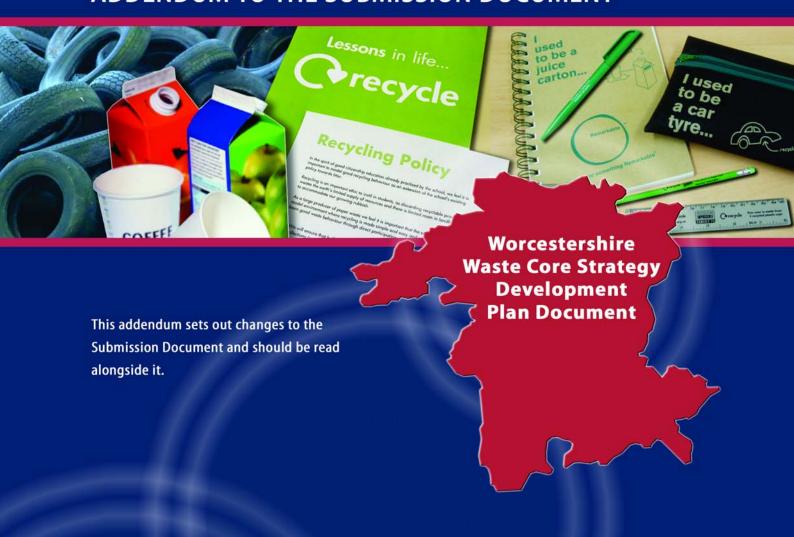
Waste Core Strategy

for Worcestershire

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Introduction

On 30th June 2011, Council resolved that the Waste Core Strategy and supporting documents be approved for formal submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Since this time we have been negotiating with a number of consultees who submitted representations on the soundness and legal compliance of the Waste Core Strategy during the Publication Document (Regulation 27) consultation which was held from March to May 2011, to try to resolve issues before the Examination.

These negotiations revealed that it would be in the council's best interests in seeking to ensure that the plan is sound to carry out a further Habitats Regulations
Assessment to ensure legal compliance with *The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010*. This has been completed and it is necessary to consult on this document ("Worcestershire County Council HRA Addendum", September 2011 (ERM)) and the changes to the Waste Core Strategy which are required in light of it. This also gives the Council an opportunity to make a number of other changes to address the majority of the representations that were received or for clarification and to correct grammatical errors and other errors.

A separate Sustainability Appraisal of the Waste Core Strategy Submission Document: Addendum has been prepared to assess the implications of the changes to the Waste Core Strategy and is also available for comment.

Purpose and layout of the document

This Addendum to the Waste Core Strategy Submission Document sets out the changes that we think are necessary to address the issues relating to soundness and legal compliance that were raised during the consultation. The changes should be read alongside the Waste Core Strategy Submission Document. All paragraph numbers, figures or table references are to the Submission document. The changes are split into the following sections:

Section A: Focused changes – Following HRA addendum

Section B: Focused changes - Capacity gap and objective WO3

Section C: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Land availability

Section D: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Design and operation of development

Section E: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Local characteristics and Greenbelt

Section F: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Flood risk and water quality

Section G: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions – other issues

Section H: Changes to referencing

Section I: Corrections to spelling, grammar and other typographical errors

Deletion of text contained in the Submission document is indicated by **orange strike-through text**. Insertion of new text is indicated by **blue text**.

Summary of the main changes

The main changes are set out in detail in the rest of the document but are summarised below:

Changes following HRA addendum

- Following consultation, it became apparent that part b of the policy WCS 2: Other recovery was unsatisfactory. This was a view supported by Natural England.
- Issues relating to the protection of internationally designated sites are now dealt
 with in policy WCS7: Environmental assets and tests to safeguard internationally
 designated sites are moved from Policy WCS 2 into Policy WCS 7. The change
 makes the tests easier to follow and means that they apply to all types of waste
 management development, rather than just 'other recovery' as set out previously.
- Appendix 3 is updated to include additional areas around Bredon Hill SAC and Dixton Woods SAC where it could not be concluded that waste management development would have no Likely Significant Effects on the internationally designated sites. It also re-defines the area where the Likely Significant Effects of waste management development around Lyppard Grange Ponds SAC would be uncertain.
- The distinction between Worcester zone 1a and 1b is removed from the geographic hierarchy and Key Diagram. However the HRA modelling results are retained in Appendix 3, with *Policy WCS 7* explaining how they should be interpreted.

New evidence base: "Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum September 2011".

Capacity gap and objective WO3

- An error made in calculating the capacity gap for MWS re-use and recycling and recovery targets in the *Publication Document* is corrected. The capacity gap calculations were mistakenly based on 55% recycling for MSW rather than the 50% target set out in Objective WO3. The change to correct this error is consistent with the approach taken in the rest of the strategy and results in less than a 3% change to the overall capacity gap (2025/26).
- Targets in objective WO3 are re-formatted to make them clearer.
- The concept of zero-waste as a long-term aim has been re-introduced into objective WO3 and the implications are discussed in Section 8: Implementation and monitoring framework.

New evidence base: "Addendum to the Waste Core Strategy Background Document Arisings and capacity" (28th July 2011)

Land availability

- The *Publication Document* gave two different figures for hectares of suitable employment land currently available (42 and 34 hectares). 34 hectares is correct and changes are proposed to amend the error throughout.
- Additional information is also added in relation to employment land provision in the Regional Spatial Strategy.

Design and operation of development

Following consultation, the concept that waste management facilities benefit
wider energy demands was raised. The addendum acknowledges this, but
maintains the stance that all proposals should also consider energy efficiency in
individual facilities.

• The Draft addendum amends the caveat to Policy WCS 11: Amenity. Where the tests in the policy are not satisfied, the caveat previously required "exceptional circumstances" to be demonstrated to allow the development to be permitted; this was too stringent a test and not in line with national policy. The proposed change requires instead that the benefits of the development at the proposed site clearly outweigh any unacceptable adverse impacts.

Local characteristics and Greenbelt

- Policy WCS 10: Local characteristics has been split to consider green belt issues and local characteristics separately
- A caveat has been added to Policy WCS 10: Local characteristics to complement the caveats contained in other policies. The proposed change requires that the benefits of the development at the proposed site clearly outweigh any unacceptable adverse impacts on local characteristics or an AONB.
- The policy is amended so that the green belt criteria are in accordance with national policy.

Flood risk and water quality

- The supporting text in Policy WCS 8: Flood risk and water resources is expanded to include reference to facilities remaining safe and operational during flood events.
- Changes incorporate requirements contained in *The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011*, regarding the consideration of impacts from planned or unplanned fires, and the distance of waste management development from surrounding uses.

Have your say

We are asking people for their comments on the 'soundness' of the Waste Core Strategy Submission Document **incorporating the Addendum**. 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.

The documents and a **response form** and **guidance notes** are available on our website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs and in libraries and Worcestershire Hub customer centres. The response form can be completed online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs. Alternatively paper copies are available on request from Nick Dean at the address below.

The consultation runs from 3rd October to 5.30pm on 15th November 2011. Any comments made after the closing date are unlikely to be considered by the Inspector when they assess the Strategy.

Following the consultation, and subject to approval at full council, this **Addendum** will be submitted to the Secretary of State with the Waste Core Strategy **Submission document**. This will be accompanied by the suite of background evidence, as well as

copies of the representations received during the Publication Document (Regulation 27) consultation and any representations received to consultation on the addendum.

The Secretary of State will then appoint a Planning Inspector to assess the 'soundness' and legal compliance of the strategy.

The Waste Core Strategy Submission Document, Draft Addendum to the Waste Core Strategy document and response form are available on our website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs and in libraries and Worcestershire Hub customer centres. Alternatively paper copies are available on request from:

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Section A: Focused changes – Following HRA addendum

Change reference number	Change	Reason
A 1.	Change to Contents list: " Appendix 3: Habitats Regulations Assessment Figures"	To reflect change to Appendix 3, see change A 15.
2. Spatial	Portrait	
A 2.	Change to update text in Figure 13 (page 28): Figure 13 Level 1 a) and b) Kidderminster zone, Redditch zone, Worcester zones a and b Level 2 Bromsgrove zone, Droitwich Spa zone Level 3 Evesham zone, Malvern zone and Pershore zone Level 4 Bewdley zone, Tenbury Wells zone and Upton upon Severn zone Level 5 Other areas	Following discussions with Natural England, it became apparent that further assessment was required as part of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). This was undertaken and is presented in "Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum September 2011".
A 3.	Change to Figure 14 (page 29) to reflect HRA: Removal of level 1b – Worcester zone b incorporated into Worcester zone a.	account the HRA addendum, it was considered to be more appropriate to deal with issues relating to the HRA in policy WCS7, rather than through the Spatial Strategy. It is possible that developers may interpret the identification of Worcester zone 1b as meaning that development outside of these areas does not need to take account of likely significant effects on internationally designated sites. This definition is removed from the key diagram to avoid the potential

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		for confusion. However the HRA modelling results are retained in appendix 3, with WCS7 explaining how they should be interpreted.
A 4.	Change to Paragraph 2.60 and footnote 43 (page 31): "To recognise their scale and role, 'other recovery' facilities will only be enabled in upper levels of the geographic hierarchy. To reflect the findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), only smaller determined the recovery' facilities will be enabled in Worcester zone b." Footnote 43: "With likely significant effects the same as or less than a thermal treatment facility with a throughput of 150,000 tonnes per annum and stack height of 80 metres."	Change made following discussions with Natural England and the HRA addendum, see reasons in A 2. The approach in the Publication Document sought to manage impacts on internationally designated sites by restricting the types of development that would be permitted in Worcester zone b. Following consultation, it became apparent that this was not a sound approach and may prove to be unworkable. The change sets out an approach which is more closely aligned with national policy and European regulations. It requires the impacts of development to be considered rather than restricting development entirely.
3. Managi	ng waste as a resource	
A 5.	 Change to Paragraph 3.7 (page 35): "The geographic hierarchy and spatial strategy are based on the consideration of: patterns of current and predicted future waste arisings⁴⁹, patterns of current and predicted future resource demand⁵⁰, onward treatment facilities⁵¹, connections to the strategic transport network, potential for future development of waste management facilities, the Habitats Regulations Assessment, and 	Following discussions with Natural England and taking into account the HRA addendum, it was considered to be more appropriate to deal with issues relating to the HRA in policy WCS7, rather than through the Spatial Strategy.

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	City, Borough and District Councils' Strategic Flood Risk Assessments. "	It is possible that developers may interpret the identification of Worcester zone 1b as meaning that development outside of these areas does not need to take account of likely significant effects on internationally designated sites. This definition is removed from the key diagram to avoid the potential for confusion. However the HRA modelling results are retained in appendix 3, with WCS7 explaining how they should be interpreted.
A 6.	 Change to Paragraph 3.8 (page 35): "3.8 Justification for the proposed location in lower levels of the geographic hierarchy would need to reflect these considerations, and may include: Proximity to the producers of the waste to be managed, Proximity to end users, Proximity to other waste management facilities in the same treatment chain, Proximity to synergistic development, enabling bulking, transfer and the use of reverse-logistics for the movement of material, er Where heat or energy is produced, proximity to end users, heat distribution networks or grid connections₁, or Lack of suitable sites at higher levels of the geographic hierarchy. 3.8a In all cases the justification must be clearly set out and where alternative sites have been considered, it would be useful to include details of any constraints considered in site screening activities as part of the application. This could take account of the constraints which are considered in other policies in the Waste Core Strategy, including environmental assets, flood risk, water resources, local characteristics or amenity. In the case of EIA development this assessment will form part of the Environmental Statement. " 	Change made to improve clarity and to include an additional example of a potential justification.
A 7.	Change to Policy WCS2 (page 36):	Changes to part a)
	"POLICY WCS 2: Other recovery	The changes improve

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reference	a) In order to achieve equivalent self-sufficiency in waste management and deliver the spatial strategy, proposals for 'other recovery' ⁵³ facilities will only be permitted :-a) where they demonstrate it is demonstrated that: i. sorting of waste is carried out to optimise re-use and recycling; and ii. energy recovery is optimised; and iii. resource recovery from by-products is optimised and any residues can be satisfactorily managed and disposed of; and b) In order to deliver the spatial strategy, proposals for 'other recovery' facilities will be permitted in levels 1 and 2 where it is demonstrated that the proposed location is at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy; c) Planning permission will not be granted for 'other recovery' facilities in zones 3, 4 or 5 except where it is demonstrated that i. the proposed development cannot reasonably be located in levels 1 or 2 of the geographic hierarchy, and ii. the proposed location is at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy. b) where they are located at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy and it is demonstrated that: i in level 1a and level 2: - the impact of emissions will be the same as or less than a thermal treatment facility with a throughput of 250,000 tpa and a stack height of 80 metres. li in level 1b: - the impact of emissions will be the same as or less than a thermal treatment facility with a throughput of 150,000 tpa and a stack height of 80 metres.	the clarity of the policy. Changes to part b) Changes made in response to 1679/49 e (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management) and following discussions with Natural England. See reasons in reference A 2. Following consultation, it became apparent that this part of the policy was not sound and may prove to be unworkable. This was a view supported by Natural England. The policy was reviewed in consultation with Natural England and addition HRA modelling was undertaken. The changes remove the thresholds and the tests to safeguard internationally designated sites. Protection for these sites is contained in Policy WCS7 and the supporting text which draws attention to the zone previously
	'Other recovery' facilities will not be permitted in levels 3, 4 or 5 unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated."	identified as Worcester b.
		Addition of Part c)
		The test 'unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated' was considered to be inappropriate and not in line with national policy.
		Part c) sets out the circumstances in which development of 'other recovery' facilities in

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		lower levels of the geographic hierarchy may be appropriate.
A 8.	Change to Paragraph 3.16 – 3.19 (page 37): "Demonstrating that the proposal is located at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy Proposals for other recovery' facilities in levels 1 and 2 of the geographic hierarchy 3.16 Many 'other recovery' facilities form a key part of wider waste management networks. To enable them to perform this role, 'other recovery' facilities will be directed to levels 1 and 2 of the geographic hierarchy. Figure 14. Key diagram shows the levels of the geographic hierarchy. It should be used by the applicant to identify which level of the geographic hierarchy the proposed site is located within. 3.17 Level 1 is the highest level of the geographic hierarchy. If the proposed site is not in level 1 in level 2 of the geographic hierarchy, applicants should demonstrate why this is the highest appropriate level for the proposed development. that proposals are located at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy. This should set out the special considerations that justify why it is more suitable for the development to be located on the proposed it than in the geographic zones at higher levels in in level 1 of the geographic hierarchy. It should address each geographic zone. These would need to reflect the considerations of the geographic hierarchy (see paragraph 3.7), and may include: Proximity to the producers of the waste to be managed, Proximity to other waste management facilities in the same treatment chain, Proximity to synergistic development, enabling bulking, transfer and the use of reverse-logistics for the movement of material, Where heat or energy is produced, proximity to end users, heat distribution networks or grid connections, or Lack of suitable sites at higher levels of the geographic hierarchy. 3.17 a In all cases the justification must be clearly set out and where alternative sites have been considered, it would be useful to include details of any constraints considered in site screening activities as part of the application. This co	The changes set out in more detail the requirements for 'other recovery' proposals in levels 1 and 2 and the additional requirements for proposals in levels 3, 4 and 5. This explanatory text reflects the changes made to policy WCS 2 (see B 12) and has been developed in consultation with Natural England.

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	3.17b Where 'other recovery' facilities are proposed in levels 3, 4 or 5 it will be necessary for all proposals to demonstrate that there are no suitable sites available at higher levels of the geographic hierarchy. This could take account of the constraints which are considered in other policies in the Waste Core Strategy, including environmental assets, flood risk, water resources, local characteristics or amenity. This will need to be based on robust evidence that is presented as part of the application.	
	3.17c If it has been demonstrated that there are no suitable sites in levels 1 or 2 of the geographic hierarchy, developments in level 3 will be considered to be at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy.	
	 3.17d In addition to demonstrating that there are no suitable sites in level 1 or 2, proposals in levels 4 and 5 of the geographic hierarchy will also need to justify why the location is at the highest appropriate level. Justification for the proposed location in lower levels of the geographic hierarchy may include: Proximity to the producers of the waste to be managed, Proximity to end users, Proximity to other waste management facilities in the same treatment chain, Proximity to synergistic development, enabling bulking, transfer and the use of reverse-logistics for the movement of material, Where heat or energy is produced, proximity to end users, heat distribution networks or grid connections, or Lack of suitable sites at higher levels of the geographic hierarchy. 	
	3.17 e In all cases the justification must be clearly set out and where alternative sites have been considered, it would be useful to include details of any constraints considered in site screening activities as part of the application. This could take account of the constraints which are considered in other policies in the Waste Core Strategy, including environmental assets, flood risk, water resources, local characteristics or amenity.	
	3.18 Further details in relation to this are set out in paragraphs 3.7 to 3.8 above.	
	3.19 The scale of 'other recovery' facilities that are appropriate in level 1b is limited due to the findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment, see Appendix 3. Limiting the scale of 'other recovery' facilities in Worcester zone b means that there should be no likely significant effects on the Lyppard Grange Ponds SAC.	

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	Change to Policy WCS 7 (page 45): "POLICY WCS7: Environmental assets Proposals for waste management facilities: a) will be permitted where the location, design, operation, landscaping and restoration. In order to protect and where possible enhance, Internationally, Nationally and Locally designated sites, habitats, species and heritage assets., proposals for waste management facilities will be permitted where: a) the proposal, including its location, design, operation, landscaping and/or restoration: i)b) will be permitted where they will have no adverse effects on the integrity of Internationally designated sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects; or is are necessary for the management of an Internationally [underline] designated site. e) will not be permitted where they will have a likely significant effect on Internationally designated sites, or an unacceptable adverse impact on International, National and Local designated sites, or an unacceptable adverse impact on International, National and Local designated sites, habitats, species and heritage assets. An assessment of likely impacts on these features must take into account: i. impacts both within and beyond the proposed site boundary; and iii.broader impacts that the proposal is likely to have on wider networks or populations; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and v. any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and internationally designated si	Policy WCS7 addressed a number of issues and was felt to be overly complex. The original policy wording used terms such as 'likely significant effect' in the wrong context. These errors have now been corrected and the language used is more closely aligned to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. The change acknowledges the different level of protection given to internationally designated sites and sets out the policy criteria for these sites separately. It also considers the issues of protection and enhancement separately. It moves more explanatory detail regarding the issues which should be considered when assessing likely impacts (originally part c) into the Explanatory text. These changes have been developed in consultation with Natural England.
	be permitted where justified by there are:	
	ii) will have no unacceptable adverse impacts on national and local environmental assets NEW FOOTNOTE 1.	

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	Where the proposed development would have unacceptable adverse impacts on environmental assets, development • national and local designations and assets will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that the benefits of the development at the proposed site clearly outweigh any unacceptable adverse impacts. Proportionate consideration will be given in accordance with their degree of protection.	
	b) the proposal, including its the design, landscaping and/or restoration enhance environmental assets NEW FOOTNOTE 2, their settings and/or linkages between them. NEW FOOTNOTE 1: See Table 7. NEW FOOTNOTE 2: See Table 7.	
A 10.	Change to Paragraphs 5.6 – 5.7 (page 47): "Designated sites, habitats and species Protection of internationally designated sites 5.6 Internationally, nationally and locally designated sites all play a role in preserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity. These are given different degrees of protection through legislation and national policy. Assessment should be made of the likely impacts within and beyond the proposed development site. 5.7 The following international sites have the potential to be affected by waste management development in Worcestershire ⁶⁹ : • Bredon Hill SAC (Worcestershire) • Lyppard Grange Ponds SAC (Worcestershire) • Dixton Woods SAC (Gloucestershire) • Fens Pools SAC (Dudley) • River Wye/Afon Gwy SAC (Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Powys) • Walmore Common SPA and Ramsar (Gloucestershire) • Severn Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar (Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff, Newport, City of Bristol, Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire) 5.7 a If a plan or project is not connected with, or necessary for the maintenance of an internationally designated site, and it is likely to have a significant effect, an "appropriate assessment" is required NEW FOOTNOTE to	The original wording used terms such as 'likely significant effect' in the wrong context. These errors have now been corrected and the language used is more closely aligned to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and the Waste Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment and Addendum. The changes move explanatory detail regarding the issues which should be considered when assessing likely impacts from Policy WCS 7 into the explanatory text. The changes retains the policy aim of WCS2 as proposed in the publication document, ensuring that the likely impact of waste management development on internationally designated sites is

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	determine whether the proposal will have an adverse impact on the integrity of the site. 5.7 b Modelling was undertaken as part of the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Waste Core Strategy. The results (set out in appendix 3) identify those areas where it could not be concluded that there would be no likely significant effect from waste management development on internationally designated sites. The Waste Core Strategy is a high level plan which is not technology specific and does not make site allocations, therefore the modelling is based on broad assumptions. The results give an appropriate level of certainty for this type of plan and inform this policy. However the potential effects from individual waste management facilities will vary for each proposal and must still be assessed as part of the planning application.	given specific consideration in these areas identified in the HRA. These changes have been developed in consultation with Natural England.
	5.7c The identification of the areas in Appendix 3 does not mean that the development of a waste management facility cannot happen in these areas, but that development may be constrained. Equally it does not mean that development of a waste management facility outside of these areas will have no impact on internationally designated site and these issues should be considered where relevant.	
	 5.7d However due to the increased uncertainty relating to the impact of development within the areas identified in Appendix 3, proposals for waste management development in these areas should include sufficient information to enable a screening assessment of likely significant effects to be undertaken. This should take into account: key sensitivities of the internationally designated 	
	 sites; and impacts both within and beyond the site boundary of the proposed development; and direct and in-direct effects; and broader impacts that the proposal is likely to have on wider networks or populations, including the severing of links between dependant sites; and any cumulative impacts; and any mitigation proposals. A screening assessment may also be required for development proposals outside of the areas identified in appendix 3, which are capable of affecting an internationally designated site. If the proposal is likely to 	
	have a significant effect, an 'appropriate assessment' will be required. NEW FOOTNOTE: "The Conservation of Habitats and	

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	Species Regulations 2010"	
A 11.	Change to Paragraph 5.8 (page 47): "Protection of national and local sites	The change acknowledges the different level of protection given to
	 5.8 Internationally and n-Nationally designated and locally important sites⁷⁰ are important in themselves and can form networks of natural habitats providing routes or stepping stones for migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of species and provide biodiversity with an improved capacity to adapt to likely changes in climate. Both individual sites and networks of which they are part should be protected and where possible enhanced. [insert paragraph break] 5.8a An assessment of likely impacts on national and local sites must take into account: impacts both within and beyond the site boundary of the proposed development; and direct and in-direct effects; and broader impacts that the proposal is likely to have on wider networks or populations, including the severing of links between dependant sites; and any substantial harm to or loss of the significance of a heritage asset or its setting; and any cumulative impacts; and any mitigation proposals. Worcestershire's Green Infrastructure Study, local 	internationally designated sites. It moves explanatory detail regarding the issues which should be considered when assessing likely impacts from Policy WCS 7 into the explanatory text. These changes have been developed in consultation with Natural England.
	Worcestershire Biodiversity Action Plan and Geodiversity Action Plan should inform the assessment."	
A 12.	Change to Paragraph 5.9 – 5.10 (page 47): "Protection of international, national and local habitats and species	Change to improve clarity and provide applicants with further guidance.
	5.9 Landscaping or restoration proposals should incorporate beneficial biodiversity features as part of the design of the development and where relevant contribute to repairing the fragmentation of networks of biodiversity sites.	
	5.9a The Worcestershire Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) contains Action Plans for Worcestershire's key wildlife habitats and species. These have been chosen because of their threatened status or because important national strongholds occur in Worcestershire, or both. In addition Generic Action Plans are presented for common themes that permeate most aspects of biodiversity conservation in the county. Each plan gives an overview of the current status of the habitat or species within the county and identifies particular threats to it.	
	5.10 Where proposals are likely to have a significant effect on species or habitats identified in Table 7 , appropriate surveys should be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist ⁷¹ and	

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	submitted with the application. These should be carried out in line with the requirements of legislation and best practice and take the Worcestershire Habitat Inventory into account. Advice relating to protected species is available from Natural England NEW FOOTNOTE 11.	
	NEW FOOTNOTE 11: www.naturalengland.org.uk	
A 13.	Change to Paragraph 5.11 (page 48):	To improve clarity.
	"Heritage assets Protection of international, national and local heritage assets	
	5.11 The historic environment encompasses the assets listed in Table 7 and their settings. Proposals likely to affect the significance of a heritage asset or its setting should be accompanied by an appropriate evaluation. This should be informed by the county's <i>Historic Environment Assessment</i> . For proposals likely to affect historic farm buildings, the products of the <i>West Midlands Farmsteads and Landscape Project</i> should be used including the <i>County's Farmsteads Character Statements</i> ⁷² ."	
A 14.	Change, insert after Paragraph 5.11 (page 48):	The change provides
	"Enhancement of Environmental Assets	guidance on the enhancement of
	5.11a The design, landscaping and restoration of waste management development can contribute positively to the environmental assets listed in Table 7 through incorporating beneficial features as part of the design of the development. The scale of enhancement possible will depend on the scale and nature of the proposed development.	ennancement of environmental assets in line with the changes to Policy WCS 7 (see A 9). Enhancement formed part of the original policy wording but was not prominent in the explanatory text. The change addresses this issue.
	5.11b For example, where the proposal involves landscaping of the site, proposals might include repairing networks of biodiversity sites or contributing to <i>Worcestershire's Green Infrastructure Study</i> and BAP targets for maintenance, restoration, expansion or creation of habitats. Where proposals are for the re-use of existing buildings other enhancement measures may be more relevant, such as the provision of bird, bat or bug boxes.	
	5.11c Enhancement of heritage assets may include improvements to the setting of listed buildings, conservation areas, vernacular or locally important features, creating new viewpoints or bringing historic assets back into use.	
A 15.	Change to Appendix 3:	Following discussions
	"Appendix 3: Habitats Regulations Assessment Figures The Habitats Regulations Assessment's Figure 2.5 NEW FOOTNOTE shows the extent of the areas in which it could not be concluded from the findings of the air pollution assessment that there will be no likely significant effects from the development of waste management facilities. The nature and significance of any such effects will need to be determined by a site specific assessment in line with Policy WCS 7. on	with Natural England, it became apparent that further assessment was required as part of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). This was undertaken and is presented in

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	the Lyppard Grange ponds SAC from thermal treatment facilities at certain parameters are uncertain. The following figures informed the designation of Worcester zone B in the geographic hierarchy. The locations of the numbered Areas of Search are set out in Annex A."	"Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum September 2011".
	[Remove figures 7.1a-7.1e and replace with Figure 2.5 from "Worcestershire County Council HRA Addendum", September 2011 (ERM) – see Attachment 3] NEW FOOTNOTE: "Worcestershire County Council HRA Addendum", September 2011 (ERM)	It identified additional areas around Bredon Hill SAC and Dixton Woods SAC where it could not be concluded that waste management development would have no Likely Significant Effects on the designated sites. It also re-defined the area around Lyppard Grange Ponds SAC. The changes update Appendix 3 to reflect
A 16.	Change to Annex A Remove the division between Worcester a and Worcester b in Figure 19 in Annex A. See Attachment 4.	the findings of the HRA. The change provides clarity and avoids confusion (see response to representation 667/14).

Section B: Focused changes - Capacity gap and objective WO3

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2. Spatial	Portrait		
B 1.	Change to Table 2 (page 20): "Table 2: Minimum Ccapacity	Change made in response to representation	
	Management type (all waste streams)	Current capacity gap 2010/11	1679/49a (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management).
	Re-use and recycling	411,500 391,000 tpa	To correct an error made in calculating

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	'Other recovery'	240,500 tpa	MSW re-use and recycling and recovery
	Sorting and transfer	targets, which mistakenly used a re-	
	Disposal and landfill	use and recycling target of 55% for MSW	
	WO3 (except for C&D waste v static facilities), and assumir disposal level of 25% for C&I,	the targets set out in Objective which is calculated at 25% for an amaximum landfill or C&D and Hazardous waste and ed breakdown of this information is	rather than the 50% in Objective WO3. See also the changes to clarify objective WO3 and Appendix 4. The evidence base for this change is set out in the "Addendum to the Waste Core Strategy Background Document Arisings and capacity" (28th July 2011) and constitutes a recalculation of the capacity gap for reuse and recycling MSW at 50% rather than 55% re-use and recycling, in line with Objective WO3. The change to correct this error is consistent with the approach taken in the rest of the strategy and results in less than a 3% change
			to the overall capacity gap (2025/26) and only 1 hectare difference in land requirements.
B 2.	Change to Figure 8 (page 20): 700,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000	Re-use and recycling capacity gap 'Other recovery' capacity gap	Change to Figure 8 to amend the re-use and recycling capacity gap line. This is to reflect the changes to the calculations which inform Appendix 4 (see below) and Table 2 (see above).

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	700000 (connection of the connection of the conn	325/16 2020/22	OLET 2030/31 7	935136	Re-use and recovery capacity gap Other recovery' capacity gap	
B 3.	Change to Para "Table 3 shows requirements 45 FOOTNOTE 45 assumption of • Minimu and Haz facilities • Maximu 22% MS • a workin and Haz Land requirem per hectare for 23,500tpa, Recthe Waste Cordand capacity".	gap and land requirements more clearly. This information was previously provided in the Waste Core				
B 4.	Changes to Ta "Table 3: Capa streams)	Change made in response to representation				
		2010/11	2015/16	2020/21	2025/26	1679/49a (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste
	Capacity gap (total)	-652,000	675,000	750,000	805,000	Management). See reason in
	Capacity gap (total)	631,500	654,000	728,000	782,000	reference B 1.
	Re-use and recycling	411,500	421,500	482,000	521,500	Axis supports this change.
	Re-use and recycling	391,000	400,500	460,000	498,500	
	'Other recovery'	240,500	253,500	268,000	283,500	

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	Sorting and transfer	0	0	0	0	
	Landfill and disposal	0	0	0	0	
	Land requiremen ts (total)	25.5 ha	26 ha	29 ha	31 ha	
	Land requiremen ts (total)	25 ha	25 ha	29 ha	30 ha	
	Re-use and recycling	18 ha	18 ha	20 ha	22 ha	
	Re-use and recycling	17 ha	17 ha	20 ha	21 ha	
	'Other recovery'	8 ha	8 ha	9 ha	9 ha	
	Sorting and transfer	0	0	0	0	
	Landfill and disposal	0	0	0	0	
	Note: Further d strategy are giv	•	•	eyond the li	fe of the	
В 5.	Change to Obj	ective WO3	3 (page 32):			Change to targets
	"WO3 To make basis for waste The following moments of the composting) a	e managem	ent in Wor	cestershire ycling, (inc	luding	Change made in response to representation 1679/49 a (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management) and 717/52 c (Natural England) and in
	this objective ⁴⁷ :	dous and A	gricultural	waste - 75	0/0	response to Sustainability Appraisal table 8.3 'Mitigation recommendations'.
	C&D - 75% MSW - 78%, w by 2020, a max	The addition of a long-term aim for 'zero-waste' to landfill				
	Re-use and recovery' by 20 C&l inclu	Change made in response to Government Review of Waste Policy in England 2011.				
	• C&D targ	ecycling and lith re-use a let: nd recycling	nd recycling	•	Minimum 75% minimum 55% Minimum 75%	development of the
	• MSW tare Re-use, r		d 'other reco		Minimum 78% minimum 50%	and formed part of the

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	Re-use, recycling and 'other recovery' With re-use and recycling at	Minimum 75% minimum 55%	Consultation (paragraph 3.8i). The concept of the West
	The long-term aim is for all waste to be treate and for 'zero-waste' to landfill or disposal NEW	ed as a resource	Midlands as a Zero waste region was lead
	Footnote 47: Based on JMWMS for MSW and Scenarios Study" WMRA July 2005 for other see background document 'Arisings and cap	waste streams,	by WMRA. With the abolition of the WMRA and no clear policy guide for the concept
	NEW FOOTNOTE 1: Details of how these targ derived are set out in the Waste Core Strateg Document "Arisings and Capacity".	ets have been y Background	in the RSS the term 'zero-waste' was not used in the Publication Document (Regulation 27), although the
	NEW FOOTNOTE 2: Diverting all waste from I require increased re-use and recycling and 'c capacity beyond that shown in the capacity g	ther recovery'	concept remained. The change has been made to include zerowaste as a long term aim is consistent with the approach taken in the development of the Waste Core Strategy and supports the Vision in the Publication Document which states that: "Waste in Worcestershire will be managed as a resource" (paragraph 2.54b).
8. Implem	entation and Monitoring Framework		
В 6.	Change to Paragraph 8.16 (page 68): "The following minimum targets for re-use, recycle composting) and 'other recovery' have been set objective:		Change made in response to 1679/49 a and b (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management) and
	C&I (including hazardous and agricultural waste	e) 75%	717/52 c (Natural England) and in
	C&D	75%	response to Sustainability Appraisal
	MSW	78%	table 8.3 'Mitigation recommendations' and
	Hazardous waste	75%	the 'zero waste' vision in the <i>Government</i>
	(with a target of 50% recycling and composting maximum of 22% landfill and the remainder a recovery).		Waste policy Review in England 2011.
	These targets are purposefully ambitious, sapproach in the Waste Core Strategy does		

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	delivery of facilities at the highest appropriate level of the waste hierarchy and contributes towards the long-term aim for all waste to be treated as a resource and for 'zero-waste' to landfill or disposal."	
В 7.	Change insert after Paragraph 8.22 (page 69):	Change made in response to the 'zero
	"Zero – waste to landfill as a long-term aim	waste' vision in the Government Waste
	8.22a The targets in objective WO3 have formed the basis of the capacity gap shown in Appendix 4 of the Waste Core Strategy and represent a level of re-use, recycling and 'other recovery' which, based on the available evidence, is considered to be ambitious yet achievable. However, the Government Review of Waste Policy in England 2011, and its emphasis on moving towards a zero waste economy NEW FOOTNOTE 1, requires some consideration of how all waste could be diverted from landfill in the long-term. To enable this to happen, waste arisings will need to be minimised and increased capacity for recycling or 'other recovery' will be required.	policy Review in England 2011, see above.
	8.22 b The potential capacity gap and land requirements to enable zero-waste to landfill have been considered in "Annex A to Waste Core Strategy Background Document Arisings and Capacity: September 2011" NEW FOOTNOTE 2 which demonstrates that the capacity gap in a zero-waste scenario would be greater than that indicated in Appendix 4. These calculations provide an indication of likely need but take no account of the mix of technologies which may be feasible or waste minimisation measures and any reduction in arisings.	
	8.22c Further issues relating to the deliverability of this long- term aim are considered in Paragraph 8.36a alongside deliverability of Objective WO5, as many of the considerations overlap."	
	NEW FOOTNOTE 1: Paragraph 28 of the Government Review of Waste Policy in England 2011 (Defra, 2011) states: "We need to move beyond our current throwaway society to a "zero waste economy" in which material resources are reused, recycled or recovered wherever possible, and only disposed of as the option of very last resort."	
	NEW FOOTNOTE 2: Available at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs	
В 8.	Change to Paragraph 8.27 (page 70):	Change made to improve clarity and
	"The capacity gap and therefore the land requirements identified in Table 3 and Appendix 4 are based on the following assumptions:	update context.
	Estimates of projections based on the assumptions in Table 9. Page 22 of 53	

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	All extheir control be readed as it and however addition intensions monitors. NEW FOOTNOTI					
В 9.	Change to Table	10 (page 7	 2):			Change made in
		2010/11	2015/16	2020/21	2025/26	response to representation
	Capacity gap (total) tpa	652,000	675,000	750,000	805,000	1679/49a (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste
	Capacity gap	631,500	654,000	728,000	782,000	periali di Mercia Waste

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	(total) tpa					Management).
	Re-use and recycling	411,500	421,500	482,000	521,500	See <i>reason</i> in reference B 1.
	Re-use and recycling	391,000	400,500	460,000	498,500	
	'Other recovery'	240,500	253,500	268,000	283,500	
	Sorting and transfer	0	0	0	0	
	Landfill and disposal	0	0	0	0	
	a) Land requirements (total)	25.5 ha	26 ha	29 ha	31 ha	
	a) Land requirements (total)	25 ha	25 ha	29 ha	30 ha	
	Re-use and recycling	18 ha	18 ha	20 ha	22 ha	
	Re-use and recycling	17 ha	17 ha	20 ha	21 ha	
	'Other recovery'	8 ha	8 ha	9 ha	9 ha	
	Sorting and transfer	0	0	0	0	
	b) number of facilities (total)	23-31	24-32	27-37	29-39	
	b) number of facilities (total)	23-30	23-31	26-35	28-38	
	Re-use and recycling	21-29	22-30	25-35	27-37	
	Re-use and recycling	21-28	21-29	24-33	26-36	
	'Other recovery'	2	2	2	2	
	Sorting and transfer	0	0	0	0	
	Landfill and disposal	0	0	0	0	
B 10.	Change to Parag	raph 8.32 (page 73):			Change made for
	"Existing landfill caneed during the lift requirement has disposal have had of search."	etime of the been ident	strategy ¹⁰¹ ified. There	and no disp fore, landfill	posal and	improved clarity.
B 11.	Change, insert a	fter Paragr	aph 8.36 (բ	page 74):		Change made to give consideration to the

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	"Realising zero-waste to landfill in the long term 8.36 a The "Annex A to Waste Core Strategy Background Document Arisings and Capacity: September 2011" NEW FOOTNOTE 1 indicates that in order to meet the capacity gap to achieve zero-waste to landfill by the end of the strategy, approximately 40 - 44 hectares of land would be required NEW FOOTNOTE 2. This is over and above the 34 hectares of suitable land that is currently available. However zero-waste is a long-term aim. The targets set in WO3 are milestones towards this zero-waste aim and there is adequate land available to deliver the capacity gap to meet these targets. District Council plans will enable the rolling 5 year provision to be implemented and ensure that sufficient land is available. It is therefore not felt that land availability at the present time would undermine the Strategy." NEW FOOTNOTE 1: Available at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs NEW FOOTNOTE 2: These calculations only provide an	deliverability of zerowaste in the long term, in accordance with changes to Objective WO3 (see B 5).
	indication of likely need as they take no account of the mix of technologies which may be feasible or waste minimisation measures and a reduction in arisings.	
B 12.	Change to Appendix 4 (page 115): See Attachment 1 to this document.	To correct an error in calculation, as set out in Addendum to Arisings and Capacity document - 28th July 2011 (also see reference B 1).

Section C: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Land availability

Change reference number	Change	Reason			
8. Implem	8. Implementation and monitoring framework				
C 1.	Change to Paragraph 8.33 (page 73): "In December 2010/January 2011 the availability of units on the identified areas of search was assessed. This is only a snap-shot but is useful in indicating likely land availability. The Council's database held details of a total of over 270 units available for	The Publication Document gave two different figures for hectares currently available. 34 hectares			

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	rent/sale ¹⁰² totalling 42 34 hectares of suitable land (see Table 11 [change to bold])."	is correct and changes are made to amend the error.
C 2.	Change to Paragraph 8.35 (page 74):	Correction to
	"8.35 The 42 34 hectares currently available is little above the 31 hectares required by the end of the strategy to deliver the capacity gap (see Table 10), however as discussed above, the capacity gap and land requirement figures are likely to be a worst-case scenario. In addition the assessment of land available only considers derelict or industrial land and does not include new industrial estates currently being developed or new industrial land that will be brought forward through the City, District and Borough Development Frameworks. The County Council will engage with City, Borough and District councils to ensure that waste management is considered when allocating future employment land.	hectares currently available The Publication Document gave two different figures for hectares currently available. 34 hectares is correct and changes are made to amend the error. Other changes to paragraph 8.35 are
	8.35a The proposed Phase Two Revision of the WMRSS included proposals for the Employment Land Provision needed to achieve a 5 year reservoir of "readily available employment land" outside of town centres, regional employment sites, regional and major investment sites. The reservoir includes "land suitable for development within use classes B1 (except offices located in town centres), B2 and B8 uses and also some sui generis uses such as waste management facilities which have characteristics and require land and property requirements that would normally only be found in employment areas" NEW FOOTNOTE 1	made to improve clarity. Insertion of paragraphs 8.35a-c Changes are made to add additional detail relating to employment land provision. These reintroduce reference to the RSS which did not appear in the Publication Document because of the status of the RSS at the time.
	8.35b The rolling 5 year provision of employment land for Worcestershire would be 96 hectares. On average therefore new waste management capacity will require approximately 2% of this provision over the life of the strategy HEW FOOTNOTE 2. The Panel report into the Examination accepted the thoroughness of the evidence base on which the assessments were made and endorsed the principles adopted, the scale of the provision and the use of this land for waste management purposes. At present this evidence is the best available assessment of industrial land needs.	
	8.35c The County Council will engage with City, Borough and District Councils to ensure that waste management is considered when allocating future employment land. "	
	NEW FOOTNOTE 1: WMRSS Phase 2 Revision p 96 footnotes 1 and 2	
	NEW FOOTNOTE 2: Based on the assumption that 31 hectares is required between 2010/11 and 2025/6	

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	averaging 2 hectare average of approximate provision per year.			
C 3.	Change to Paragraph 8.39 (page 75): "In Worcestershire many existing waste management operations currently take place on industrial estates. This trend and the findings of the Industrial Estates Study indicate that this element of the Waste Core Strategy will be deliverable. However at the time of publication local planning authorities across Worcestershire, with the exception of Wyre Forest, have yet to locally determine future provision of employment provision. Development plan documents will need to be monitored as they emerge, to ensure that the Waste Core Strategy remains deliverable in the medium to long-term."		Change made in response to representation 681/48 c (Malvern Hills District Council). Malvern Hills District Council have been contacted and are in agreement with the change.	
C 4.	Change to Table 11	(page 77):		The Publication Document gave two different figures for
	Level	Available land	Available units	hectares currently available. Changes are
	Level 1	25.72 16.88 ha	150	made to amend the error. This table gives
	Level 2	9.06 ha	101	a breakdown of readily available employment
	Level 3	7.74 ha	21	land in the Identified Areas of Search in
	Level 4	-0.03 ha	-1	Annex 4 of the Waste Core Strategy at each
	Level 5	-	-	level of the geographic hierarchy.

Section D: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Design and operation of development

Change reference number	Change	Reason
3. Managing waste as a resource		
D 1.	Change to Policy WCS 3: Landfill and Disposal, part b) ii. (page 38):	Change made in response to
	"a restoration scheme which contributes positively to the	representation 1733/45

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	objectives of the development plan , with details of aftercare for a minimum period of 5 years."	d (Environment Agency).
	Proposed change to Paragraph 3.29 (page 40): "All proposals for new landfill capacity need to consider the whole life of the landfill site, from engineering through to restoration. The restoration of landfill sites can provide opportunities to create new or enhance existing habitats and provide valuable open space for communities or recreational facilities and should maximise the opportunities to do so. The restoration scheme should be developed taking into account the considerations in Policy WCS 7, and the objectives of relevant city, borough, district, parish and neighbourhood plans."	This will ensure that restoration schemes are in accordance with the Waste Core Strategy, City, Borough and District Core Strategies and parish and neighbourhood plans. This would take into account the protection and enhancement of the local environment, but also allow some flexibility for other schemes which have recreation or other benefits. The Environment
		Agency are in agreement with the change.
4. Locatio	n of new waste management development	
D 2.	Change to Paragraph 4.9 (page 44): "All developments must take into account local movement and transportation policies in the adopted Local Transport Plan, Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks. They and should aim to minimise the impact of the development by reducing the need to transport waste and the need for visitors and the workforce to travel by road. These measures can reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the waste management facility."	In response to Sustainability Appraisal table 8.3 'Mitigation recommendations' and representation 717/52 c (Natural England). Natural England are in agreement with the change.
5. Ensurin	g sustainable waste management development	
D 3.	Change to Policy WCS 9 part d (page 51): "all new built development or significant alterations to buildings which create a gross building footprint of 1000 square metres or more gaining at least 10% ⁷⁸ of energy supply annually from onsite renewable or low carbon sources. Where it is demonstrated that this is not practicable, this should be achieved through off-site solutions; and"	In response to representation 1679/49 f (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management). This is a key requirement of national and regional policy. The change will give greater flexibility to how proposed development could achieve the policy requirement in part d.

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D 4.	Change to Paragraph 5.27 (page51): "Design and construction of new buildings where the re-use of existing buildings is not appropriate and any alterations to existing buildings should consider resource efficiency. Minimising the use of virgin materials could be done in part by re-using materials or using recycled materials where appropriate. On-site recycling of construction and demolition waste can enable management of waste at source, reducing waste miles."	In response to Sustainability Appraisal table 8.3 'Mitigation recommendations' and representation 717/52 c (Natural England). Natural England are in agreement with the change.
D 5.	Change to insert paragraph before Paragraph 5.30 and change to Paragraph 5.30 (page 52): "5.29a Energy demand in the wider economy can be reduced by some waste management facilities that form part of an integrated process enabling recycling or recovery. In most cases the recycling of materials has lower energy demands than the processing of virgin materials. Facilities which prepare materials for re-use, or which sort or process waste as part of a recycling or recovery chain can form part of this integrated process and can contribute towards these reductions. 5.30 However, even where there are wider benefits, energy efficiency in the design and operation of waste management facilities must still be considered. This A reduction in energy demand can be achieved through the use of materials, design features, site layout and building orientation which enable the use of natural heating, cooling, lighting and ventilation. Climate sensitive design, layout and building orientation will need to be holistic in its approach and should be guided by principles of national and local policies and guidance ⁸⁰ . 5.31 — Energy efficiency can also be achieved through operations which make more efficient use of equipment, machinery or other processes."	Representation 1679/49 f (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management) raised concerns that policy WCS 9 did not acknowledge the benefits of waste management facilities on wider energy demands. The changes address this point, however they also maintain the stance that all proposals should also consider energy efficiency in individual facilities. See changes in reference D 3.
D 6.	Change to Paragraph 5.33 (page 52): "The suitability and viability of particular methods will depend on the type of development and the proposed location. The design and operation of proposals for renewable energy provision should address potential amenity and environmental effects in line with the requirements of the Development Plan."	Change made In response to representation 1679/49 f (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management) (see reason to reference D 5).
D 7.	Change to Policy WCS11 (page 58): "POLICY WCS 11: Amenity Waste management facilities will be permitted where it is demonstrated that the operation of the facility and any associated transport will not have unacceptable adverse impacts on local amenity. This must consider impacts on or of:	Changes to i-vi Change made to meet the requirements of The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011, in particular Part 6 20(1).
	 air quality, including any fumes, dust, odours or bioaerosols. Where relevant, the issues identified in the 	Change to Caveat

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	Herefordshire and Worcestershire Air Quality Management Plan, and those of adjoining authorities, must be taken into account; and [new point] planned or unplanned fires; and ii. noise and vibrations; and	Change made in response to representation 1679/49 i (Axis on behalf of Mercia Waste Management).
	iii. flies insects, vermin and birds; and iv. litter and wind-blown materials; and v. visual intrusion and light pollution₁; and vi. health Cumulative effects must be considered. Details of any mitigation or compensation proposals must be included; this may be through enclosing operations or through other appropriate measures. Where these are not demonstrated, exceptional circumstances must be clearly justified by the applicant. Where there will be unacceptable adverse impacts on amenity, proposals will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that the benefits of the development at the proposed site clearly outweigh any unacceptable adverse impacts. "	'Exceptional circumstances' sets too high a test in this case. The change to policy wording has been amended to set out the considerations which should be made in relation to these issues.
D 8.	Change to Paragraph 5.46 (page 58): "Relevant assessments should be undertaken to demonstrate that the proposals will not have unacceptable adverse impacts on amenity or health ⁸⁶ . This should include considerations of any impacts from transport. The issues to be considered will depend on the nature, scale and location of the proposed development. Distances from residential and recreation areas, waterways, water bodies and other agricultural or urban sites should also be considered where appropriate and should always be taken into account where the proposal relates to landfill NEW FOOTNOTE: NEW FOOTNOTE: In accordance with The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011	Change to meet the requirements of <i>The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011</i> , in particular Part 6 20(1), which requires planning authorities to take the issues listed in <i>Paragraph 1.1 of Annex I to the Council Directive 1999/31/EC</i> into consideration. The change is intended to address point (a) of the Annex. The other points are already considered through policies in the WCS.

Section E: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Local characteristics and Greenbelt

Change reference number	Change	Reason	
3. Managi	3. Managing waste as a resource		
E 1.	Change to Paragraph 5.2 (page 45): " the protection and enhancement of local characteristics is addressed in Policy WCS 10 and Policy WCS 10(z)."	Change made to reflect the splitting of Policy WCS 10 (see below).	
E 2.			
	e) Waste management facilities will be permitted where it is demonstrated that the design of buildings, layout, landscaping and operation of the facility, and any restoration proposals do not constitute inappropriate development in areas designated as Green Belt ⁸³ or where very special circumstances are demonstrated which justify such inappropriate development."	representations: 1730/23 (Mr Townley), 1727/31 (Mr S Field), 1728/32 (Mr N Blundell), 1729/33 (Mrs S Blundell), 1679/49 g and h (Axis on behalf of Mercia	

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		Waste Management),
		1644/51 (Mr M Hemmings),
		1761/55 (OM & PR Howe),
		1760/56 (Mr & Mrs P Morris),
		1759/57 (Mr ND Jukes),
		1758/58 (M Tranter),
		1757/59 (R Tranter),
		1756/60 (Mrs T Walkden),
		1754/62 (S Derricut),
		1753/63 (Mr & Mrs GR Knowles),
		1752/64 (Mr & Mrs Bayliss),
		1751/65 (G Phillips),
		1750/66 (L Lawman),
		1749/67 (C Harris),
		1748/68 (WD Harris),
		1747/69 (Mr R Ward),
		1740/70 (Mr Tom Brookes),
		1746/71 (T Culloty),
		1745/72 (N Culloty),
		1744/73 (Ms R Krivosic),
		1743/74b (Mr M Krivosic),
		1742/75 (T Sealey),
		1741/76 (SM Sealey),
		1739/77 (Ms S Brookes),
		1738/78 (A Brookes),
		1737/79 (R Wrench),
		1650/88 (S Tranter),
		1644/89 (Mrs J Hemmings).

Section F: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions - Flood risk and water quality

Change reference number	Change	Reason		
5. Ensurin	5. Ensuring sustainable waste management development			
F1.	Change to Paragraph 5.13 – 5.14 (page49): "5.13 In accordance with national policy ⁷⁴ , flooding issues must be considered for all development. The requirements are summarised in Annex B of this document. Annex B sets out the how the sequential and exceptions tests should be applied to guide the location of waste management development in Worcestershire in relation to flood risk. The consideration of these issues. These and other relevant considerations should be set out in a flood risk assessment (FRA) accompanying the planning application. 5.13a In order to remain safe and operational during flood events, waste management facilities should be designed to	Change made in response to representation 1733/45 c (Environment Agency). Change also made to improve clarity and change the way in which national policy is relied upon following the publication of the draft National Planning		
	ensure that materials are stored in a way that would not result in pollution on-site during flooding, and would not allow materials to be washed away and result in pollution problems elsewhere. Safe access for vehicles and pedestrians to the development in the event of flooding should also be considered.	Policy Framework. The Environment Agency are in agreement with the changes.		
	5.14 New development can avoid increasing flood risk on the site and elsewhere by incorporating sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) ⁷⁵ , such as green roofs and permeable car parks, that can cope with high levels of rainfall and improve attenuation of run-off and do not result in either deterioration in water quality or pollution being discharged into local watercourses. There should be no net reduction in flood storage areas and development should not impede flood flow routes."			
	Footnote 74: Currently Planning Policy Statement 25:Development and Flood Risk			
F 2.	Change to Appendix 1 (page 98):	Change made due to		
	" Flood zones - These are areas which [] could be affected in the event of flooding from rivers.	uncertainty following the publication of the draft National Planning		
	 Flood zone 3 indicates the extent of a flood with a 1 per cent (1 in 100) chance of happening in any year. 	Policy Framework which does not contain		
	• Flood zone 2 indicates the extent of an extreme flood with a 0.1 per cent (1in 1000) chance of happening in any year.	definitions of flood zones.		
	 Flood zone 1 is land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1000 probability of river or sea flooding in any year. 			
	Flood zones are defined in planning policy for England (currently Page 33 of 53			

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	defined in PPS 25 Development and Flood Risk) and are produced ignoring the presence of existing flood defences, since defences can be 'overtopped' if a flood occurs which is higher than the defences are designed to withstand. Defences can even fail in extreme events"	

Section G: Changes for clarity or to correcting errors and omissions – other issues

Unsorted

Change reference number	Change	Reason	
1. Introdu	ction		
G 1.	Change to Paragraph 1.9 (page 2): " All policies will apply equally to all of these waste streams. It The Waste Core Strategy does not address non-Directive Agricultural Waste, such as crop residues and animal dung where they are managed on the farm holding where they originated, or mineral waste where this is dealt with within the quarry or gravel pit where it is produced."	For clarity.	
G 2.	Change to note on Figure 1 (page 5): "Note: Lorry Routes – This information was taked taken from Worcestershire Advisory Lorry Route Map dated 2006" Motorways [change symbol from blue to red] Motorway junction [change symbol from blue to red]	For clarity. Motorways changed to the same colour as principal roads to avoid confusion with waterways.	
2. Spatial Portrait			
G 3.	Change to Paragraph 2.16 (page 9): "There are however some limitations on vessel size due to the locks on or between the canals. and Though there is little likelihood of increased freight traffic on the county's canals in the foreseeable future, there is more potential for the use of the River Severn. The Waste Core Strategy encourages the consideration of freight transport by water where possible, but recognises that potential is limited."	Change made in response to representation 1280/22 (British Waterways). British Waterways are in agreement with the change.	

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G 4.	Capacity 2008/9 Re-use and recycling capacity 310,000 tpa 'Other recovery' capacity 8,000 tpa Sorting and transfer capacity 859,500 tpa Household recycling centres 97,500 tpa Landfill capacity 9,778,000 m³ Other disposal capacity < 500 tpa Change to Paragraph 2.61 (page 31): "The evidence base 44 demonstrates that there is no need for new landfill or disposal capacity. The strategy will encourage management of waste at higher levels of the waste hierarchy. Therefore landfill and disposal facilities will not be encouraged at any level of the geographic hierarchy."	For clarity.
3. Managi	ng waste as a resource	
G 6.	Change to Paragraph 3.4 (page 34): "The Waste Core Strategy aims to reduce the amount of waste being disposed of or landfilled and no new landfill or disposal capacity is expected to be required in the life of the strategy. However Policy WCS 3 allows for any proposals for landfill or disposal to be assessed if they are brought forward." Change to Policy WCS1 (page 34): "POLICY WCS 1: Re-use and Recycling	For clarity Changes made to improve clarity; there
	In order to achieve equivalent self-sufficiency in waste management and deliver the spatial strategy: a) waste management facilities that enable re-use or recycling ⁴⁸ of waste, including treatment, storage, sorting and transfer facilities; i) will be permitted in level 1a and 1b at all levels of the geographic hierarchy ii) will be permitted in level 2, 3, 4 and 5 where it is demonstrated that the proposed location is at the highest appropriate level of the geographic hierarchy. b) waste water treatment facilities will be permitted at all levels of the geographic hierarchy.	was no real distinction between parts i and ii. Changes also remove the distinction between level 1a and 1b, in line with the approach outlined in reference B 7.
G 8.	Change to Paragraph 3.6 (page 35): "Level 1 is the highest level of the geographic hierarchy. If the proposed site is not in level 1 of the geographic hierarchy, applicants should demonstrate that proposals are located at the highest appropriate level"	Change made to improve clarity.
G 9.	Change to Paragraph 3.24 (page 39):	For clarity, change made in response to

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	" These can be used for landscaping, levelling of sites, the	representations:
	construction of bunds, embankments or features for noise attenuation, or other purposes. Proposals for this type of	1730/23 (Mr Townley),
	development will be considered against this policy	1727/31 (Mr S Field),
	WCS3: Landfill and disposal."	1728/32 (Mr N Blundell),
		1729/33 (Mrs S Blundell),
		1644/51 (Mr M Hemmings),
		1761/55 (OM & PR Howe),
		1760/56 (Mr & Mrs P Morris),
		1759/57 (Mr ND Jukes),
		1758/58 (M Tranter),
		1757/59 (R Tranter),
		1756/60 (Mrs T Walkden),
		1754/62 (S Derricut),
		1753/63 (Mr & Mrs GR Knowles),
		1752/64 (Mr & Mrs Bayliss),
		1751/65 (G Phillips),
		1750/66 (L Lawman),
		1749/67 (C Harris),
		1748/68 (WD Harris),
		1747/69 (Mr R Ward),
		1740/70 (Mr Tom Brookes),
		1746/71 (T Culloty),
		1745/72 (N Culloty),
		1744/73 (Ms R Krivosic),
		1743/74b (Mr M Krivosic),
		1742/75 (T Sealey),
		1741/76 (SM Sealey),
		1739/77 (Ms S Brookes),
		1738/78 (A Brookes),

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					1737/79 (R Wrench), 1650/88 (S Tranter), 1644/89 (Mrs J Hemmings).
4. Locatio	n of new waste man	agement deve	lopment		
G 10.	"The impact of the dimovements on the stransport network in any impact on the sanetwork the appropriate the scope and nature NEW FOOTNOTE Tigolowing: the cour British Waterways."	For clarity.			
5. Ensurin	ng sustainable waste	management	development		<u> </u>
G 11.	Change to Paragra "Internationally, Natispecies and heritage NEW FOOTNOTE T and Green Belt are Characteristics.	Change made in response to representation 681/48b. (Malvern Hills District Council) Malvern Hills District Council have been contacted and are in agreement with the change.			
G 12.	Change to Table 7	(page 46):			For clarity.
	Pesignated s Sites Ramsar Natura2000 (SAC and SPA) National Nature Reserves Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Page 18	Any internation ally designate d habitats National BAP habitats	Any internation ally protected species European Protected Species NEW FOOTNOTE National BAP species Section 41 species list 66	World Heritage Sites Any international ly designated heritage assets Registered Battlefields Registered Historic Parks and Gardens Scheduled Ancient	

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	Local Nature Reserves Local sites: Geologic al Sites Special Wildlife Sites Sites Historic environmen t record and local lists, including archaeologi cal features, and landscapes and their settings Historic farmsteads Vernacular or locally important features NEW FOOTNOTE TEXT: European Protected Species receive protection under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Local BAP species Local	
G 13.	Change to Paragraph 5.60 (page 61): "It is expected that developers will consult with local communities and other stakeholders on all proposals for waste management development before planning applications are submitted. This should be demonstrated in a Consultation Statement [paragraph break]. 5.60a Public consultation and involvement" New footnote text: For further information refer to Worcestershire's Revised Draft Validation Document.	For consistency of terminology with indicator 23 (page 90) and the Revised Draft Validation Document.
8. Implem	entation and monitoring framework	
G 14.	Change to Paragraph 8.22 (page 69): "The reviewed Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) is already committed to achieving this target for MSW household waste and as such the likelihood of delivery is expected to be high. The revised reviewed JMWMS makes waste minimisation its priority"	For clarity and consistency with JMWMS.
G 15.	Insert heading after Paragraph 8.36 (page 74): "Deliverability of development on land identified in Policy WCS 4"	For clarity.
G 16.	Change to the heading preceding Paragraph 8.44 (page 76): "WO6: To encourage communities in Worcestershire take	To correct an error and reflect the objective as

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	responsibility for their own waste and involve all those affected as openly and effectively as possible."	set out in Section 2.		
G 17.	Change to Paragraph 8.44 (page 76):	For clarity.		
	"It is expected that all proposals applicants will undertake public consultation prior to submission submitting planning applications. Between 2008 and 2009 the number of applications submitted to the County Council with consultation statements rose from 18% to 22% 106"			
G 18.	Change to Paragraph 8.49 (page 77):	For clarity.		
	"The policies drive waste management development to the highest appropriate level of the spatial geographic hierarchy. The land availability in the areas of search, as discussed above, is also concentrated at the higher levels of the hierarchy (see Table 11). This approach is therefore felt to be deliverable."			
G 19.	Change to What Do We Want To Achieve (Page 80):	To correct an error and		
	"Objective WO1: To base decisions on the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the need to mitigate and to be resilient to climate change."	reflect the objective as set out in Section 2.		
G 20.	Change to Risk Assessment (Page 80):	To correct an error and		
	" Possible gap in applicant's knowledge relating to delivering energy efficiency or renewable energy hierarchy and design taking into account climate change adaptation and mitigation could result in a time lag in adoption/acceptance of innovative design approaches"	reflect the changed policy approach between the First Draft Submission consultation document and the Submission document.		
G 21.	Changes to footnotes (Page 81):	For clarity and		
	"109 This is less than 100% as it may not be possible for some small applications developments to include provision for this. These will be identified in the AMR." "110 This is less than 100% as it may not be possible for some small applications developments to include provision for this. These will be identified in the AMR."	consistency.		
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G 22.	Change to What Do We Want To Achieve (Page 82): "Objective WO2: To base decisions on the principles of sustainable development by protecting and enhancing the County's natural resources, environmental, cultural and economic assets, the character and amenity of the local area and the health and wellbeing of the local people".	To correct an error and reflect the objective as set out in Section 2.		
G 23.	Change to Policy Framework (Page 82):	Change made to reflect		
	" WCS 10: Local characteristics; WCS 10(z): Green Belt; WCS 11"	the changes to policy WCS 10.		
G 24.	Change to Responsible Bodies (Page 82):	Change made to		
	"● Worcestershire County Council as Waste Planning Authority,	include Local Planning Authorities who will be		

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	Waste Disposal Author District Councils a implications of generat to existing wast Environment Agency Worcestershire Wildliff authority for technical Environment Agency	responsible for implementing Policy WCS 13.				
G 25.	Change to Other Issu "Facilities permitted or WCS 3-4."			To amend an error made in the Publication document.		
G 26.	"Best available data or monitored through the changes in the capaci update Appendix 4 [cl AMR."	capacity will be order to determine on will be used to	For clarity.			
G 27.	Change to Delivery M "• Waste Planning Ap • Other planning app	To correct an omission, reference required to other planning applications in relation to policy WCS13.				
G 28.	Change to What Do No. 100 "WO8: To direct develocations in accorda	elopment to the most	appropriate	To correct an error and reflect the objective as set out in Section 2.		
G 29.	Change to Indicator	25 (Page 92):		To clarify that the		
	Indicator	Target	Review Trigger	targets apply to new planning permissions,		
	25. Permitted waste management development at each level of the geographic hierarchy.	not existing waste management capacity.				
Appendic	es and Annexes					
G 30.	Change to Appendix 1 (page 93): Insert in acronyms and abbreviations "MRS - Metal Recycling To correct an omission. MRS is used in the					

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	Site"	note to Table 8.		
G 31.	Change to Appendix 1 (page 97): " Constraints - Features or designations which restrict the use of land. Primary constraints are matters of international, and national importance. Secondary constraints are locally important sites that contribute to the distinctive character of Worcestershire"	'Constraints' was a concept used in the First Draft Submission consultation document but not the Publication Document. The definition is no longer needed.		
G 32.	Changes to Appendix 1 (page 100):	To clarify the		
	" Other recovery - Article 3 (15) of the revised Waste Framework Directive defines recovery as "any operation the principal result of which is waste serving a useful purpose by replacing other materials which would otherwise have been used to fulfil a particular function, or waste being prepared to fulfil that function, in the plant or in the wider economy". Energy recovery and reprocessing waste into materials that are to be used as fuels."	definitions of recovery and 'other recovery' used in the Waste Core Strategy.		
	" Recovery - See Other Recovery Article 3 (15) of the revised Waste Framework Directive defines recovery as "any operation the principal result of which is waste serving a useful purpose by replacing other materials which would otherwise have been used to fulfil a particular function, or waste being prepared to fulfil that function, in the plant or in the wider economy". For the purpose of the Waste Core Strategy this is split into			
	 recycling (see below) and 			
	'other recovery' (see above)"			
G 33.	Change to Appendix 1 (page 100): " Overivew of waste management in Worcestershire Spatial Portrait - The Overview Spatial Portrait paints a picture of Worcestershire as it is at present. It highlights the main aspects of what makes the county distinctive and what waste management in the county is like." [move to between 'Source Protection Zone' and 'Special Areas of Conservation' – page 101 – for correct alphabetical order]	Change made to reflect the approach taken in the Submission document rather than the First Draft Submission consultation document.		
G 34.	Change to Annex A (page 116):	Change made in order		
	In order to avoid future confusion, postcode details will be added to all areas of search listed in Figure 19 in Annex A. See Attachment 4.	to provide clarity and avoid confusion (see response to representation 667/14).		
General c	hanges			
G 35.	Photographs of other waste management facilities in Worcestershire to be included.	In response to representation 1632/83a (Mr M Nattrass, MEP).		

Section H: Changes to referencing

2. Spatial Portrait

H 1. Change to Paragraph 2.7 (page 7):

"Land drainage and flooding issues are important influences on development in Worcestershire. Approximately 10% of the land area of Worcestershire is at risk of flooding NEW FOOTNOTE. ..."

NEW FOOTNOTE: "Planning for Climate Change in Worcestershire Technical Research Paper Draft: May 2008"

H 2. Change to Paragraph 2.8 (page 7):

"71% of the population of Worcestershire live in urban areas, principally Worcester, Redditch and Kidderminster, Stourport on Severn, Bromsgrove, Malvern, Droitwich Spa and Evesham, with over one sixth of the population living in Worcester NEW FOOTNOTE...."

NEW FOOTNOTE: "Worcestershire County Economic Assessment 2009-2010"

H 3. Change to Paragraph 2.17 (page 9):

"... Trainloads generally convey around 1000 tonnes payload meaning that even on a weekly train basis a terminal/waste transfer station would need to have throughput of 52,000 tonnes a year NEW FOOTNOTE. ..."

NEW FOOTNOTE: "Information provided by Network Rail in response to the Waste Core Strategy First Draft Submission consultation (reference WR25-4 in the 'Consultation Response Document, December 2010' "

H 4. Change to footnote 20 attached to Paragraph 2.21 (page 10):

"Information on Worcestershire's CO₂ emissions from Worcestershire Partnership Climate Change Strategy. These figures exclude emissions from motorways"

H 5. Change to Paragraph 2.22 (page 10):

"... In the UK waste management is estimated to contribute around 2.5% of total greenhouse gas emissions and 41% of all methane emissions NEW FOOTNOTE 1. Most of these emissions come from the landfill of biodegradable waste NEW FOOTNOTE 2. ..."

NEW FOOTNOTE 1: "Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change s.l.: HM Treasury, 2006. For further information see Waste Core Strategy background document 'Climate change and waste management in Worcestershire'."

NEW FOOTNOTE 2: "Defra Waste Strategy for England 2007"

H 6. Change to Paragraph 2.35 (on page 14):

"In Worcestershire, most existing facilities are smaller than 0.5 ha in size (65% of facilities), with only 22% of facilities being over 1 ha in size. There are however some larger sites in the county, with the largest being approximately 13 ha NEW FOOTNOTE."

NEW FOOTNOTE: "See Waste Core Strategy background document 'Waste sites in Worcestershire'."

H 7. Change to Footnote 36 (paragraph 2.50, page 26):

"See "Waste Core Strategy background paper document "Hazardous Waste" [change document title to italics] "

H 8. Change to paragraph 2.57 (page 28): "... The Habitats Regulations Assessment NEW FOOTNOTE and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment have also been taken into account⁴⁰. NEW FOOTNOTE: "Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment Final Report March 2011" and "Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum September 2011" H 9. Footnotes: Update footnote numbers throughout document to incorporate proposed new footnotes. H 10. Maps: Update copyright information as required by Ordnance Survey At present this needs to be updated to © Crown copyright and database rights 2011 Ordnance Survey 100024230. However this may change prior to adoption.

Section I: Corrections to spelling, grammar and other typographical errors

Foreword I 1. Change to Paragraph 1.5 (page 1): "The Worcestershire County Council's Waste Core Strategy will guide our approach to planning for our county's waste management facilities until 20273..." Introduction I 2. Change to Paragraph 1.13 (page 2): "Interim Sustainability Appraisals (SA) have been undertaken at Refreshed Issues and Options, and Emerging Preferred Options stages and First Draft Submission Sstages, a full Sustainability Appraisal has been was published alongside the Waste Core Strategy Publication Document..." I 3. Change to re-order list in Paragraph 1.14 (page 3): "The Waste Core Strategy has also been informed through a set of background documents prepared by the County Council (see below) and the evidence base for the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy proposed Phase 2 proposed revision: **Key themes**

Climate Change

Arisings and Capacity

- Identifying areas of search
- Industrial Estates Study
- Inland Waterways
- Links with Districts & Neighbouring Local Authorities Plans and Strategies

Approach to Flood Risk and Flood Risk Assessments

- Monitoring Baseline
- Spatial Portrait
- Spatial Strategy
- Towards a Vision Statement
- Waste Freight by Rail
- Waste Sites in Worcestershire

Waste Streams

- Agricultural Waste
- Commercial and Industrial Waste
- Construction and Demolition Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Municipal Waste
- Waste Arisings from Healthcare and Related Activities: Clinical Waste and Low Level Radioactive Waste

Waste Management Facilities

- Landfill
- Metal Recycling Sites
- Recovering Energy from Waste: Biological and Thermal Treatment Technologies
- Resource Recovery from Biodegradable Waste: Composting and Anaerobic Digestion
- Types of Facilities
- Waste Transfer Stations
- Waste Water Treatment Infrastructure

Kev themes:

- Towards a Vision Statement
- What is Worcestershire like now and how is it likely to change? Spatial Portrait
- Developing the Spatial Strategy
- Industrial Estates Study (ERM)
- Arisings and Capacity
- Climate Change and Waste Management in Worcestershire
- Links with Districts & Neighbouring Local Authorities Plans and Strategies
- Waste Sites in Worcestershire
- Monitoring Framework: Establishing a baseline
- Inland Waterways and Waste
- Waste Freight by Rail
- Municipal Waste
- Commercial and Industrial Waste
- Construction and Demolition Waste

Waste Stream

- Agricultural Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Waste Arisings from Healthcare and Related Activities: Clinical Wastes and Low Level Radioactive Wastes

Waste Management Facilities

- Types of Waste Management Facilities
- Landfill
- Metal Recycling
- Waste Transfer Stations and Material Recovery Facilities
- Resource Recovery from Biodegradable Waste: Composting and Anaerobic Digestion
- Recovering Energy from Waste: Biological and Thermal Treatment Technologies
- Waste Water Treatment Infrastructure "

I 4. Change to Paragraph 1.16 (page 3):

"... Details of how these policies have informed the development of the Waste Core Strategy are

set out in the background documents prepared by the Council available on our website (www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs)."

2. Spatial Portrait

I 5. Change to Paragraph 2.29 (page 13):

"Concentrations of waste arisings broadly reflect the distribution of population and the location of industry in the county, focusing around the main urban areas²⁶.

- **C&I**: arisings **are** focus**ed** mainly in existing urban areas. **Figure 5** illustrates the distribution of C&I waste arisings broken down into Lower-level Super Output Areas (LSOAs²⁷).
- Agricultural waste: a detailed breakdown of distribution is not available, however
 arisings are in rural areas and anecdotal evidence suggests that it is more concentrated
 in the south of the Ccounty where horticulture is most prevalent..."

4. Location of new waste management development

I 6. Change to Table 6 (page 42):

"... the end-users of heat or energy produced by the facility, including heat distribution net works networks or grid connections where relevant."

5. Ensuring sustainable waste management development

I 7. Change to Paragraph 5.50 (page 59):

"Other facilities may need to be located at a suitable distance from sensitive receptors; for example #the Environment Agency requires..."

6. Safeguarding existing waste management facilities

I 8. Change to Policy WCS 13, part a) ii) (page 62):

"...

- Suitable alternative provision is made for the waste operation at the same or higher level of the geographic hierarchy; or
- The impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated."

I 9. Change to Paragraph 6.3 (page 63):

"... or introduces a new sensitive receptor within 250 metres of such a site."

7. Considering waste from all new development

I 10. Change to Policy WCS14 (page 65):

"Proposals for new development will be permitted where...

c) where the existing provision is adequate."

8. Implementation and monitoring framework

I 11. | Proposed change to Paragraph 8.11 (page 67):

"Whilst all towns in the County are affected by flooding..."

I 12. Change to Paragraph 8.12 (page 67):

"... whilst **Policy WCS 10** prevents unaccept able unacceptable adverse impacts on the AONB ..."

I 13. Change to Paragraph 8.30 (page 73):

"... The RSS pPhase tTwo rRevision evidence base was based on a much higher average site

	throughput of 50,000 tpa which would amount to about 18 facilities by 2025/26 ¹⁰⁰ . This is roughly half the current estimate for W waste sites required in Worcestershire (see Table 10)."
I 14.	Change to Paragraph 8.31 (page 73):
	" 58 Areas of Search have been identified as potentially suitable for waste management facilities.—(Ssee Annex A [change Annex A to bold]). This has assessed all known industrial and derelict employment land in the county. It has not taken into account other potentially suitable land as identified in policy WCS 4, including redundant agricultural of or forestry buildings or co-location opportunities."
I 15.	Change to Paragraph 8.36: (page 74):
	"As already noted the areas of search [change areas of search to italics] do not including redundant agricultural of or forestry buildings or co-location opportunities" and
	"Together the three sites have planning permission and environmental permits for over 500,000tpa of waste management capacity"
I 16.	Change to Paragraph 8.47 (page 76):
	" Businesses must pay for the management and disposal of this waste and over the coming years the costs of waste management are expected to increase. Costs of landfill will increase significantly due to increases in landfill tax and other factors, whereas the costs of other treatment methods is are expected to increase at a much lower rate, as illustrated in Figure 16. The Waste Core Strategy seeks to enable a greater range of waste management options in the County"
I 17.	Change to Paragraph 8.48 (page 77):
	" See background document 'Developing the Spatial Strategy' for details of alternative alternative considerations."
I 18.	Change to Policy framework (Page 85):
	" and WCS 14: Making provision for waste in all new development."
I 19.	Change to Other issues that will be monitored (Page 86):
	"Best available data on waste arisings and capacity will be monitored through the life of the strategy in order to determine changes in the capacity gap. This information will be used to update Appendix 4 [change Appendix 4 to bold] as part of the AMR. (See WO5 for more details)"
I 20.	Change to Policy Framework (Page 87):
	" and WCS 14: Making provision for waste in all new development."
I 21.	Change to Indicator 19 (Page 87 and where repeated on page 89):
	"Development permitted within 250m of waste management facilities against County Council advice."
I 22.	Proposed change to Policy Framework (Page 88):
	"WCS 1: Reuse and recycling; WCS 2: Other recovery; WSC WCS 3: Landfill and disposal; WCS 12: Social and economic benefits and WCS 13: New development proposed on or near to existing waste management facilities."
I 23.	Change to Risk Assessment (Page 90):
	"● It is possible that consultation may lead to a more lengthily lengthy design process"
I 24.	Change to Responsible Bodies (Page 90):

	" District Councils as Local Planning Authority addressing implications of general applications for planning permission."
I 25.	Change to Indicators and Targets (Page 91):
	"(15, 20, 21, 22) Progress towards equivalent self-sufficiency based in on figures in aAppendix 4 [change Appendix 4 to bold] or as updated in the AMR. (See indicators 15, 20, 21, 22)"
Appe	ndices and Annexes

I 26. Change to Appendix 1 (page 99):

"... **Hazardous waste -** ... and some Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). ..."

Attachment 1

Change to Appendix 4 (page 115):

Treatment (tpa) (cumulative totals)

	2010/11	2015/16	2020/21	2025/26	2030/31	2035/36
Re-use and						
recycling	411,500	421,500	4 82,000	521,500	577,000	623,000
capacity gap						
Re-use and						
recycling	391,000	400,500	460,000	498,500	541,500	586,500
capacity gap						
C&I (inc						
Agricultural	58,000	81,000	107,500	137,500	172,000	210,500
waste)						
C&D	127,500	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
MSW	186,000	195,000	229,000	238,500	259,500	267,000
MSW	165,500	174,000	207,000	215,500	224,000	230,500
Hazardous (inc						
Clinical and	40,000	40,500	40,500	40,500	40,500	40,500
radioactive)						
'Other						
recovery'	240,500	253,500	268,000	283,500	300,500	318,500
capacity gap						
C&I (inc						
Agricultural	120,500	129,000	138,500	149,500	162,000	176,000
waste)						
MSW	113,500	118,000			132,000	136,000
	110,000	110,000	123,000	127,500	102,000	100,000
Hazardous (inc						
Clinical and	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
radioactive)						
Sorting and						
transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0
capacity gap						
C&I (inc						
Agricultural	0	0	0	0	0	0
waste) and	-					
C&D	•	0		0		
MSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hazardous (inc						•
Clinical and	0	0	0	0	0	0
radioactive)						

Land requirements	25.5 ha	26 ha	29 ha	31 ha
Land requirements	25 ha	25 ha	29 ha	30 ha
Re-use and recycling	18 ha	18 ha	20 ha	22 ha
Re-use and recycling	17 ha	17 ha	20 ha	21 ha
'Other recovery'	8 ha	8 ha	9 ha	9 ha
Sorting and transfer	0	0	0	0

34 ha	36 ha
33 ha	35 ha
24 ha	26 ha
23 ha	25 ha
9.5 ha 10ha	10 ha
0	0

Landfill and disposal (tpa) (cumulative totals)

Disposal and landfill capacity gap	0	0	0	0	713,500	2,985,500
C&I (inc Agricultural waste) and MSW	0	0	0	0	290,500	1,776,000
Hazardous (inc Clinical and radioactive)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C&D	0	0	0	0	423,000	1,209,500

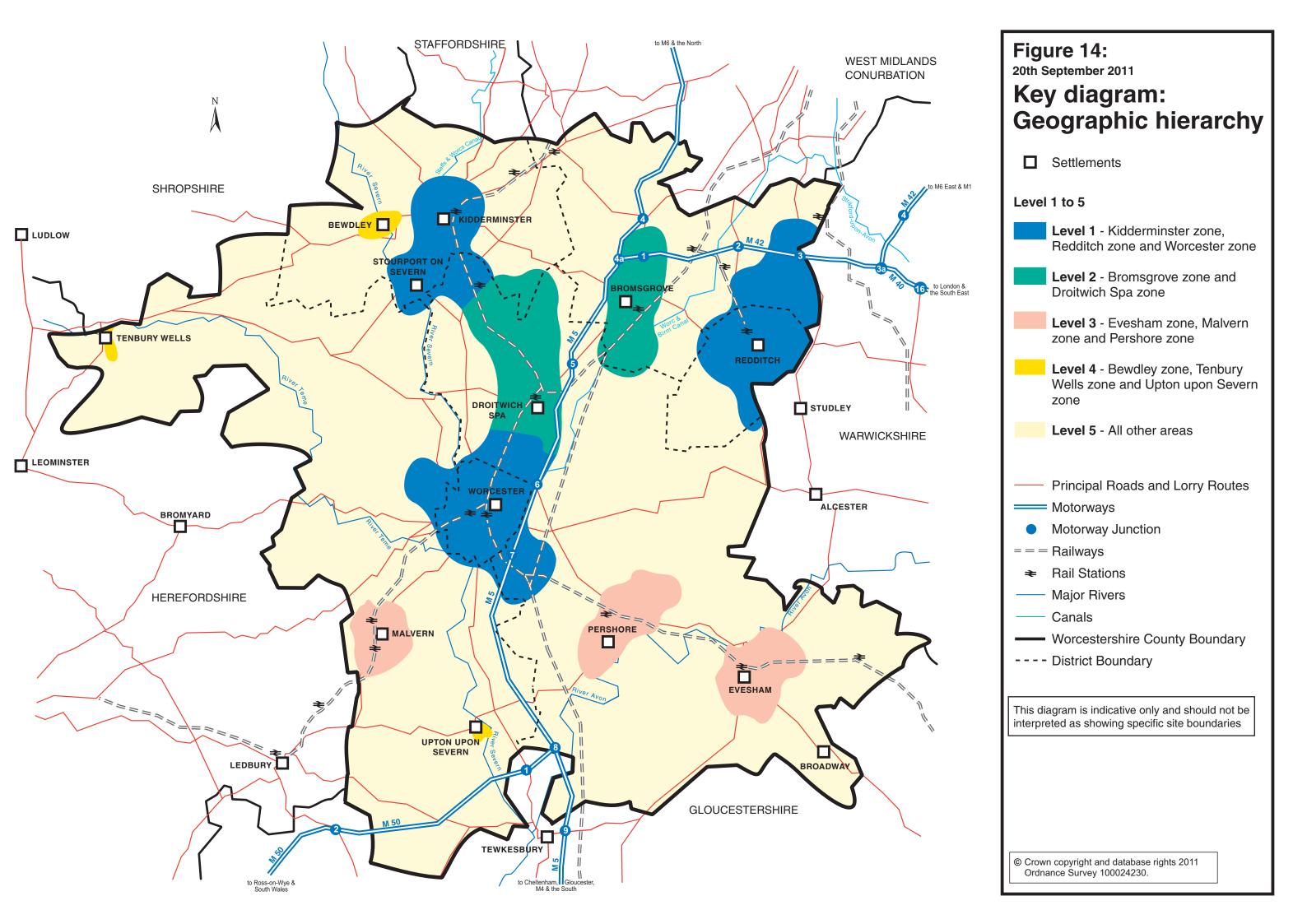
Note: Capacity gap figures rounded to the nearest 500 tonnes, Land requirements rounded to the nearest 0.5ha.

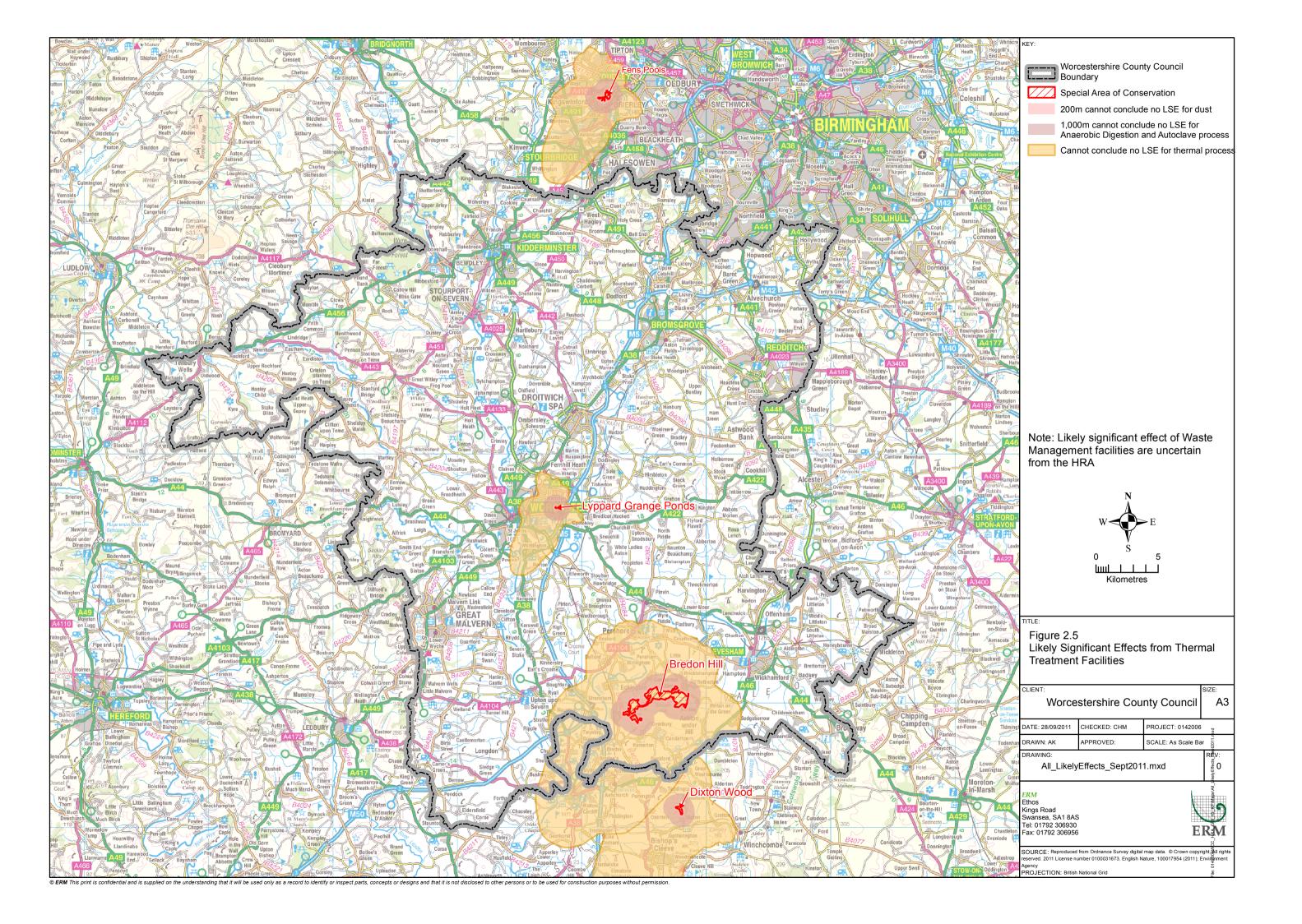
This appendix is based on the following assumptions:

Proportion of waste arisings managed through:	C&I (inc Agricultural waste)	MSW	Hazardous (inc Clinical and radioactive)	C&D
Minimum re-use and recycling	55%	50%	55%	25% Static plant (50% mobile plant *)
Working assumption for other recovery	20%	28%	20%	-
Maximum landfill or disposal	25%	22%	25%	25%

^{*} Mobile plant not included in the capacity gap calculations.

Further details are set out in *Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Background Document "Arisings and Capacity".*





Attachment 4

Figure 19. Identified areas of search

Geographic Hierarc	ny Level 1					
Geographic Hierarc		DY11 7PT				
	Birchen Coppice Trading Estate Cureley Distribution Dark	DY11 7P1				
	Cursley Distribution Park Figure int Business Bark	DY11 7FB				
	Finepoint Business Park File Business Park					
	Foley Business Park	DY11 7PT				
	Foley Industrial Estate	DY11 7DH				
Kidderminster zone	Former British Sugar Site	DY11 7QA				
	Gemini Business Park	DY11 7QL				
	Greenhill Industrial Estate	DY10 2RN				
	Hartlebury Trading Estate	DY10 4JB				
	Hoo Farm Industrial Estate	DY11 7RA				
	Ikon Trading Estate	DY10 4EU				
	Oldington Trading Estate	DY11 7QP				
	 Vale Industrial Estate 	DY11 7QU				
	East Moons Moat	B98 0RE				
	Kingfisher Enterprise Park	B98 8LG				
	Lakeside Industrial Estate	B98 8YW				
Podditoh -one	Park Farm Industrial Estate	B98 7SN				
Redditch zone	Pipers Road Park Farm	B98 0HU				
	Ravensbank Business Park	B98 9EX				
	Washford Industrial Estate	B98 0DH				
	Weights Farm Business Park	B97 6RG				
	Area 7 Industrial Park, Norton	WR5 2AU				
	Ball Mill Top Business Centre	WR2 6PD				
	Berkeley Business Park*	WR4 9FA				
	Buckholt Business Centre*	WR4 9ND				
	Diglis Industrial Estate*	WR5 3BX				
	Great Western Business Park*	WR4 9PT				
	Newtown Road Industrial Estate*	WR5 1HA				
Worcester zone A	Sherriff Street Industrial Estate*	WR4 9AB				
	Shire Business Park*	WR4 9FA				
	Shrub Hill Industrial Estate*	WR4 9EE				
		WR6 6NH				
	Top Barn Business Centre Venture Business Bork					
	Venture Business Park Warradan Business Park	WR2 4BD				
	Warndon Business Park* Wair Lang Industrial Estate*	WR4 9NE				
	Weir Lane Industrial Estate*	WR2 4BD				
	Great Western Business Park Newtown Board Industrial Factors					
Worcester zone B	Newtown Road Industrial Estate Newtown Road Industrial Estate					
	Sherriff Street Industrial Estate					
	Shrubhill Industrial Estate					
Geographic Hierarchy Level 2						
	Bromsgrove Technology Park	B60 3				
_	Buntsford Gate Business Park	B60 4JE				
Bromsgrove zone	Buntsford Hill Industrial Estate	B60 3AR				
	 Silver Birches and Basepoint Business Parks 	B60 3EU				
	Berry Hill Industrial Estate	WR9 9AU				
Desired 1 C	Stonebridge Cross Business Park	WR9 0LW				
Droitwich Spa	Hampton Lovett Industrial Estate	WR9 0NX				
zone	North Street Industrial Estate	WR9 8JB				
	Rushock Industrial Estate	WR9 0NR				
Geographic Hierarchy Level 3						
•	Bennetts Hill Business Park	WR11 8TB				
Evesham zone	Four Pools Industrial Estate	WR11 1XJ				
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	Vale Business Park	WR11 1TD
	Blackmore Business and Technology Park	WR14 3LF
	Enigma Business Park	WR14 1GD
Malvern zone	Link Business Centre	WR14 1UQ
	Merebrook Industrial Estate	WR13 6NP
	Spring Lane Industrial Estate	WR14 1AL
	 Keytec7 Business Park 	WR10 2JN
Pershore zone	Pershore Trading Estate	WR10 2DD
	Racecourse Road Trading Estate	WR10 2EY
Geographic Hierarc		
Bewdley zone	(No areas identified)	
Tenbury Wells		WR15 8FA
zone	Tenbury Business Park.	WICISOLA
Upton-upon- Severn zone	• Upton Business Centre, Welland Road WR8 0SW	

^{*} Area of Search inside area where it cannot be concluded that there will be no likely significant effect from waste management development on internationally designated sites (see Appendix 3).