

# 1. Changes made to Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, Publication Draft, January 2021

## 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Two areas of change were made the Publication Draft Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (P'Draft MWLP) in January 2021:

- updating the P'Draft MWLP in regard to municipal waste management and the local strategy; and
- ensuring the P'Draft MWLP delivers the key aims of document accessibility regulations.

1.1.2 The purpose of this report is to record those changes.

## 1.2 Municipal Waste Management

1.2.1 The management of municipal waste is referenced in the P'Draft MWLP at two places: section 3.2 introduces the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) as a relevant local strategy; and section 7.2 presents current municipal waste management targets.

1.2.2 The JMWMS is currently (Winter 20/21) being reviewed to reflect the aims and objectives of the national Resources and Waste Strategy. The strategy is likely to be reviewed again within the lifetime of the MWLP.

1.2.3 Consequently, the introductory text at section 3.2 of the P'Draft MWLP has been updated to reflect the latest position and the supplementary text at section 7.2 has been amended to ensure that development proposals would deliver targets of the waste management strategies in place at the time of the application.

1.2.4 These changes are set out in Table 1 below. 12. The amended text is shown in bold text, with new text underlined (for example) and deleted text crossed through (for example).

Table 1

Reference	Amended text
Paragraph 3.23	<p>An Addendum to the Waste Strategy was prepared in September 2017, to provide a summary of the 2016 review of the Waste Strategy. <del>In particular it includes:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>information on significant changes/developments in Government waste management policy since 2011, including potential future changes to European policy;</del></li> <li>• <del>updates on waste management data including waste growth predictions; and</del></li> <li>• <del>commentary on performance against key principles, policies and targets within the Strategy.</del></li> </ul>

	<b><u>The Addendum confirms that the authorities continue to invest in the existing processing and collection capabilities, with the example of EnviroSort, the material reclamation facility having been refurbished to include the provision of a glass breaker and improved fire protection system. However, the Addendum also makes clear the challenges that lie ahead in delivering the Strategy, recognising financial constraints and budget cuts.</u></b>
Paragraph 3.2.4	The review process and the production of the Addendum has been undertaken by the Strategic Waste Management Board, which represents the eight authorities across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.  <b><u>In 2020/21 the Waste Strategy was reviewed again, to incorporate current national municipal waste management targets. It is to be expected that the Waste Strategy will continue to be updated throughout the lifetime of the MWLP.</u></b>
Paragraph 3.2.5	<del>The Addendum confirms that the authorities continue to invest in the existing processing and collection capabilities, with the example of EnviroSort, the material reclamation facility having been refurbished to include the provision of a glass breaker and improved fire protection system. However, the Addendum also makes clear the challenges that lie ahead in delivering the Strategy, recognising financial constraints and budget cuts.</del>
Paragraph 3.2.6	<del>No new infrastructure is identified and the facilities in place currently should be available for the plan period and beyond.</del>
Paragraph 7.2.4	Objective 4 of this MWLP seeks to move waste up the management hierarchy and deliver a circular economy. Within Herefordshire this means seeking to achieve future, aspirational waste management targets for municipal waste. <b><u>At the time of preparing the MWLP these are:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation for re-use and recycling (including composting/anaerobic digestion) target of 55% by 2025;</li> <li>• preparation for re-use and recycling (including composting/anaerobic digestion) target of 60% by 2030;</li> <li>• preparation for re-use and recycling (including composting/anaerobic digestion) target of 65% by 2035;</li> <li>• gradual limitation on landfilling, to 10% by 2035; and</li> <li>• requirement for the separate collection of bio-waste for recycling.</li> </ul>
New paragraph 7.2.5	<b><u>These may change over the lifetime of the MWLP, at the national and/or local level. The relevant targets in place at the time of submitting any planning application should be applied and reference should be made to the contemporaneous national and local waste management strategies.</u></b>
The subsequent paragraph numbers are consequently updated	

### **1.3 Making the P'Draft MWLP 'accessible'**

- 1.3.1 The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the Accessibility Regulations) came into force for public sector bodies on 23 September 2018.
- 1.3.2 The Accessibility Regulations require a public sector body website to be more accessible by making it '*perceivable, operable, understandable and robust*'. Common problems include websites that are not easy to use on a mobile or cannot be navigated using a keyboard, inaccessible PDF forms that cannot be read out on screen readers, and poor colour contrast that makes text difficult to read - especially for visually impaired people.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.3.3 The GOV.UK website also advises that accessibility means more than putting things online. '*It means making your content and design clear and simple enough so that most people can use it without needing to adapt it, while supporting those who do need to adapt things.*'
- 1.3.4 To date, much of the evidence base documentation and mapping has been provided in pdf format only. To deliver key objectives of the Accessibility Regulations the hendeca prepared documents have been converted into Word format, with relevant amendments made including using 'alt text' to explain mapping and figures.
- 1.3.5 These changes have necessitated an element of reorganisation within some of the documents and some minor edits to text. These changes have not been recorded individually as they do not change the content of any of the documents or any policy of the P'Draft MWLP.
- 1.3.6 In addition, an interactive mapping system has been developed and will be made available via the Herefordshire Council website during the consultation period.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/accessibility-requirements-for-public-sector-websites-and-apps>