

# Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy

PUBLICATION DOCUMENT (REGULATION 27)



We all produce waste and it is a fact of life that much of it is currently landfilled.

**However if we have the right type of waste management facilities in the right place at the right time, we can reuse, recycle or recover energy from our waste and turn it into a resource.**

The **Waste Core Strategy** is designed to make sure that there are enough opportunities for new waste management facilities in Worcestershire to be able to deal with the county's waste. It sets out how we will plan for waste management facilities in **Worcestershire until 2027**.

It will be used by the County Council to make decisions about planning applications for waste management facilities. City, Borough and District Councils in Worcestershire will also use it to make decisions about other types of planning applications that could have waste implications.

The Strategy will guide developers as to what type of development will be acceptable where and will encourage and stimulate businesses involved in recycling and re-use of resources.

## How did we get here?

The **Waste Core Strategy** has been shaped by consultation on the **Refreshed Issues and Options report** (autumn 2008), **Emerging Preferred options report** (late 2009 - early 2010) and the **First Draft Submission report** (late 2010).

All comments received during these consultations have been taken into account in preparing the **Publication Document (Regulation 27)**.

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## Where are we now?

We have now prepared the **Waste Core Strategy Publication Document (Regulation 27)**. This is the version of the Strategy that we intend to submit to the Secretary of State. He will appoint an inspector to assess the 'soundness' of the strategy.

At this stage we want your comments on the 'soundness' of the Strategy. 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**

**If you wish to comment on the soundness of the document you must do so between 22nd March and 4th May 2011.**

The publication document and response form are available on our website [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs](http://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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We have not prepared a summary document as it is important that your comments are on the soundness of **Waste Core Strategy** as a whole.

It is important that you make any comments by **5.30pm on 4th May 2011** as any comments made after this date will probably not be considered by the Planning Inspectorate when they assess the Strategy.

## What happens next?

We intend to submit the **Waste Core Strategy** to the Secretary of State in **Summer 2011**. Following this there will be an examination in public where the Planning Inspectorate considers the soundness of the **Waste Core Strategy**.

The Inspector will take account of any comments you make on this consultation and will choose which matters to discuss.

We expect the examination in public to take place in **Autumn 2011**.

If the **Waste Core Strategy** is found sound we expect to adopt the **Waste Core Strategy** in **early 2012**. It will then become part of the Development Plan which forms planning policy in Worcestershire.

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