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- 1. The Council will have regard to the latest Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan and associated strategies and guidance when considering new development.**
 - a) Development proposals over 3 ha within Safeguarded Mineral Areas should aim to maximise the prior extraction of mineral resources, in line with the policies of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. A Mineral Resource Assessment will be required to be submitted to the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority as part of any application to develop such sites.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for the provision of waste facilities to serve the Borough's needs in accordance with the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan provided that there are no adverse impacts on:**
 - a) residential amenity;**
 - b) the highway network;**
 - c) heritage assets; and**
 - d) biodiversity interests.**
- 3. Proposals for all new development should use recycled materials and local secondary aggregates in the construction process wherever possible.**
- 4. The layout and design of all new forms of 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. The proposed development should 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;**
 - e) have an adverse impact upon ground stability; and**
 - f) have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area.**

EXPLANATION OF POLICY LE14

Overall approach (Point 1 of Policy LE14)

- 10.130 The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP)³⁶⁰ was adopted in 2013 by Hampshire County Council³⁶¹, which is the minerals and waste authority for the Gosport Borough area and consequently forms part of the development plan. HCC and its partner authorities, are working to produce a partial update to the HMWP which will guide minerals and waste decision making up until 2040. It is anticipated that the revised HMWP will be adopted in 2026 and will replace the 2013 Plan.
- 10.131 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 HMWP. The safeguarded list will be updated by HCC through monitoring of the Plan. Sites in Gosport include:
- the Material Recovery Facility at the Cranborne Industrial Estate;
 - 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.
- 10.132 Proposals for these and any additional sites would need to accord with the relevant policies of the HMWP. In line with Hampshire's Safeguarding SPD (2016)³⁶² and Policy 15 of the adopted HMWP, development proposals over 3ha, wholly or partly within an Mineral Safeguarding Area, should aim to maximise the prior extraction of mineral resources, and submit a Mineral Resource Assessment to the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority.
- 10.133 Whilst HCC is the waste authority for the Gosport area, Gosport 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 HMWP 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

³⁶⁰ www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan

³⁶¹ The plan was also adopted by the other Hampshire Authorities which include Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority.

³⁶² www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/minerals-waste-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/supplementary-planning-documents

- ensuring specialist facilities are provided including energy recovery from waste biomass.

Location of waste facilities (Point 2 of Policy LE14)

- 10.134 In relation to ensuring specialist facilities are provided (including energy recovery and waste biomass), the 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.

Recycled materials and local aggregate (Point 3 of Policy LE14)

- 10.135 Developers for most forms of developments are required to prepare Site Waste Management Plans to ensure construction waste is reduced. In addition, where marine aggregate is required in a project within the Borough, Policy S-AGG-4 of the South Marine Plan³⁶³ encourages the use of locally sourced marine aggregate. Where aggregate outside of the south marine area is proposed to be used, an explanation should be provided within the proposal's submission.

Waste and recycling storage (Point 4 of Policy LE14)

- 10.136 The Council places a high degree of importance in ensuring that suitable provision is made for waste and recycling storage in new businesses and 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 within Policy DE2 and the Council's Design SPD³⁶⁴.
- 10.137 It is understood that under the Environment Act arrangements will be put in place to collect additional types of household waste for recycling, which is likely to have implications on the number of bins required for each household.

Reclamation and dredging (Point 5 of Policy LE14)

- 10.138 Historically reclamation of land from Portsmouth Harbour has taken place at a number of locations within the Borough including Coldharbour, Haslar, Forton, Frater and Fareham Lakes. Policy D5 includes a presumption against further reclamation, particularly where proposals would have detrimental impact on internationally important habitats within the area as well as other important nature conservation interests (see Policies D5, LE5-7).

³⁶³ www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-south-marine-plans-documents

³⁶⁴ www.gosport.gov.uk/article/1276/Design-SPD

- 10.139 Dredging and reclamation can also have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of area and could have adverse effects on the hydrology of Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent.
- 10.140 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. Proposals will also need to take account of marine archaeological sites (see Policy D10).
- 10.141 A marine licence may be needed for any activity that occurs below mean high water springs level. These activities can range from mooring private jetties to dredging and offshore windfarms. 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

Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HCC)
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan>