LOCAL PLANS COMMITTEE  
14th June 2011

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework

SYNOPSIS
This report advises Members on the adoption of the Locations for Waste Development DPD within the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework

1. Relevant Background Details
1.1 The County Council is working on producing the Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) which will be the land use planning strategy for minerals and waste-related development in the county to 2026. It will set out the strategy for investment in new waste and minerals development, and identify suitable locations within the county. The framework will progressively replace the existing Minerals and Waste Local Plan adopted in 2006.

1.2 The Northamptonshire MWDF comprises of the following Development Plan Documents (DPDs):

- **The Core Strategy DPD**- sets out the broad strategy for minerals and waste in the county and the levels of provision required. The Core Strategy was adopted by Northamptonshire County Council on 20th May 2010;

- **Locations for Waste Development DPD**, which identifies specific sites and key locations for waste-related development, adopted by Northamptonshire County Council on the 24th March 2011;

- **Locations for Minerals Development DPD**, which identifies specific sites for minerals related development, adopted by Northamptonshire County Council on the 24th March 2011;

- **The Proposals Map**, which identifies the sites and other key designations on a detailed map. Once all components of the MWDF have been completed, the Proposals Map will be formally adopted.

**Control and Management of Development DPD** which covers aspects of controlling and managing minerals and waste-related development, such as traffic, environmental impact, amenity impact and after use following temporary development. Following public examination this document has now been found sound and is proposed to be adopted by County Council on the 30th June 2011.

2. The adopted Locations for Waste Development DPD
2.1 Corby Borough Council has responded to numerous consultations during the development of the MWDF. The greatest involvement has been with the Locations for Waste Development DPD which aims to address the capacity gaps for waste management outlined within the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.

2.2 Members of Local Plan Committee on the 18th February 2009 strongly objected to the Locations for Waste Development DPD. Objections were based on the scale of waste facilities proposed for the Corby Borough, and the document’s interpretation of the Core Strategy. These objections were submitted as formal representations to the consultation.

2.3 Subsequently, at the next stage of the plan making process, Corby Borough Council was invited to appear at the Examination in Public for the DPD by the independent inspector. At the examination, Corby Borough Council attended five of the hearing sessions and submitted written supported statements to expand on the original objections. The details of Corby’s
approach to the examination and the content of the supporting statements were put to
Members of the Local Plan Committee in October 2010.

2.4 Throughout the examination, Corby was discussed at length in a number of the hearing
sessions, and the inspector explored the argument put forward by Members that a too high
proportion of sites had been attributed to the borough.

2.5 Following the examination, the inspector produced a written report which concluded that the
DPD is ‘sound’ subject to minor changes put forward during the examination process. Within
this report the Inspector identified the following main issues:

- The sites which are allocated accord with the spatial distribution identified in the Core
  Strategy. Within Corby this includes 2 integrated waste management facilities, 2 facilities
  to be located within or adjacent to urban areas and 4 industrial areas where waste
  management facilities could be located. Appendix A to this report outlines the locations
  and details of the adopted waste allocations within Corby.
- That it has to be acknowledged that Corby has a significant manufacturing and industrial
  base and, recognising the proportion of waste arising from the commercial and industrial
  sector, it is not inappropriate to want to process a large proportion of this in Corby. If a
  significant proportion of the waste to be managed is generated in the Corby area, then a
  localised concentration could minimise ‘waste miles’ hauling materials across the County
to other locations.
- That the Control and Management of Development DPD would be assessed with the
  Locations for Waste DPD in mind, and that the policies within this document should
  ensure that the cumulative effects of sites, such as traffic, environmental impact, amenity
  impact and after use are considered prior to, and during development.
- Waste management processes are increasingly becoming similar to general
  industrial/warehousing (B2/B8) type development, in that they take place within an
  enclosed building or have an industrial type character and generate a similar number of
  heavy goods vehicle movements as for lorries delivering to industrial premises generally.
- Waste management is a rapidly evolving industry and waste management techniques
  are becoming more efficient and integrated processes.

2.6 Members are reminded that the Inspectors Report in its entirety is binding on the Local
Planning Authority. Northamptonshire County Council formally adopted the DPD on the
24th March 2011, therefore the policies and allocations outlined within the document now
formally apply to Corby. A hard copy of the adopted DPD and Inspectors report is
available in the Member’s room.

3. Issues to be taken into account:--

Policy Priorities
The County Council is the minerals and waste planning authority for Northamptonshire. In
addition to having responsibility for determining planning applications for mineral and waste
development, it is responsible for producing the MWDF for Northamptonshire. The MWDF will
eventually replace the existing Minerals and Waste Local Plans and form part of the statutory
development plan alongside the Local Development Framework.

Financial, Performance Information, Best Value, Community Safety,
None as a result of this report

Legal
The relevant law is: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Human Rights, Equalities
There are no human rights/equalities implications

Sustainability
The Plan will promote sustainable development and all components of the MWDF are subject
to a Sustainability Appraisal including a Strategic Environmental Assessment.
4. Conclusion
The Locations for Waste Development DPD has now been adopted by Northamptonshire County Council. The adopted Plan will have the fullest weight in the planning process and will formally become part of the Development Plan for Corby Borough for the purposes of Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

5. Recommendation
That Members note the progress of the Northamptonshire MWDF and the adoption of the Locations for Waste Development DPD.

Appendices
Appendix 1: Waste allocations within Corby

Background Documents
Locations for Waste Development DPD
Inspectors report on the examination of the Locations for Waste Development DPD
Hard copies are available in the Member’s Room

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Appendix 1- Waste allocations within Corby

Integrated Waste Management Facilities

WS2: Corby - South East

Location details: Parish of Weldon, Corby
Grid Reference: SP 919 885
Area: 25.9 ha

Site characteristics:
- Located adjacent to an existing industrial operation, but generally away from sensitive residential uses.
- Overlays a major aquifer and is located within 600 m of an indicative flood plain, flood zone and main river.

Development requirements:
- Access via Kettering Road from A43 to the west with improvements to the A43 junction as appropriate.
Location details:
Parish of Weldon, Corby

Grid Reference:
SP 910 891

Area:
8.8 ha

Site characteristics:
- Located within an existing industrial area. The site has been previously extensively quarried.
- Overlays a minor aquifer and is adjacent to an indicative flood plain, identified flood zone and is bordered by a main river to the south.
- Built development to be located in areas of lowest flood risk, avoiding areas affected by highest level of flood risk (southern boundary of the site).
Waste Management Uses in or adjacent to urban areas

**WS9: Corby - Gretton Brook Road**

**Location details:**
Parish of Gretton, Corby

**Grid Reference:**
SP 897 915

**Area:**
1.7 ha

**Site characteristics:**
- Located in an existing industrial area, near a power station.
- Directly abuts the Brookfield Plantation CWS.
- Overlays a minor aquifer, is adjacent an indicative floodplain, identified flood zone and main river (within 100 m).
- No specific strategic requirements.

**Development requirements:**
WS10: Corby - Pilot Road

Location details:
Corby

Grid Reference:
SP 902 896

Area:
2.8 ha

Site characteristics:
- Located in an existing industrial area
- Overlaps a minor aquifer and is located 1 km from a main river, and 450 m from an identified flood zone and indicative flood plain.
- No specific strategic requirements.

Development requirements:
Industrial Areas for Waste Management Uses

WL15: Corby - Oakley Hay

WL16: Corby – Earlstrees