



## *Suffolk Minerals & Waste Development Scheme*

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## **1. SUFFOLK MINERALS & WASTE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

- 1.1 This revised Minerals & Waste Development Scheme sets out the programme for the preparation of the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework (the “Development Framework”). The Development Framework is set out in diagrammatic form in Figure 1.
- 1.2 Suffolk County Council is the minerals and waste planning authority for Suffolk and therefore responsible for the determination of planning applications for minerals and waste development, planning enforcement, and for producing minerals and waste planning policy documents.
- 1.3 Following the Planning and Compensation Act of 2004, the County Council produced the following minerals and waste Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that are still in force:
  - a) Suffolk Minerals Core Strategy (adopted 2008);
  - b) Suffolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations (adopted 2009) and;
  - c) Suffolk Waste Core Strategy (adopted 2011).
- 1.4 Suffolk County Council has decided that it will produce a single Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan (the “Plan”) to replace all three of the existing DPDs.
- 1.5 The process leading to the adoption of the Plan will follow the approved Statement of Community Involvement (adopted 2015) that sets out the County Council’s approach to public consultation upon planning applications and policy documents.
- 1.6 It is not intended to produce any Supplementary Planning Documents at the present time. These deal with particular issues such as restoration of minerals sites that require further clarification and given the relatively low number of applications it is considered that there is not currently the justification for such a document.

## **2. SUFFOLK MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

- 2.1 The Plan will make provision for minerals and waste development until 2036 within the context of town and country planning legislation and guidance, and in co-operation with surrounding local authorities including through the East of England Aggregates Working Party and the East of England Waste Technical Advisory Body.
- 2.2 In terms of minerals, this includes identifying further sites for sand and gravel extraction on a Proposal Map, in order to seek to maintain a landbank of permitted reserves equivalent to at least 7 years production. For waste, this means planning for the provision of waste facilities equivalent to the amount of waste arising within the County.

- 2.3 The plan will include policies for use in the determination of planning applications and for the safeguarding of minerals and waste development from other competing forms of development.

### **3. TIMETABLE FOR PRODUCING THE SUFFOLK MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

- 3.1 The amended timescale for the Plan is appended to the back of this document (see Chart 1).

### **4. EXISTING MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING POLICIES**

- 4.1 Pending the adoption of the Plan the existing policies contained within the Minerals Core Strategy, Minerals Specific Site Allocations and Waste Core Strategy DPDs will remain in force.

### **5. SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment, will run parallel to the Plan, culminating in the submission of the final Sustainability Appraisal alongside the Plan. The purpose of the SA is to assess the potential economic, social and environmental impacts of the Plan.

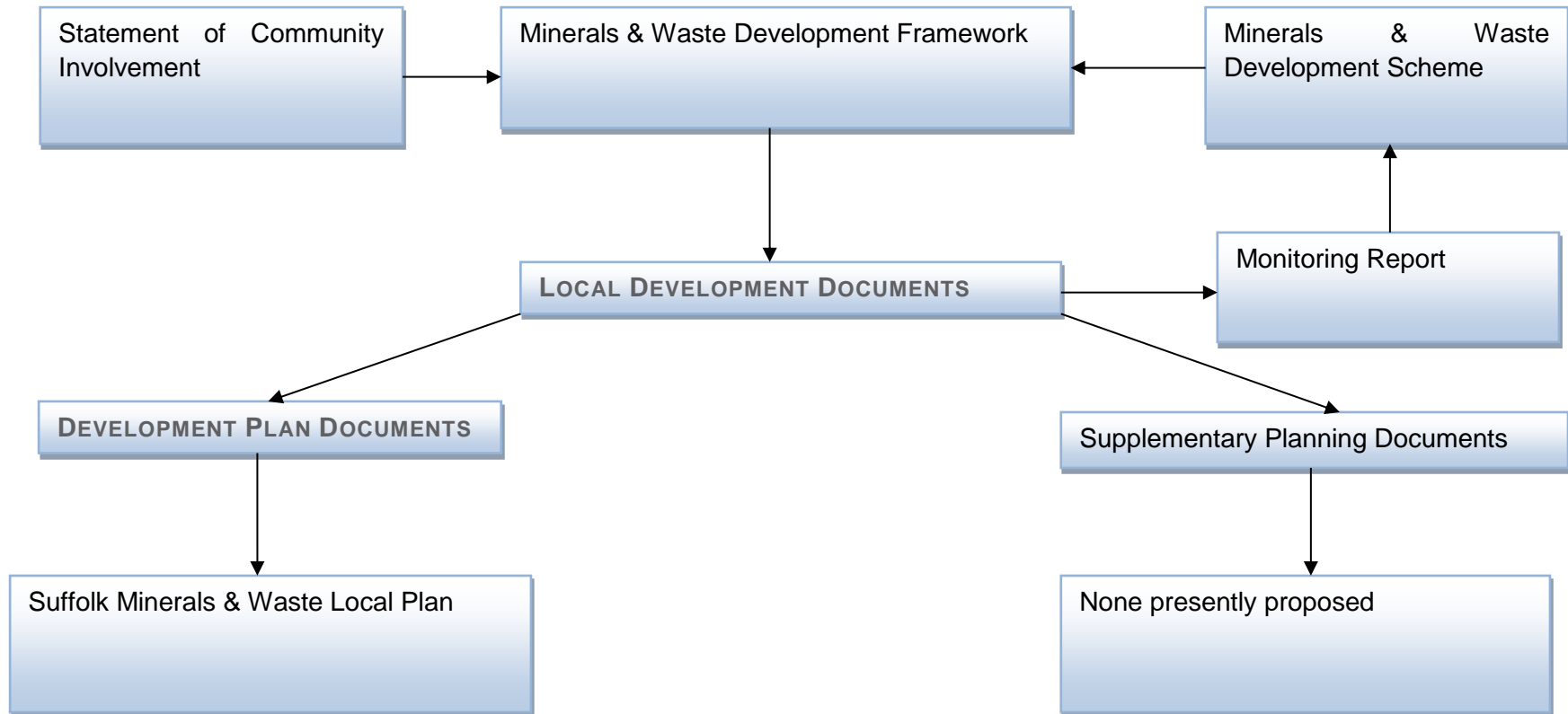
### **6. MONITORING OF THE SCHEME AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 Monitoring of minerals and waste applications and the use of plan policies and the level of provision for minerals and waste development is to be included in the annual Suffolk Local Aggregates Assessment.

### **7. RISKS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- 7.1 The original timescale envisaged for the Plan when superimposed over the calendar has been found to be impracticable and therefore a revised timescale was necessary. Potentially further delays to the final adoption of the Plan may arise if modifications are required by the Inspector following the Examination in Public. The plan will however be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications by that stage.

**FIGURE 1. SUFFOLK MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**



<b>CHART 1: REVISED TIMESCALE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE SUFFOLK MINERALS &amp; WASTE LOCAL PLAN</b>												
	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	June 19	July 19	Aug 19	Sep 19
County Council considers Appropriate Assessment												
Public consultation upon the Appropriate Assessment												
Submission of Plan and supporting documents												
Examination preparation												
Examination in Public												
Inspectors Report preparation												
Inspectors Report received												
Publish Report												
Council adopts Plan												

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Monitoring Report:** the monitoring report assesses the implementation of the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme and the extent to which policies are being successfully implemented.

**Development Plan:** an authority's development plan consists of the Development Plan Documents contained within its Local Development Framework.

**Development Plan Documents:** Spatial planning documents that are subject to independent examination and form the development plan for a local planning authority area for the purposes of the Act.

**Local Development Documents:** the collective term for Development Plan Documents, and Supplementary Planning Documents.

**Local Development Framework:** consists of Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents, a Statement of Community Involvement, the Local Development Scheme and Monitoring Reports. Together these documents provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for a local authority area.

**Local Development Scheme:** sets out the programme for preparing Local Development Documents.

**Minerals & Waste Development Framework:** in counties such as Suffolk, the County Council will be responsible for producing Minerals & Waste Development Frameworks and Schemes. The latter will be the equivalent of the Local Development Scheme.

**Proposals Map:** the adopted proposals map illustrates on an Ordnance Survey base map plan proposals and safeguarded areas referred to in the Development Plan Documents.

**Statement of Community Involvement:** sets out the standards which authorities will achieve with regard to involving local communities in the preparation of Local Development Documents and development control decisions.

**Strategic Environmental Assessment:** is a requirement of European Law that requires the assessment of Local Development Documents

**Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan:** sets out the long-term spatial vision for minerals and waste development in the local planning authority area, the spatial objectives and policies to deliver that vision. Proposed sites are also identified. The Plan will have the status of a Development Plan Document

**Supplementary Planning Documents:** provide supplementary information in respect of the policies in Development Plan Documents. They do not form part of the Development Plan and are not subject to independent examination.

**Sustainability Appraisal:** is a tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect sustainable development objectives (i.e. social, environmental and economic factors) and required in the Act to be undertaken for all Local Development Documents. This is wider than Strategic Environmental Assessment and normally incorporates it.



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