

Central and Eastern Berkshire

Joint Minerals and Waste Plan

Issues and Options Consultation - Response Form

The Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities (Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council) are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision making in the Plan area up until 2036.

The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, and improve, update and strengthen the policies and provide details of strategic sites that are proposed to deliver the vision.

The first stage in plan-preparation is known as the 'Issues and Options' Consultation and runs between 9 June 2017 and 21 July 2017. The purpose of this consultation is to engage the community in discussion on the **Issues** for managing minerals and waste for the next 20 years. It is also an opportunity to gather more evidence to inform the **Options** for the plan policies and site allocations.

The questions in this response form refer to the Issues and Options document. Further information, details and other documents related to the Issues and Options Consultation can be found via www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult, where you can also find the on-line version of this survey.



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This document is split into several sections. Please answer as many questions as you can. You can answer questions on just one section or all of them, and you may wish to miss out any questions you feel unable to answer.

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- Personal details (page 3)
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- Minerals (page 6)
- Waste (page 18)
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Once completed, please return copies of this response form by **5pm on 21 July 2017** to:

Hampshire Services
Strategic Planning
Elizabeth II Court West
The Castle
Winchester
SO23 8UD

Or via email to Berks.Consult@hants.gov.uk

Personal details

First name (<i>required field</i>)	Anthony
Surname (<i>required field</i>)	Goodchild
Your address	
Your email address	
Your organisation (if applicable)	(As a member of the Green Party and Friends of the Earth)

Respondent capacity (please tick as appropriate)

Resident	Yes
Local Business	No
Minerals and Waste Industry	No
Parish Council	No
District Council	No
County or Parish Councillor	No
Other (please specify in the right hand column)	Personal

Are you happy for us to contact you following this survey, with updates on Central and Eastern Berkshire minerals and waste work? (please tick as appropriate) (*required field*)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Data Protection Statement

This survey is being carried out by Hampshire Services on behalf of Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities'). All of these individual authorities are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

The information you have provided in this questionnaire will be used for the purposes of the consultation and will not be used for any other purpose. All individuals' responses will be kept confidential and will only be shared with the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities.

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Multiple Recipients Guidance

If you are a consultee for one or more of the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities you may have received multiple invitations to respond to the consultation. Please note that only one response from each organisation is necessary unless different parts of the organisation wish to respond on different matters.

Alternative Format Statement

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Section 1 - Plan Direction and Section 2 – Minerals

Questions 1 to 70:

- I do not have sufficient experience to answer them.

Section 2 - Waste Issues

Questions 71 to 95:

- I do not have sufficient experience to answer them.

Page 57: Future waste arisings

Issue: there are a number of national and local development projects which will impact waste growth in Central and Eastern Berkshire.

Issue: waste arisings growth estimates need to work with a set of reasonable assumptions.

Q96 Should we use waste management changes in the past as a basis for predicting waste arisings in the future?

Yes	X
No	
Don't Know	

Q97 If yes, are trends over the past 10 years a good period of time to use?

Yes	
No	
Don't Know	X

Q98 Should we weight waste arising predictions to take account of population and business growth predicted in the constituent authorities' emerging local plans?

Yes	X
No	
Don't Know	

Comment: It is unquestionable that population and business growth will have impacts on waste generation.

Q99 Should we use a range of scenarios including introducing a buffer of 15% above our estimates and 15% below our estimates to demonstrate the unpredictability of future waste arisings?

Yes	X
No	
Don't Know	

Q100 Do you agree with the assumptions recommended for use in waste forecasting in the Planning Practice Guidance for waste?

Yes	
No	
Don't Know	X

Q101 What other assumptions do you think we should use?

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In future, one would expect changes in the quantity of green waste produced per household:

- With the introduction of a green waste collection charge in Reading, an increasing number of households may retain their green waste, e.g. for composting or incineration at home, leading to reduction in green waste received at facilities per household.
- The tendency for smaller gardens, e.g. through increasing housing density, infill on existing gardens, increases in paving, decking and artificial grass, would tend to reduce green waste generation per household.
- On the other hand, the green waste produced from trees would be affected by:
 - The removal of trees during building work (in the short term); or
 - by a policy of encouraging urban trees (which would increase the production of prunings in the long term)

In future, one would expect changes in the volume of domestic “garbage” waste:

- Decreases, though supermarkets’ reduction of bulkiness of packaging, and
- Increases, through the increased consumption of packaged pre-cooked food.

Q102 Do you agree with the use of low, medium and high waste growth scenario?

The proposals and assumptions seem reasonable and practical, although I do not have sufficient experience to give detailed answers.

Q103 Do you have suggestions about what range of waste growth The Plan should consider, providing reasons and data sources?

Please see answer to Question 101

Future waste capacity

Issue: waste scenarios offer a way of comparing different waste management planning options, but there are many possible scenarios not all of which can be explored.

Q104 Do you agree that we should use waste scenarios to explore waste management planning options?

Yes	X
No	
Don't Know	

Q105 Do you agree with the four scenarios discussed in paragraph 10.26 of the Consultation Paper and that they cover the majority of options?

Yes	
No	
Don't Know	X

Q106 If not, what scenarios would you suggest?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Locational requirements for waste facilities

Issue: there are many types of waste management facilities, with differing locational requirements

Q107 Do you agree with the seven broad categories of waste management facilities listed in paragraph 10.28 of the Consultation Paper as a useful way of grouping them by locational requirements?

Yes	
No	
Don't Know	X

Q108 If not, what are your suggestions and why?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Q109 Do you have any comments on the particular planning considerations they may have?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Transportation of waste

Issue: Central and Eastern Berkshire is well connected by road and rail. It is assumed that all waste movements are undertaken by road due to the lack of any rail depot or wharf within The Plan area.

Q110 Do you agree with the assumption that all waste is currently transported by road in Central and Eastern Berkshire?

Yes	X
No	
Don't Know	

Q111 Do you agree that it is unlikely that waste will be transported by water during The Plan period?

Yes	X
No	
Don't Know	

Q112 If you disagree, please state where the transfer docks should be located

N/A

Q113 Do you agree that transportation of waste by rail should be encouraged, where possible?

Yes	X
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No	
Don't Know	

Q114 If you agree, please state where the rail depot facilities should be located

I do not have sufficient knowledge to answer.

Q115 What comments do you have on the: Minerals Background Study?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Q116 What comments do you have on the: Waste Background Study?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Q117 What comments do you have on the Site Methodology Assessment?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Q118 What comments do you have on the other Methodologies (Landscape, Transport and Industrial Estate Review)?

I do not have sufficient experience to answer.

Q119 What comments do you have on the Equalities Impact Assessment?

This is essential, wherever it is relevant to the issues.