

**Lancashire Local – Lancaster**  
Meeting to be held on 19 January 2010

**Part I - Item No. 10**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

**Consultation on the Local Development Framework: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

The first round of consultation on the Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies was held early in 2009. Following on from the first consultation Officers considered all the comments and formulated the current document "Consultation on Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies". Within the document there are a number of options put forward for potential future minerals and waste sites within Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

This is currently out for consultation with parties with a potential interest in Minerals and Waste, including companies within the Minerals and Waste industry, Elected Members, and owners of property (business and residential) in areas adjacent to proposed works, as well as the wider public. Letters have already been sent to around 21,000 residents and businesses near to potentially affected areas highlighting the proposals and the current consultation.

The purpose of this report is to highlight the consultation, as well as district specific proposals and ask the Local for its views. An email has already been circulated to Elected Members inviting them to attend manned exhibitions which are open to Members and the public which are taking place during January 2010. The details of these exhibitions are listed at Appendix 'A' to this report.

Officers from the County Council's Waste and Minerals Policy Group will be attending the Local on the evening of the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

**Decision Required**

The Local is asked to note the current consultation and offer its views.

## Background

In February 2009 the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy was adopted by the Joint Authorities (Lancashire County Council together with Blackpool, and Blackburn with Darwen Councils). This set out how much waste needed to be catered for, and the quantity of minerals that would be required to be worked. It did not however, identify sites where this would take place.

The Joint Planning authorities are now consulting on where the specific sites should be located. This is the second stage of a consultation that began in February of last year. The results of the initial consultation informed the more site specific consultation which is currently available for consultation between 7<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Later in 2010 there will be another consultation on the "Publication" draft. This will be a draft which the Joint Authorities believe to be capable of being adopted following examination by an independent planning inspector.

Therefore, it is important that interested parties get involved with this consultation as this is the opportunity to shape and make changes to any proposals or to introduce new ones.

The proposed consultation document presents a number of preferred options detailing proposals for implementing the policies identified in the Core Strategy, as well as other options that accord with the Core Strategy and have been considered but discounted through this initial stage.

It is important to stress that it is vital to provide a number of choices wherever possible, even if they are potentially controversial. Otherwise there is a risk that the process may be found unsound by the Planning Inspectorate

The Consultation on Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document concentrates on the allocation of minerals and waste sites within Lancashire up to 2021 and is split into the following chapters:

- Options for safeguarding mineral resources;
  - Allocating inert recycling facilities;
  - Allocating mineral sites;
  - Managing road transport;
  - Allocating built waste facilities;
  - Allocating landfill capacity;
  - Options for development management policies.
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- **Safeguarding Lancashire's mineral resources** – The report identifies those minerals that will be safeguarded for their long term future use, together with proposals for protecting peat resources.
  - **Allocating Inert Waste Recycling Facilities** – The report proposes sites where fixed recycling facilities would be permitted (subject to proper consideration of their impacts) to maximise the production of recycled aggregate from

Construction, Demolition and Excavation waste as an alternative to virgin aggregates, thus reducing the need for mineral extraction.

- **Allocating Mineral Sites** – The report sets out the current situation in respect of reserves with planning permission for aggregate minerals and the proposal that no new permissions will be required during the plan period. In the case of aggregate limestone, a "reserve" site is prioritised at the Kellet quarries.
- **Managing Road Transport** - To achieve sustainable minerals production and waste management the plan supports proposals for the movement of minerals and waste by means other than road by identifying a limited number of sites that could be safeguarded for possible rail depots or wharf facilities. Also identified are specific proposals to improve the existing road network to accommodate minerals and waste activities.
- **Allocating Capacity for managing our waste** – in supporting the policy of net self sufficiency the report proposes to prioritise a number of sites for built waste facilities. These are differentiated between Strategic, Other and Smaller Scale or Local Facilities depending on the characteristics of the sites. Subject to strict conditions built waste developments may be appropriate on other sites including greenfield land, In addition, a limited number of landfill sites for the deposit of hazardous, nuclear and inert wastes are proposed. Recognising the continuing but reducing need for land filling of Municipal and Industrial & commercial Waste, no new sites have been put forward for non- hazardous use.
- **Managing Minerals and Waste Developments** - the Consultation document favours a much streamlined policy approach which concentrates on specific impacts and issues around minerals and waste activities.

The full document can be found on Joint Authorities website at <http://lancashire-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> along with links to the supporting documents listed below;

- Pre-Submission Consultation Statement;
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal document;
- Detailed appraisal sheets.

Hard copies are available on request, and can be viewed at display points throughout the County.

The document details a number of options but it depends on the responses received as to how the Joint Authorities proceed, therefore it is important that views and comments are received from all interested parties.

## Consultations

In Lancaster an exhibition will be held at Lancaster Library, Market Square, on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. Appendix 1 details the other exhibitions which will take place within the Plan Area.

## Specific Proposals

In Lancaster district the following proposals are brought forward:

- Inert waste recycling Leapers Wood Quarry;
- Extension at Dunald Mill Quarry;
- Protection of rail sidings at Carnforth;
- Protection of operational wharfage at Heysham Dock;
- New road to allow access to reserves at Dunald Mill;
- Strategic waste management locations – land at Heysham Port;
- Other smaller waste management locations – land at Lancaster West Business Park, White Lund Industrial Estate and at Heysham Industrial Estate.

**Implications:**

**Risk Management**

No significant risks have been identified with the proposals contained within the report.

**Financial**

There are no financial implications at this stage.

**Any representations made to the Directorate prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans**

Name: Organisation: Comments:

N/A.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper Date Contact/Council/Tel

Nil.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.