

POLICY LP40: WASTE AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

- 1. The Borough Council will have regard to the latest Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan and associated material resource strategies when considering new development.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for the provision of waste facilities to serve the Borough's needs in accordance with the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan provided that there are no adverse impacts on:**
 - a) residential amenity;**
 - b) the highway network;**
 - c) heritage; and**
 - d) biodiversity interests.**
- 3. New development should use recycled materials and local secondary aggregate in construction where possible.**
- 4. The layout and design of new development should provide adequate space to facilitate the storage, re-use and recycling of materials as well as composting facilities where appropriate.**
- 5. Development proposals involving reclamation and/or dredging will not be permitted except for essential maintenance dredging or coastal protection works subject to the following considerations. The proposed development will not:**
 - a) have an individual or cumulative adverse impact on internationally important habitats;**
 - b) have a detrimental impact on other important biodiversity interests as outlined in the relevant policies of the Local Plan;**
 - c) harm marine archaeological sites;**
 - d) have an adverse impact on the hydrology of the area; and**
 - e) have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area.**

EXPLANATION OF POLICY LP40

Overall approach (Point 1 of policy LP40)

- 12.32 The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (HMWP)²²² was adopted in 2013 by Hampshire County Council²²³ which is the minerals and waste authority for the Gosport Borough area and consequently forms part of the development plan.
- 12.33 The HMWP aims to safeguard mineral resources within the Plan area as well as infrastructure sites associated with minerals and waste. These are set out in 'Appendix B – List of Safeguarded Minerals and Waste Sites' of the HWMP. The safeguarded list will be updated through monitoring of the Plan. Sites in Gosport include:
- The Material Recovery Facility at the Cranborne Industrial Estate;

²²² <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home.htm>

²²³ It has also been adopted by the other mineral and waste authorities of Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority.

- The Metal Recycling Site at the Quay Lane Industrial Estate;
- The Household Waste Recycling Centre off Grange Road; and
- The Concrete Batching Plant off Fareham Road

12.34 Proposals for these, and any additional sites would need to accord with the relevant policies of the HWRP.

12.35 Whilst Hampshire County Council is the waste authority for the Gosport area, the Borough Council has responsibilities to collect domestic waste. Waste has become a major issue for the South Hampshire sub-region due to the lack of landfill sites and this has informed the HWMP and consequently it aims to increase the efficiency of the use of materials in the Borough. Key considerations include:

- Reducing and re-using waste ensuring that development minimises primary aggregate use and encourages the use of high quality building materials made from recycled and secondary resources;
- Increasing recycling and composting ensuring the design of development provides adequate facilities to enable storage, recycling and composting; and
- Ensuring specialist facilities are provided including energy recovery from waste biomass.

Location of waste facilities (Point 2 of policy LP40)

12.36 In relation to the last point above the Borough Council will be supportive of small enclosed facilities on existing employment sites rather than large open facilities which are unlikely to be appropriate to a densely urban area. Such schemes will need to be appropriate to the character of the area and consideration given to amenity and access issues as well heritage and nature conservation interests.

Waste and material associated with the construction of new development (Point 3 of policy LP40)

12.37 Developers for most forms of developments are required to prepare Site Waste Management Plans to ensure construction waste is reduced.

Waste and recycling storage (Point 4 of policy LP40)

12.38 The Borough Council places a high degree of importance in ensuring that suitable provision is made for waste and recycling storage in new homes. This can help facilitate less waste to landfill and increase rates of recycling and composting. Appropriate storage can also improve the appearance and character of a neighbourhood. Further guidance is contained in the Council's Design SPD.

Reclamation and dredging (Point 5 of policy LP40)

12.39 Historically reclamation of land from Portsmouth Harbour has taken place at a number of locations within the Local Plan area including Coldharbour, Haslar, Forton, Frater and Fareham Lakes. Policy LP40 includes a presumption against further reclamation, particularly where proposals would have detrimental impact on internationally important habitats within the area (see Policy LP42) as well as other important nature conservation interests (see Policies LP43-44).

- 12.40 Dredging and reclamation can also have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of area and could have adverse effects on the hydrology of the Harbour and the Solent. Proposals will also need to take account of marine archaeological sites (see Policy LP10-13).
- 12.41 However the Policy recognises that there are particular types of proposals which may be necessary including: maintenance dredging to enable the continuing use of navigation channels for marine craft; and measures associated with necessary coastal protection works. Such proposals would be subject to the key considerations set out in the Policy.
- 12.42 A marine licence may be needed for activities involving a deposit or removal of a substance or object below the mean high water springs mark. The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is responsible for issuing marine licences under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Any works may also require consideration under The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended). Early consultation with the MMO is advised.

Further information:

PUSH Study Feasibility of an Energy and Climate Change Strategy; and
<http://www.push.gov.uk/work/sustainability-and-social-infrastructure/climate-change-strategy.htm>

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Background Paper.
www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029