

Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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Introduction

Oxfordshire County Council is required to produce a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) under sections 15 and 16 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The core purpose of the MWDS is to help communities and interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate, keep track of plan making progress by the local planning authority, which in this case is Oxfordshire County Council.

The MWDS must specify all the planning documents that the Oxfordshire County Council intends to prepare as part of the local development plan for minerals and waste matters throughout Oxfordshire. These planning documents are known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs).

The MWDS should also include details of other minerals and waste-related planning documents it will be looking to publish over the coming years. This may include supplementary planning documents (SPDs) and supporting plan making document such as a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the area and periodically updated Authority Monitoring Reports (AMRs).

Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 also requires that plan making intentions outlined in development schemes to be regularly appraised. Oxfordshire County Council will achieve this through the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

This MWDS, in line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, has been prepared to support the preparation of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and contains the following information:

- existing policy documents and their status;
- the planning policy documents that are to be prepared;
- the subject matter and geographical area to which the documents relate;
- the timetable for their preparation and review;

This MWDS will be kept under review and subsequent revisions taken through the appropriate process for approval. Once adopted, this MWDS will be published on the County Council's website.

Existing Policy Documents and Their Status

The local development plan documents relating to minerals and waste in Oxfordshire are:

The Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1 – Core Strategy (adopted September 2017)

Saved Policies of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 1996 (adopted July 1996). These were in part replaced by the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1, but some were intended to be replaced by the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations Document. Those policies have yet to be replaced and are still part of the development plan. These policies are

set out in Appendix 1 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1 – Core Strategy.

Work has been ongoing on the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations Document, however this had not progressed beyond the Regulation 18 stage of consultation.

The Planning Documents that are to be Prepared

Development Plan Documents

A single development plan document will be produced. This will be the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. It will provide a comprehensive local planning policy framework for minerals and waste covering the geographical area of Oxfordshire, including all district areas. As well as minerals and waste policies it will contain policies common to both minerals and waste. As a development plan document it will be in conformity with the NPPF, the NPPW and other relevant strategies. It will also be underpinned by robust evidence. The timetable for the production of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan is set out in annex 1.

Other Planning Documents

Statement of Community Involvement:

All local planning authorities must have in place a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). It should set out how the community and other interested parties will be involved in preparing, altering and reviewing planning documents and local planning guidance. It also explains how local consultation will take place when determining planning applications. In March 2020, an updated SCI for Oxfordshire was adopted – Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Revised Statement of Community Involvement. A statutory review of this SCI is not due to take place until March 2025.

Authority Monitoring Report:

The County Council is required to produce a statutory Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). This must contain information on the implementation of local plan-making as set out in the MWDS, progress and effectiveness of local development plan documents, and the extent to which the planning policies set out within DPDs are being achieved. The most recent AMR is available to view online. During this MWDS, the County Council intends to publish an updated AMR for each calendar year.

Local Aggregates Assessment:

The NPPF requires Minerals Planning Authorities to prepare a Local Aggregates Assessment (LAA). This document monitors the sales and reserves of sand and gravel in the County, along with other information such as the use of secondary and recycled aggregate. The LAA forecasts the demand for sand and gravel, looks at the various supply options, and makes an assessment of the balance between supply and demand. The LAA is published annually.

Annex 1

Stage of Plan Preparation	Timescale
Call for sites	<p>January – March 2023</p> <p>Landowners, agents and the minerals industry will be asked if they have any sites they would wish to be considered as potential sites for minerals or waste use.</p>
Initial Consultation (Regulation 18)	<p>June – August 2023</p> <p>This will contain our proposals on what we intend to review and ask for views on whether this is the correct approach.</p> <p>All sites nominated during the call for sites will be included in this consultation to ascertain initial views on their suitability.</p>
Draft Plan Consultation (Regulation 18)	<p>February – March 2024</p> <p>Consultation on a Draft Plan. This will set out the policy proposals and site specific allocations.</p>
Consultation on Final Plan (Regulation 19)	<p>September – October 2024</p> <p>This will make clear the changes from the draft plan stage and set out what is proposed to be submitted for independent examination.</p>
Submission of the Plan for independent examination. (Regulation 22)	<p>March 2025</p> <p>The timetable for the Examination in Public will be set by the Planning Inspectorate. The Examination is expected to last for a week.</p>
Inspectors Report	<p>September 2025</p> <p>The Inspector's Report expected to be published at this time, and the MWLP can then progress to adoption.</p>
Adoption	<p>March 2026</p>