

# **West Sussex Waste Local Plan**

## **Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Adoption Statement**

**April 2014**



Working in Partnership



## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The West Sussex Waste Local Plan has been produced by West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority (known as 'the Authorities'). The Waste Local Plan covers the period to 2031 and sets out a vision and strategic objectives. It includes strategies for waste planning and use-specific policies to deliver those strategies, together with generic development management policies against which proposals for waste development will be assessed. It also allocates strategic waste sites for new commercial facilities and includes a monitoring and implementation framework.
- 1.2 The Waste Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27 March 2013. Mr Brian Cook was appointed as the Planning Inspector to conduct an independent examination into the Waste Local Plan. The Hearing sessions on the Waste Local Plan took place in early July 2013.
- 1.3 The Authorities received the Inspector's Report on 17 February 2014. The Report concluded that, subject to a number of modifications which had been proposed by the Councils, the Waste Local Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Inspector therefore concluded that the Waste Local Plan is sound.
- 1.4 The Waste Local Plan has been formally adopted by the Authorities and came into force on 11 April 2014. It therefore forms part of the statutory Development Plan for each authority.
- 1.5 Article 9 of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive requires that when a plan or programme is adopted (in this case, the West Sussex Waste Local Plan), the consultation bodies, the public and any other Member States consulted on the Environmental Report (the Sustainability Appraisal- known as the SA Report) are informed and specific information is made available.
- 1.6 The table below sets out the information to be specified and where that information has been made available:

<b>SEA Requirement</b>	<b>Documents Produced</b>	<b>Section of the Sustainability Appraisal for the Adopted Waste Local Plan</b>
The Plan as adopted	Regulation 26 notice	N/a

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How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Waste Local Plan	Sustainability Appraisals  Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening of Likely Significant Effects  Habitats Regulations Assessment – Appropriate Assessment of Sites	Sections 1, 2 and 3
How the environmental report has been taken into account	Sustainability Appraisal  Draft Waste Local Plan  Proposed Submission Waste Local Plan	Sections 1, 2 and 3
How opinions expressed and results of public consultation have been taken into account	Consultation response documents produced throughout development of the Waste Local Plan  Summary of Comments and WSCC Response to the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report (August, 2012)	Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7
The reasons for choosing the Waste Local Plan as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives considered	Consultation response documents  Sustainability Appraisal  Statements on the Duty	Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

<b>SEA Requirement</b>	<b>Documents Produced</b>	<b>Section of the Sustainability Appraisal for the Adopted Waste Local Plan</b>
	to Cooperate	
The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan	Annual Monitoring Report Waste Local Plan monitoring framework Sustainability Appraisal	Section 8

- 1.7 The table above gathers information already produced in support of the Waste Local Plan to fulfil the requirements of the Post Adoption Statement.
- 1.8 Statutory consultees and members of the public were given the opportunity to comment on various stages of the SA documentation and draft versions of the Waste Local Plan.
- 1.9 Sections 4-7 of the SA Report outline the various appraisals undertaken which have informed the development of the Waste Local Plan.
- 1.10 An additional appraisal was undertaken of the Main Modifications to the Plan following the hearing part of the Public Examination in July 2013. An additional appraisal of the cumulative effects of the policies within the Plan was undertaken at the same time. This appraisal was prepared as an addendum to the main SA Report and was included as part of the consultation on the Main Modification which ran from 4 November to 16 December 2013.
- 1.11 The detail of earlier appraisals is contained within the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report (Regulation 18) published in August 2012. This document should be read in conjunction with all the SA documents, the Habitats Regulation Assessments, the draft Plan and the statements on the Duty to Cooperate, which provide further detail to the assessment of policy alternatives and the decisions taken throughout the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. These documents are all available via: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf)