to inform patterns of distribution?  
*See page 11-12 of the summary document or page 42-46 of the full document.  
(Details of alternative approaches considered are outlined in the background document "Identifying areas of search".)*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If no, please make suggestions for addressing these issues.

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14 a) Do you agree with the *areas of search* identified?  
*See page 11-12 of the summary document or page 45-46 and Figure 16 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If no, please explain your reasons.

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c) If there any other locations that you think may be suitable for consideration as *areas of search* please provide details:

*In order for a location to be included in the Waste Core Strategy as an Area of Search, any location suggested will need to comply with the methodology as set out on pages 34-46 of the full document.*

*Full details of how the methodology should be applied and all the locations which have been assessed are given in the background document "Identifying areas of search".*

Your suggested location must be one of the following, please indicate:

- Site with current use rights (current planning permission) for waste management purposes;
- Active mineral working or landfill site;
- Industrial land;
- Contaminated or derelict employment land;
- Land within or adjoining a sewage treatment works;
- Redundant agricultural or forestry building and their curtilage.

Address of proposed location:

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### ***Draft Policy Proposals***

15 a) Do the policy and the explanatory text respond to local issues and contribute towards the achievement of the vision and objectives?

*See page 12-18 of the summary document or page 47-73 of the full document.*

Policy	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WCS 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Policy	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WCS 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- 16 a) Are the policy and supporting text deliverable and flexible?  
 See page 12-18 of the summary document or page 47-73 of the full document.

Policy	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WCS 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WCS 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Implementation and monitoring framework

- 17 a) Do you agree that the objectives are deliverable and capable of being implemented?  
 See page 18-19 of the summary document or page 74-81 of the full document.



Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- 18 a) Do you agree that the objectives are capable of being effectively monitored using the framework set out?  
 See page 81-90 of the full document.

Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Objective	Yes	No	Don't know	If no or don't know, please state why you feel this way and propose further suggestions for addressing these issues.
WO2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WO9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

19. a) Have we defined all terms and acronyms sufficiently?  
*See glossary of terms on pages 91-97 of the full document.*

Yes  No  Unsure/don't know

b) If not please list the terms you wish to see explained.

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20. Are there any other comments you wish to make?

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**About You**

Worcestershire County Council adopted a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006. To enable us to monitor how successful the SCI has been in fostering community engagement please can you answer the following questions. This information will only be used for the purposes of consultation and research, in order to improve our services. This page will be analysed separately from the main questionnaire. You will not be identified from your answers to these questions.

21 For the purposes of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) monitoring, please state which of the following best describes who you represent?

Please tick **ONE** only

- |                                     |                          |                                   |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Industry/Local Business.....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | d) Voluntary/Community Group..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Government body.....             | <input type="checkbox"/> | e) Individual/General Public..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Local Council (including Parish) | <input type="checkbox"/> | f) Other.....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If Other, please specify:*

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22 If you answered "Individual/General Public" to Q21 and consider yourself to be part of a "Hard to Reach" group\*, or are answering on behalf a "Hard to Reach" group, which of the following do you think describes yourself or your group?

Please tick **ONE** only

- |                                      |                          |                                    |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Black and Minority Ethnic.....    | <input type="checkbox"/> | e) Parent and toddlers groups..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Young.....                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | f) Older people.....               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Gypsy or Traveller.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> | g) People with a disability.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) People living in rural areas..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | h) Other.....                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If other, please specify:*

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\*The Statement of Community involvement defines "Hard to Reach" groups as being black and minority ethnic people, young people, gypsies and travellers, people living in rural areas, parent and toddlers groups, older people and those with a disability.

If you answered Individual/General Public to Question 21, please can you fill in the equal opportunities questions 23 to 25 below.

23 Are you...?

- |              |                          |                |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| a) Male..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | b) Female..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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24 Which age group are you in?

Please tick **ONE** only

- a) Under 18.....
- b) 18 to 29.....
- c) 30 to 39.....
- d) 40 to 49.....
- e) 50 to 59.....
- f) 60+.....

25 How would you describe your ethnicity?

Please tick **ONE** only

- a) *White British*.....
- b) *White Irish*.....
- c) *White Other*.....
- d) *White and Black Caribbean*.....
- e) *White and Black African*.....
- f) *White and Asian*.....
- g) *Mixed Other*.....
- h) *Black/Black British-Caribbean*.....
- i) *Black/Black British – African*.....
- j) *Black/ Black British - Other*.....
- k) *Asian/Asian British - Indian*.....
- l) *Asian/Asian British - Pakistani*.....
- m) *Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi*.....
- n) *Asian or Asian British - Other*.....
- o) *Chinese*.....
- p) *Other*.....

## Waste Core Strategy Consultation Evaluation

As a member of our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) database I am contacting you to ask your opinion on the last Waste Core Strategy (WCS) consultation. This was the *Emerging Preferred Options consultation* and ran from 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010. We are continually monitoring our consultation arrangements to ensure that we are providing effective means of consultation. To enable us to monitor how successful the SCI has been in fostering community engagement on the WCS please can you answer the questions below.

- 1 Were you aware of the *Emerging Preferred Options Consultation* in November – February last year.

Yes

No

- 2 Where do you usually find out about County Council planning issues?  
Please tick **ALL** that apply

- |                                     |                          |   |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| a) Consultation Portal              | <input type="checkbox"/> | h) Focus group                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) County Council website           | <input type="checkbox"/> | i) Newsletters, leaflets/<br>brochures        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Direct mail                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | j) Surveys                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Local newspaper                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | k) I do not find out about<br>planning issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Other media                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | l) Other                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Information at Council buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |                          |
| g) Public meeting/exhibitions       | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |                          |

If other please specify

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- 3 How satisfied are you with the availability and access to information regarding County Council planning issues?  
Please tick **ONE** only.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) very satisfied                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) satisfied                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) dissatisfied                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) very dissatisfied                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you have ticked boxes c-e above please tell us why you feel that way:

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4 Overall, how satisfied have you been in the past with the County Council's Waste Core Strategy planning policy consultation process?  
Please tick **ONE** only.

- a) very satisfied
- b) satisfied
- c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- d) dissatisfied
- e) very dissatisfied

If you have ticked boxes c-e above please tell us why you feel that way:

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5 If you have not been involved in planning policy consultations, please state reasons for not getting involved in the planning process in the past?  
Please tick **ALL** that apply.

- a) Not aware of the planning issues
- b) Didn't know where to find information from
- c) No interest in the issues
- d) Not enough information provided
- e) Too much information provided/documents too long
- f) Information is difficult to understand
- g) Uses too much jargon
- h) Not enough time
- i) Didn't think I would be able to make a difference
- j) No feedback provided
- k) None, I have been satisfied with the document produced
- l) Other

If other please specify

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