

Warwickshire County Council
Minerals and Waste Development Scheme
2004 – 2007

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Summary

This Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) is a critical part of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF), giving an opportunity for the County to set out its current planning policies and to explain to the local community those plans and policies that it proposes to prepare over the next three years. The document covers the period 2004 – 2007. It identifies key milestones in the preparation of mineral and waste development documents, which will be project managed and subject to continuous review. The MWDS has been formally approved by the County Council and submitted to the Secretary of State. Should there be no objections raised by him within 28 days of submission it comes into effect.

The County is required to produce an MWDS under the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Act requires local planning authorities to prepare a new series of planning documents which together make up a "Minerals and Waste Development Framework" (MWDF). One of the roles of this MWDS is to explain how the various constituent that make up the MWDF fit together.

The key priorities for Warwickshire County Council over the three year period 2004-2007 are as follows:-

Document	Comment
Statement of Community Involvement	This document outlines the standards and approach that the County will undertake in involving stakeholders and the local community in producing all its LDDs.
Waste Core Strategy	This will set a long term vision, objectives and strategy for waste development across the County up to 2021, and provide the framework for waste development control.
Waste Allocations DPD	This will provide detailed allocations for waste related development and criteria based policies where this is not possible.
Minerals Core Strategy	This will set a long term vision, objectives and strategy for mineral development across the County up to 2021, and provide the framework for mineral development control.
Minerals Allocations DPD	This will provide detailed allocations for mineral related development and criteria based policies where this is not possible.
Proposals Map	This will illustrate the policies set out in all development plan documents.

This MWDS explains how these documents will be prepared, including outlining when community and stakeholder involvement will be sought. It also explains what will be the role, relationship and status of other existing planning documents, including the Warwickshire Structure Plan, the District's Development Documents and the Regional Spatial Strategy.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) has been prepared to give the local community and all interested parties information on two important areas:-
 - What are the current mineral and waste planning policies that are being applied to Warwickshire County, and
 - What is the programme for reviewing these policies to provide updated policies for the County.
- 1.2 The County Council is required to produce a MWDS under the terms of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The legislation and accompanying regulations and guidance from Government give a framework within which the County Council must operate as it prepares this document. The MWDS identifies the first three-years programme of work, but also indicates in general terms what work is proposed beyond the three year period. It identifies key milestones in the preparation of mineral and waste development documents, which will be project managed and subject to continuous review. It must also be submitted to the Secretary of State, and should there be no objections raised by him within 28 days of submission it comes into effect.
- 1.3 In producing this MWDS, the County Council is committed to the following:-
 - To make the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme as clear to understand as possible,
 - To publish the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme on the Council's web site (www.warwickshire.gov.uk/planning).
- 1.4 Although this MWDS will be reviewed annually, the County Council may, from time to time, need to update it more frequently. This may happen if, for example, circumstances require the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) or there is a sudden change in circumstances requiring an early review of an LDD. When this happens, the County Council will submit a revised MWDS to the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate (as necessary) and will publish this as an amendment to the MWDS on our web site.

2. Relationship with existing Planning Policy Documents

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the key planning documents that cover the County Council at the present time, including those prepared by other planning authorities. In particular it gives guidance on the current state and status of documents prepared by the Regional Planning Body, as well as other planning authorities.
- 2.2 However, before setting the context, it is important to understand how the various documents relate to one another, and what their status is. This is particularly important given the recent changes in legislation, and the fact that County Council has current planning policy prepared under the previous legislative framework. The key terms used within this Scheme are as follows:-

Document Waste Local plan	WLP	Definition Detailed statutory land use plan produced by the County Council setting out specific policies and proposals to be applied to Planning Applications for waste management facilities such as landfill sites, incinerators and recycling depots.
Minerals Local Plan	MLP	Detailed statutory land use plan produced by the County Council setting out specific policies and proposals to be applied to planning applications for mineral workings.
Minerals and Waste Development Framework	MWDF	A folder containing all LDD's and therefore all planning policies applying within the County.
Local Development Document	LDD	The generic name given to all documents that make up the MWDF. These include both DPD's and SPD's. The role of LDDs is to set out the spatial strategy and planning policies for the County.
Development Planning Document	DPD	These are documents that have been subject to independent testing and have the weight of development plan status. They are effectively the successor to the present local plan.
Minerals and Waste Development Scheme	MWDS	The project plan for the preparation of the MWDF.
Statement of Community	SCI	A statement setting out how communities and stakeholders will be involved in the process of

Involvement		producing LDDs.
Structure Plan	SP	The present strategic plan for Warwickshire.
Regional Spatial Strategy	RSS	The strategic plan produced at a regional level for the West Midlands. This is a statutory plan and will form the basis for preparing LDDs. It is prepared by the West Midlands Regional Assembly acting in their role as the Regional Planning Body for the West Midlands.
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	The report prepared by the County Council to assess the implementation of the MWDS and the extent to which the policies in the MWDF are being achieved.

The Regional Spatial Strategy

2.3 The regional context for planning within the County is provided by the Regional Spatial Strategy. Regional Planning Guidance for the West Midlands for the period to 2011 was approved by the Secretary of State in 1998. Since that time the West Midlands Local Government Association has been working on producing a new Regional Planning Guidance to provide a framework for the West Midlands up to 2021. Since April 2003, this work has now been taken over by the West Midlands Regional Assembly. Regional Planning Guidance was approved by Government in June 2004. With the commencement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, it became the Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands. As such it has statutory status. It is therefore has development plan status and future LDD's will be required to be in general conformity with it.

Saved Plans

- 2.4 "Saved" plans are those prepared under previous legislation but which are permitted to retain their previous status for a three year period after the commencement of the new Planning Act, i.e. until September 2007. The Minerals and Waste Local Plans will be 'saved' for three years, and will be progressively replaced by DPDs within the MWDF. If necessary a case will be made in subsequent MWDS to save certain policies beyond September 2007. There are a number of 'saved' plans that affect the County:-
- 2.5 The **Warwickshire Structure Plan** was adopted in 2001 and will be "saved" until September 2007 except for those parts that are not in conformity with the RSS.
- 2.6 The **Minerals Local Plan** for Warwickshire were adopted by Warwickshire County Council in 1995, and will be "saved" until September 2007. The Local

Plan will be progressively replaced by LDD's which will have the status of Development Plan Documents.

2.7 The **Waste Local Plan** for Warwickshire was adopted by the County Council in 1999, and will be 'saved' until September 2007. The Local Plan will be progressively replaced by LDD's which will have the status of Development Plan Documents.

3.0 Proposed Local Development Documents

3.1 Much of the rest of this MWDS considers in more detail the new LDDs that the Council proposes to prepare. The key priorities for Warwickshire County Council over the three year period 2004-2007 are as follows:-

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Minerals Allocations DPD	This will provide detailed allocations for mineral related development and criteria based policies where this is not possible.
Proposals Map	A Submission proposals map will accompany the submission of each DPD and will illustrate all the policies set out. (it may be the case that Core Strategies may not necessitate a change to an Adopted Proposals Map). The County Council will work with the District Councils, who must include on their adopted proposals map, safeguarded areas, mineral consultation areas and any adopted minerals and waste allocations.

3.2 In line with advice from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) where both Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents (DPD's) need to be prepared (which is the case in Warwickshire), the MWDS identifies that priority will be given to the Waste DPD. This reflects the need for up-to-date waste plans to support the delivery of the Government's national waste strategy and the contribution this makes to meeting EU obligations. The existing Minerals Local Plan still provides land for mineral working, which at recent rates would

last for approximately 17 years. Therefore, the priority is on the Waste DPDs and the for the Minerals DPDs will be prepared on a slightly longer timescale.

The Evidence base of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework

3.3 The main sources of data that are relevant to the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Development Documents are as follows: -

Internal to the County Council

- Minerals landbanks and planning permissions
- Landfill capacities and capacities for treatments of waste and waste planning permissions
- Environmental records designated areas for protection of nature and historic interest
- Transport
- Public rights of way

External

- Water resources, pollution control, contaminated land and waste arisings
- Pollution control
- Minerals resource mapping
- Mining hazards
- Protected species

Sustainability Appraisal

3.4 The County Council must comply with the European Union Directive 2001/42/EC, which requires a strategic environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes. The Directive will apply to all Development Plan Document, and as such a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) will be required to be produced for each.

Annual Monitoring Report

3.5 The Council is required to monitor annually the effectiveness of the policies contained within its LDDs. For the purposes of this report, the Council will be monitoring the policies of both the Waste and Minerals Development Documents and is required to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

The report will be prepared annually and will be published by the County Council on or before 31st December each year. Guidance indicated that there should be consultation with stakeholders and that the County Council's report should contribute to the regional monitoring processes.

- 3.6 This report will assess the following aspects as to the progress of the two plans:-
 - Meeting the targets set in Minerals and Waste Development Documents, and the achievement towards the PSA6 targets.
 - Assess the impact that the policies are having on other targets set at national, regional and local level,
 - Progress in achieving milestones in the preparation of mineral and waste development documents as defined in the Local Development Scheme.
 - Identify any policies that need to be considered for early review to meet sustainable development objectives.
 - Actions to be taken if policies are to be reviewed.

4 Supporting Statement

Political Management of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework

4.1 Under the previous planning system, responsibility for approving those planning documents that now fall within the scope of this Minerals and Waste Development Scheme was as follows:

The Development Plan (the structure plan and minerals and waste plans) required to be approved by full council following a recommendation from the Council's Cabinet. This applied to all key decisions relating to the contents of the plans.

4.2 The new system will require for new arrangements to be put in place to allow effective decision making by the Council. It is proposed that, subject to the necessary formal amendments being agreed to the County Council's constitution, approvals of Local Development Documents are made by the following committees.

Document	To include	To be approved by
All Development Planning Documents	Core strategies and all other DPDs that are subject to full public examination as required by the Act.	Full Council following a recommendation by Cabinet
Statement of Community Involvement		Cabinet
Local Development Scheme		Cabinet
Supplementary Planning Documents		Cabinet

Delivering the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme – What could go wrong?

- 4.3 There will always be a level of uncertainty associated with a document such as this Minerals and Waste Development Scheme. It is legitimate to ask how reasonable and achievable are the targets set out above, and what issues may affect the overall delivery of the MWDS.
- 4.4 As part of preparing this MWDS, the County Council has carried out a Risk Assessment of the projects contained in this document, and has identified a number of areas of risk.

- Level of public engagement. An assumption has been made of the amount of time that will need to be allocated to public and stakeholder involvement. Whilst this has been based on past experience, it cannot accurately predict how many people will wish to engage with the council on a particular project.
- 2. Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). We have made assumptions on the ability of PINS to service the requirements from this MWDS. If PINS cannot meet their requirements of this MWDS, then there will be some slippage in the programme. A SLA will be signed with PINS once the MWDS is in effect.
- Changes in government legislation and regulations. This MWDS has been based on the most up-to-date Government guidance. In view of the legislative changes that are taking place, guidance is currently being drafted, and further guidance, there may be impact upon processes and targets.
- 4. **Staff turnover**. There is a degree of flexibility within the MWDS to allow for staff to be re-deployed to meet key targets.
- 5. Additional unforeseen pressures on staff time. These can never be predicted in advance, however the Council is committed to making available the resources to plug any gaps brought about by such unforeseen pressures.

Contact details

4.5 For more information about any of the issues raised in this Minerals and Waste Development Scheme please contact:-

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This document, together with all other Minerals and Waste Development Documents produced by Warwickshire County Council will be made available on the Council's web site; www.warwickshire.gov.uk/planning.

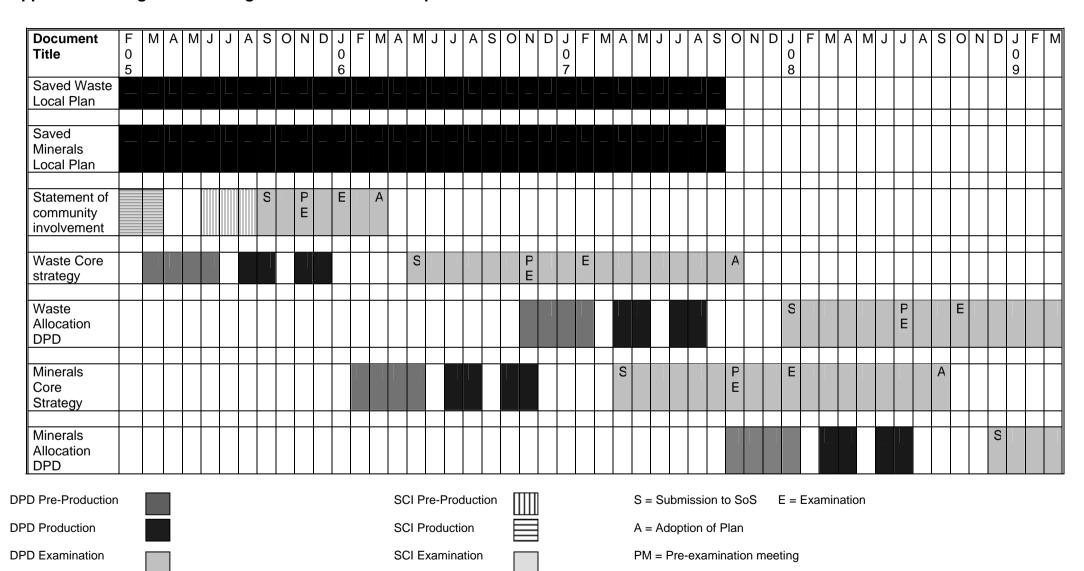
Appendix 1: Schedule of proposed Local Development Documents

Document Title	Status	Role and content	Geographical coverage	Chain Of Conformity	Consultati on On Issues & Options	Consultati on On Preferred Options & Proposals	Date For Submissio n To SoS	Proposed date for adoption
Statement of community Involvement	Non- Development Plan document	Document outlining community engagement on LDDs and major planning applications	Whole authority area	Must be in conformity with regulations	N/A	June 2005	September 2005	March 2006
Waste Core Strategy	Development Plan document	Sets out vision, objectives and district spatial development strategy	Whole authority area	Must be in general conformity with RSS. All other LDD's will be in conformity with core strategy.	August 2005	November 2005	May 2006	October 2007

Document Title	Status	Role and content	Geographical coverage	Chain Of Conformity	Consultati on On Issues & Options	Consultati on On Preferred Options & Proposals	Date For Submissio n To SoS	Proposed date for adoption
Waste Allocations DPD	Development Plan document	Will provide detailed allocations for waste related development and criteria based policies where this is not possible.	Whole authority area	Must be in general conformity with Core Strategy.	April 2007	July 2007	January 2008	June 2009
Minerals Core Strategy	Development Plan document	Sets out vision, objectives and district spatial development strategy	Whole authority area	Must be in general conformity with RSS. All other LDD's will be in conformity with core strategy.	July 2006	October 2006	March 2007	August 2008
Minerals Allocations DPD	Development Plan document	Will provide detailed allocations for mineral related development and criteria based policies where this is not possible.	Whole authority area	Must be in general conformity with Core Strategy.	November 2007	February 2008	July 2008	December 2009

Document Title	Status	Role and content	Geographical coverage	Chain Of Conformity	Consultati on On Issues & Options	Consultati on On Preferred Options & Proposals	Date For Submissio n To SoS	Proposed date for adoption
Proposals Map	Development Plan document	A Submission proposals map will accompany the submission of each DPD and will illustrate all the policies set out. (it may be the case that Core Strategies may not necessitate a change to an Adopted Proposals Map)	Whole authority area	N/A	See core strategy	See core strategy	See core strategy	See core strategy

Appendix 2: Programme Management of Local Development Documents



Appendix 3: Profiles of each Local Development Document

1. Statement of Community Involvement

Overview

Role & Subject It will set out how the County Council intends to consult with the

local community and key stakeholders during the plan making

process and in determining planning applications.

Coverage County-wide, involving all agencies and organisations with an

interest in minerals and waste issues.

Status A Local Development Document, but not a DPD

Conformity Must meet the minimum requirements as set out in the

Regulations as well as the Council's Corporate Consultation

Strategy.

Timetable

Stage	Dates
Scoping and early stakeholder and community engagement	February - March 2005
Consultation and participation on draft SCI	June 2005
Date of submission to SoS	September 2005
Pre-examination meeting (if required)	November 2005
Examination	January 2006
Estimated date for adoption	March 2006

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead	Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy
Political Management	SCI will be approved by Cabinet.
Internal	Description from Ctratage Init and Development Craus

Internal Resources from Strategy Unit and Development Group.

Administrative support

Costs of production, e.g. printing, and postage costs

Pre-examination costs.

Community & Wide stakeholder and community involvement with an interest in Stakeholder minerals and waste issues.

Involvement

Monitoring and The SCI will be monitored in line with the Council's Corporate Consultation Strategy.

2. Waste Core Strategy

Overview

Role & Subject The Core Strategy will contain the vision, objectives and strategy

for waste development and provide the framework for waste

development control.

Coverage County-wide, involving all agencies and organisations with an

interest in minerals and waste issues.

Status Development Plan Document

Conformity With the RSS

Timetable

Stage	Dates
Early stakeholder and community engagement	June 2005
Consultation date: Issues and options	August 2005
Consultation date: Preferred options and proposals	November 2005
Date of submission to SoS	May 2006
Public consultation on core strategy	August 2006
Pre-examination meeting	November 2006
Examination	February 2007
Estimated date for adoption	October 2007

Organisational Lead	Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy
Political Management	Core Strategy will be approved by Full Council following a recommendation by Cabinet.
Internal Resources	Resources from Strategy Unit and Development Group.
	Administrative support
	Costs of production, e.g. printing, and postage costs
	Pre-examination costs.
Community & Stakeholder Involvement	Wide stakeholder and community involvement with an interest in minerals and waste issues, in accordance with the SCI.
Monitoring and Review	The Annual Monitoring Report will review actual progress with the targets and milestones as set out in the MWDS, as well as the effectiveness of the DPDs

3 Waste Allocation DPD

Overview

Role & Subject Will provide detailed allocations for waste related development

and criteria based policies where this is not possible.

Coverage County-wide, involving all agencies and organisations with an

interest in minerals and waste issues.

Status Development Planning Document

Conformity With the waste Core Strategy

Timetable

Stage	Dates
Early stakeholder and community engagement	February 2007
Consultation date: Issues and options	April 2007
Consultation date: Preferred options and proposals	July 2007
Date of submission to SoS	January 2008
Public Consultation on DPD	April 2008
Pre-examination meeting	July 2008
Examination	October 2008
Estimated date for adoption	June 2009

Organisational Lead	Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy
Political Management	Waste Allocations DPD will be approved by Full Council following a recommendation by Cabinet.
Internal	Resources from Strategy Unit and Development Group.
Resources	Administrative support
	Costs of production, e.g. printing, and postage costs
	Pre-examination costs.
Community & Stakeholder Involvement	Wide stakeholder and community involvement with an interest in minerals and waste issues, in accordance with the SCI.
Monitoring and Review	The Annual Monitoring Report will review actual progress with the targets and milestones as set out in the MWDS, as well as the effectiveness of the DPDs

4. Minerals Core Strategy

Overview

Role & Subject The Core Strategy will contain the vision, objectives and strategy

for minerals development and provide the framework for

minerals development control.

Coverage County-wide, involving all agencies and organisations with an

interest in minerals and waste issues.

Status Development Planning Document

Conformity With the RSS

Timetable

Stage	Dates
Early stakeholder and community engagement	February 2006
Consultation date: Issues and options	July 2006
Consultation date: Preferred options and proposals	October 2006
Date of submission to SoS	April 2007
Public consultation on core strategy	July 2007
Pre-examination meeting	October 2007
Examination	January 2008
Estimated date for adoption	September 2008

Organisational Lead	Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy
Political Management	The Minerals Core Strategy will be approved by Full Council following a recommendation by Cabinet.
Internal	Resources from Strategy Unit and Development Group.
Resources	Administrative support
	Costs of production, e.g. printing, and postage costs
	Pre-examination costs.
Community & Stakeholder Involvement	Wide stakeholder and community involvement with an interest in minerals and waste issues, in accordance with the SCI.
Monitoring and Review	The Annual Monitoring Report will review actual progress with the targets and milestones as set out in the MWDS, as well as the effectiveness of the DPDs

5. Minerals Allocations DPD

Overview

Role & Subject Will provide detailed allocations for mineral related development

and criteria based policies where this is not possible.

Coverage County-wide, involving all agencies and organisations with an

interest in minerals and waste issues.

Status Development Planning Document

Conformity With the RSS

Timetable

Stage	Dates
Early stakeholder and community engagement	December 2007
Consultation date: Issues and options	March 2008
Consultation date: Preferred options and proposals	June 2008
Date of submission to SoS	November 2008
Public Consultation on DPD	February 2009
Pre-examination meeting	June 2009
Examination	September 2009
Estimated date for adoption	May 2010

Organisational Lead	Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy
Political Management	The Minerals Allocation DPD will be approved by Full Council following a recommendation by Cabinet.
Internal	Resources from Strategy Unit and Development Group.
Resources	Administrative support
	Costs of production, e.g. printing, and postage costs
	Pre-examination costs.
Community & Stakeholder Involvement	Wide stakeholder and community involvement with an interest in minerals and waste issues, in accordance with the SCI.
Monitoring and review	The Annual Monitoring Report will review actual progress with the targets and milestones as set out in the MWDS, as well as the effectiveness of the DPDs

6. **Proposals Map**

Overview

Role & Subject A Submission proposals map will accompany the submission of

each DPD and will illustrate all the policies set out.

(it may be the case that Core Strategies may not necessitate a

change to an Adopted Proposals Map).

The County Council will work with the District Councils, who must include on their adopted proposals map, safeguarded areas, mineral consultation areas and any adopted minerals and

waste allocations.

Coverage County-wide

Status Development Plan Document

N/A, however, will need to conform will all adopted DPDs. Conformity

Timetable

The submission proposals map will be prepared alongside the DPDs. The proposals map will be revised every time a DPD is revised. Therefore, the timetable for preparation will be the same as these.

Arrangements for Production

Organisational See 'Core Strategy'

Lead

Political

See 'Core Strategy'

Management

Internal

See 'Core Strategy'

Resources

Community & Stakeholder

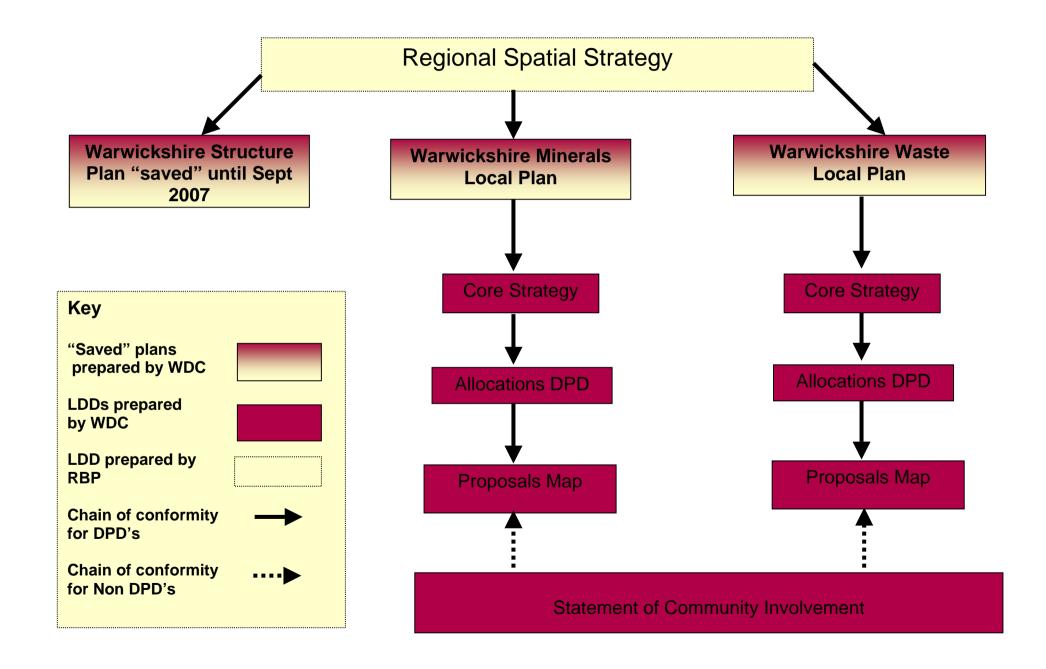
See 'Core Strategy'

Involvement

Monitoring and See 'Core Strategy'

Review

Appendix 4: Relationship between the Local Development Documents and other Development Plan Documents



Appendix 5: Schedule of Replacement of Minerals and Waste Local Plan 'Saved' Policies

Minerals Local Plan for Warwickshire (1995)

Chapter	Policy	To be replaced by
4. Selection of Potential Sites	M1	Allocations DPD
5. Investigation and Exploration	M2	Core Strategy
	M3	Core Strategy
6. Development Control	M4	Core Strategy
	M5	Core Strategy
	M6	Core Strategy
	M7	Core Strategy
7. Restoration and Aftercare	M9	Core Strategy
	M10	Core Strategy

The Waste Local Plan for Warwickshire (1999)

Chapter	Policy	To be replaced by
3. Policies & Proposals	No. 1 General	Core Strategy
-	land use	
	No. 2	Core Strategy
	Conditions and	
	Agreements	
	No. 3 Landfilling	Core Strategy
	No 4 Land-	Core Strategy
	Raising	
	No 5	Core Strategy
	Incinerators	
	No 6 Material	Core Strategy
	Recycling	
	Facilities	
	No 7 Scrap	Core Strategy
	Yards	
	No 8 Transfer	Core Strategy
	Stations	
	No 9 Large	Core Strategy
	Scale	
	Composting	
	No 10	Core Strategy
	Household	
	Waste Facilities	
	No 11 Other	Core Strategy
	Development	
	No 12	Core Strategy
	Segregation of	

Waste Streams	
No 13 Proposed	Allocations DPD
Facilities	
No 14 Jees and	Allocations DPD
Boons Quarry &	
Midland Quarry	

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