

Worcestershire Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme (July 2022 . June 2025)

This scheme has been prepared in compliance with the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Contents

Worcestershire Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme (July 2022 . June 2025)1

1. Purpose of the Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme

1. Purpose of the Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme

- 1.1. The County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for Worcestershire and is responsible for all minerals and waste planning matters in the county.
- 1.2. The Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme (MWDS or LDS) sets out the requirements for the Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme for the coming three-year period. It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) that each Local Planning Authority should produce an LDS, which must

Development Plan Document	Detail
Local Plans and Development Plan Documents produced by Redditch Borough Council	<p>The adopted Local Plans and Development Plans produced by Redditch Borough Council are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Borough of Redditch Local Plan No 4 (2011 . 2030) adopted January 2017
Local Plans and Development Plan Documents produced by Wyre Forest District Council	<p>The adopted Local Plan produced by Wyre Forest District Council is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyre Forest Local Plan (2016-2036) adopted April 2022
Local Plans and Development Plan Documents produced by the South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills District, Worcester City, Wychavon District)	<p>The adopted Local Plans and Development Plans produced by the South Worcestershire Councils are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South Worcestershire Development Plan adopted February 2016.

South Worcestershire Councils are also revising their Local Plan and developing new Development Plan Documents, but these are not yet formally adopted as part of the Development Plan:

- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review . The Preferred Options consultation on the SWDP Review took place in November-December 2019. Publication and submission of the plan for examination is scheduled in the three South Worcestershire Schemes for late 2022.
-

Development Plan Document	Detail
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catshill and North Marlbrook (November 2021)• Lickey & Blackwell and Cofton Hackett (January 2020)	
In Malvern Hills district:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abberley (July 2021)	

4. Documents to be prepared July 2022 . June 2025

4.1. Over the next three years Worcestershire County Council aims to:

- consider the adoption of the Minerals Local Plan for Worcestershire at full Council,
- develop, submit and commence the examination in public of the Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan Document, and
- commence the review (and revision) of the Waste Core Strategy (Waste Local Plan).

4.2. Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4 below set out the content and timetable for producing these development plan documents. Further detail of the key tasks at each stage are set out in Appendix 2. All references to Regulations in this section refer to The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Table 2. Summary and Timetable for the Development and Adoption of the Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan

Item	Detail
Status:	Minerals Local Plan (Development Plan Document) to supersede the saved policies in the County of Hereford and Worcester Minerals Local Plan. Independent examination has been undertaken and the plan has recommended Main Modifications. Due to be considered for adoption by full Council in July 2022.
Role and content:	Set out the strategic policies

Item	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation on site selection methodology (December 2018-February 2019)• Fifth call for sites (January . March 2020)
	Interim consultation . COMPLETED:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

	<p>Preparatory work and development of Issues and Options consultation documents Q2 2024 . Q2 2025 and beyond the period of this LDS</p> <p>(Regulation 18): Issues and Options Consultation: Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS Preferred Options Consultation: Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS</p> <p>-submission) consultation (Regulation 19 & 20): Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS</p> <p>: Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS</p> <p>dependent Examination (Regulation 24): Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS</p> <p>(Regulation 25): Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS</p> <p>: Anticipated beyond the period of this LDS</p>
--	--

amendments to them to create a final draft, without the need for further formal approval by Cabinet.

- 5.6. However, the statutory Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) require that the plans must be approved by Cabinet and Council before submission to the Secretary of State for Examination and subsequently approved by them for adoption. The Minerals Local Plan has therefore been considered by Cabinet¹⁰ for a recommendation to full Council¹¹ for adoption (regulation 26

- 5.10. These risks will be monitored, and any major impacts on the development of the documents may require the Local Development Scheme to be revised.

6. Monitoring and Review

- 6.1. It is a statutory requirement that the Council prepares an Authority Monitoring Report¹² (AMR) to assess progress in the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the objectives of Worcestershire County Council's adopted development plan documents are being achieved or are still relevant.
- 6.2. In relation to each document included within the LDS, monitoring must be carried out on:
 - The timetable included for that specific document;
 - The stage that the document has reached in the production process; and
 - If the document is behind the timetable set out in the LDS, the reasons for this.
- 6.3. The AMR will be published as soon as practical after the relevant data becomes available. The AMR both informs the council's own work and feeds into the preparation of Local Development Documents produced by the County, District and Borough Councils. As well as progress in plan-making, this will be the opportunity to report on the monitoring indicators in adopted Local Plans to assess policy performance. The AMR will provide the evidence to consider whether there is a need to review the Development Plan Documents adopted by Worcestershire County Council prior to the date of review set in those documents.
- 6.4. A full review of the LDS will be undertaken if changes impact on the milestones in Table 2, Table 3, or Table 4 (see also Appendix 1).

¹² Formally called the "Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme Authority Monitoring Report". Available at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/amr.

Appendix 1:

Worcestershire Mineral and Waste Local Development Scheme (July 2022 . June 2025)

Table 7

Appendix 2: Key tasks and stages in planning policy development

All references to Regulations in this section refer to The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Table 8. Key tasks at each stage of plan development

Stage	Key tasks
-------	-----------

Stage	Key tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has been prepared meet all requirements set in relevant legislation) • Minimum of 6 week consultation period • Consultation in line with legislative requirements
Tasks to be completed before the plan can be submitted to the Secretary of State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a Programme Officer • Consider pre-submission representations • Collate pre-submission representations • Compile submission document library
Submission (Regulation 22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the document to the Secretary of State, who will appoint an independent Planning Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate
Examination (Regulation 24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions in formal written statements • Public hearing sessions are usually required • Participate in public hearing sessions to answer questions • Undertake any further work or develop any concerns about soundness or legal compliance • Undertake Sustainability Appraisal (and potentially other appraisals or assessments) of modifications • Public consultation on any necessary modifications - Minimum of 6 week consultation period • Participate in any further hearing sessions which the Inspector may require following the responses to consultation on the modifications
Examination Report (Regulation 25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This marks the end of the examination • The Inspector will recommend either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ that the plan should be adopted, ○ that it should be adopted with modifications, or ○ that it should not be adopted. • The Inspector will also provide a written report
Adoption (Regulation 26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan will be returned to Council with the Inspector's recommendation for the Council to decide whether to adopt the plan. • As soon as possible after adopting the plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publish the adopted Plan ○ Publish an Adoption Statement ○ Publish the Sustainability Appraisal report
After adoption: monitoring (Regulation 34) and review (Regulation 10A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of the implementation of the plan via the Authority Monitoring Report • Complete a review every five years from the date of adoption to determine whether policies remain relevant and effectively address the needs of the local community