

# **Buckinghamshire County Council : Information Sheet**

## **The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)**

The Regional Spatial Strategy (The South East Plan), was adopted in May 2009 and at the time of writing (September 2011) is still formally part of the development plan. However the Coalition Government, elected in May 2010, has announced its intention to abolish Regional Strategies in its Localism Bill which it expects to enact before the end of 2011.

## **Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (BM&WLP) 2004-2016 (June 2006)**

The County Council has produced a Minerals and Waste Local Plan which was adopted in April 2006.

### **Mineral sites**

**Preferred Area 1** (Springfield Farm) has received consent for the northern half of the defined site area. Application number: SPD/8203/06 and APP/P0430/A/09/2110566, for further information please call 01296 382111. The remainder of the site has yet to be consented.

**Preferred Areas 2** (New Denham) and **Preferred Area 3** (Denham Park Farm) : Preferred Areas 2 and 3 are identified for future mineral working, however both now have planning permission.

**Minerals Consultation Area:** This safeguards all economically important mineral deposits against other forms of development which may prevent or hinder their possible future extraction.

**Area of Search:** The Area of Search covers the whole administrative area of Buckinghamshire with the exception of the Preferred Areas. Although there should be no need to seek additional areas for sand and gravel working beyond the Preferred Areas during this plan period.

**Waste sites :** The waste element of the plan contained four new proposals.

**High Heavens and London Road:** The BM&WLP safeguards sites for waste transfer facilities at High Heavens Waste Complex, High Wycombe and London Road Depot, Amersham.

**Aston Clinton:** The BM&WLP allocates a site for a Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Aston Clinton (now open).

**Richings Park:** The BM&WLP safeguards a site for a possible Multi-Modal Waste Transfer Facility near Richings Park, Iver.

**Rail sites : Griffin Lane and Thorney Mill:** The sites at Griffin Lane, Aylesbury and at Thorney Mill, Iver are safeguarded for a potential rail aggregate depot and existing rail aggregate depot respectively.

The majority of the BM&WLP policies were “saved” by the Government in March 2009, and remain in operation until replaced by new policies under the Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework (see below). A list of which saved policies will be replaced by the relevant Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework are available at:  
[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste\\_mineral\\_plans/local\\_plan\\_200416.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste_mineral_plans/local_plan_200416.page)



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## **Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework (MWLDF)**

The County Council is currently preparing a MWLDF which will replace the BM&WLP. It is a portfolio of various development plans and other documents. The Development Plan Documents (DPDs) will consist of a Core Strategy DPD that will cover the strategic allocations and policies relating to both minerals and waste planning, and separate detailed Minerals and Waste DPDs which will be site specific on local minerals and waste development.

### **Minerals Development Plan Document : Preferred Options (September 2007)**

The Minerals DPD Preferred Options consultation took place in September 2007 and identified 11 sand and gravel sites, all located in the Thames Valley. The Preferred Options proposed to phase these sites over the plan period and beyond by identifying two Preferred Areas to cover the early part of the plan period, four phased sites to cover the later stages and five safeguarded areas for the later plan period. The location of these sites are at Taplow, Iver Heath, New Denham, Lake End, Hedgerley, Shreding Green, George Green and Middle Green.

The Council intends to progress the Minerals DPD and the Waste DPD to adoption, following completion of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD.

### **Waste Development Plan Document : Preferred Options (June 2007)**

The Waste DPD Preferred Options consultation exercise ended in August 2007. It identified 8 potential sites to accommodate waste facilities in addition to the 4 sites identified in the BM&WLP (see above). These sites could make provision for Buckinghamshire's waste needs until 2026. The 8 sites are located at Calvert, Gerrards Cross, Beaconsfield, Woodham, Long Crendon, Haddenham, Winslow and Buckingham.

The Council intends to progress the Minerals DPD and the Waste DPD to adoption, following completion of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.

### **Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document, Preferred Options (February 2008)**

The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation ended on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008. It identified sites for potential strategic waste facilities at Buckingham, Calvert, Aston Clinton, High Wycombe, Amersham, Gerrards Cross and Iver with two reserve sites at Woodham and Beaconsfield.

### **Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document, Submission (September 2011)**

Buckinghamshire's Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (MWCS) is now undergoing a six week public consultation. The consultation begins on Monday, September 5 and will last until Friday, 14 October 2011.

The core strategy sets out the council's vision, objectives and planning policy framework for future minerals and waste development management up to 2026. One of the main aims is to help prevent waste arising in the first place, and then to significantly increase recycling from waste that is generated. For waste that cannot be recycled, the strategy is to "recover" energy by producing electricity. Only as a very last resort will waste be landfilled.

**Calvert Landfill Site, High Heavens and London Road :** The plan identifies a single location for a "Strategic Waste Complex" (SWC) - to include an energy recovery facility at Calvert landfill site. The SWC will be served by linked waste transfer stations at High Heavens Waste Complex, High Wycombe, and London Road Depot,



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Amersham. These will bulk "unrecyclable" waste arising within Wycombe, South Bucks and Chiltern Districts before transferring it to the Calvert SWC by road.

**Thorney Mill and Richings Park:** The plan also provides for safeguarded rail waste transfer from sites at Thorney Mill and Richings Park to move this waste, should this prove to be deliverable in the future.

**Minerals Consultation Area:** For minerals, the strategy aims to meet the Government's requirement for sand and gravel extraction in Buckinghamshire, whilst conserving minerals for future needs, by retaining the Minerals Safeguarding Area in the Thames Valley area, where the deepest and most commercially viable deposits are found.

**Area of Search:** An Area of Search will be established in north Buckinghamshire to determine the extent of potential sand and gravel deposits, which could contribute to development needs there.

The consultation materials can be found by logging on to [www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwccsconsult](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwccsconsult), until 14 October 2011, and thereafter the MWCS will be on the Council's planning website pages.

Once the consultation has finished the Core Strategy is programmed to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2011, ahead of a Public Examination in July 2012.

### Hard copies of Minerals and Waste Plans

Copies of these plans are available from Planning and Transportation, Buckinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Aylesbury HP20 1UX. Telephone 01296 382822 at a pre-paid price of: -

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| Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste local Plan 2004 – 2016              | £10.00 + P&P |
| Buckinghamshire Waste Development Plan Document (Preferred Options)    | Free         |
| Buckinghamshire Minerals Development Plan Document (Preferred Options) | Free         |
| Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (Preferred Options)   | Free         |
| Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (Submission)          | £10.00 + P&P |

### Electronic copies of Minerals and Waste Plans

Alternatively the Minerals and Waste Plans are available online at <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk> following the path: Services>Environment>Planning>Minerals and waste local plan 2004-16 or Minerals and waste local development framework or clicking the links below:

#### Minerals and Waste Local Plan :

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste\\_mineral\\_plans/local\\_plan\\_200416.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste_mineral_plans/local_plan_200416.page)

#### Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework :

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