

- Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Publication Draft

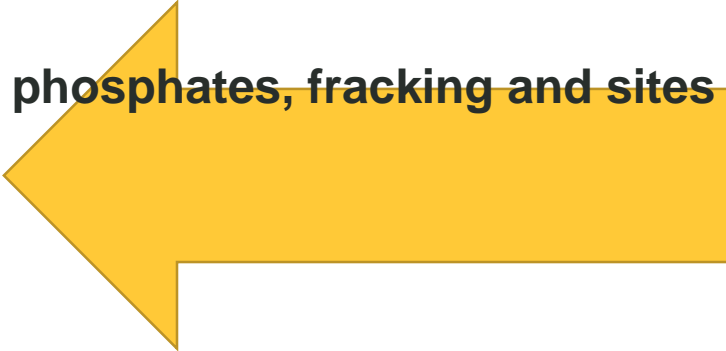
- Cabinet Meeting

1 December 2020

Introduction to the MWLP

- Part of the development plan
 - Sits beneath Core Strategy
 - Minerals can only be worked where they are found
 - Waste should be integrated as a key element of infrastructure
- Policy framework
 - How much development should be provided
 - Where sites should be located
 - Key requirements for development
- Content
 - Introduction and Herefordshire context
 - Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy
 - Strategic Policy and General Principles, including development management
 - Minerals: strategy and site locations
 - Waste: strategy and site locations
 - Delivery, Implementation and Monitoring

Preparation of the MWLP

- Collate the evidence base
 - other policy
 - need assessments
 - consultation
 - Call for sites and Issues and Options Report, July 2017
 - Refreshed evidence base and Draft Plan, January to March 2019
 - **Refreshed evidence base; updates on phosphates, fracking and sites**
 - **Publication Draft Plan**
 - **Consultation** ... planned for early 2021
 - Examination
 - Adoption
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Key updates and issues addressed in Publication Draft MWLP

- Core Strategy
- Unconventional hydrocarbons
- Phosphates in River Wye SAC and agricultural waste
- Site allocations and Historic England
- Environment Agency
- Minerals and Waste Needs Assessments
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Dark Skies

Core Strategy, Sites and EA

- Core Strategy
 - Respondents considered inappropriate lead policy
 - Evidence base of Core Strategy has been reviewed, remains relevant to MWLP
 - Bespoke updated evidence base for MWLP
 - Plan making teams remain in dialogue
- Sites
 - Historic England sought greater specificity and other site comments received
 - Supplementary site assessment work has been undertaken
 - Site allocations reviewed and updated to amend any errors, reflect additional data gathered and make more accessible
- Environment Agency
 - Statutory consultee made wide ranging comments
 - All have been considered carefully and in discussion with relevant officers within Herefordshire Council, some changes have been made

Unconventional hydrocarbons

- Identified as key issue at Issues and Options
 - Cabinet resolution of 16 December 2016
- Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) SO51a
 - Coalbed methane located in south of the county
 - OGA confirmed PEDL not taken up and not awarded (March 2018)
- National Planning Policy Framework
 - 2012 - neutral
 - 2018 - promoted unconventional hydrocarbons
 - May 2019 - promotion text removed by MWS
- MWLP policy
 - Draft Plan – draft policy M7 directed development of unconventional hydrocarbons
 - Publication Draft Plan – draft policy M1 restricts development of unconventional hydrocarbons

Phosphates in River Wye SAC and Agricultural Waste

- Phosphates in River Wye SAC
 - Known to be exceeding conservation objectives set by NE
 - Recognised to be from two key sources: agriculture & sewage systems (housing)
 - Minerals and waste development not focus for source of phosphates, but can impact
 - Herefordshire Council part of a partnership looking to resolve the matter
 - NE seeking nutrient neutrality or betterment in relation to new development
- MWLP
 - Is one element of the solution – but cannot do everything
 - Agricultural waste is one element of the problem - Policy W3 highly unusual
 - enable Herefordshire Council to have some control over on-farm waste management
 - requires demonstration of the approach to achieve nutrient neutrality/betterment
 - Other provisions
 - requires for nutrient neutrality/betterment to be demonstrated by minerals and waste development
 - promotes development for phosphate capture and recovery
 - requires waste water treatment plant to recover phosphate for beneficial uses
 - requires energy from waste facilities to recover phosphate for beneficial uses

Other key updates

- Minerals and Waste Need Assessments
 - Both fully updated late 2019/early 2020 with data up to 2018
 - Reviewed forecasts in light of comments received
 - Extended end date to 2041
- SFRA
 - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 for Herefordshire
 - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 2 for MWLP
- Other Assessments
 - Dark Skies
 - SEA/SA
 - HRA
- GIS mapping
 - Making digital

Next Steps

- Approval process
 - Cabinet meeting on 1 December
 - Full Council meeting on 11 December
- Consultation in early 2021
 - Any final edits
 - Submitted for Examination
- Examination
 - Potentially late 2021
- Adoption
 - Potentially mid 2022