

CUMBRIA MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

SUBMISSION DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

Summary

This Strategy sets out the County Council's broad proposals for the minerals and waste management developments that will be needed in Cumbria by 2020. These proposals are coupled with policies about the amounts of waste that will need to be managed, the amounts of minerals that will need to be dug and for mitigating impacts on the environment and on climate change. It does not propose specific sites; they will be in the Changes to the Preferred Options Site Allocations Policies that will be published for consultation later this year.

The most immediate challenge is to make sure that new waste management facilities can be built. These are necessary to increase recycling and composting and reduce the amounts of waste that are landfilled.

It is estimated there is a need for eleven sites of around 2 to 3 hectares for waste treatment facilities and for an additional 2 million cubic metres of landfill space. It is considered that we should also plan for two "Energy from Waste" plants although, at the present time, it seems unlikely that they will be needed. The eleven sites include two Mechanical and Biological Treatment plants and three Transfer Stations that are needed for the wastes collected by dustbin lorries. Broad locations are identified for these. The Strategy also includes policies for managing radioactive wastes.

For minerals, there are policies for gypsum, brickmaking, industrial limestone, building stones, oil and gas and coal bed methane and for safeguarding mineral resources. The Strategy does not propose any further provision, at this time, for crushed rock quarries. Some quarries produce high skid resistance roadstones and additional provision will need to be made for these later in the plan period. Sites for sand and gravel quarrying will be identified later this year in consultations for the Changes to the Preferred Options Site Allocations Policies.

Please use the response form for your comments on the Core Strategy. They can be submitted by email to mwdf@cumbriacc.gov.uk or sent by post to the Head of Environment, County Offices, Kendal LA9 4RQ. You can also comment on-line, via the County Council website www.cumbria.gov.uk.

All documents are available in paper form, on a CD Rom, and on the website. Ring 01539 773403 to ask for copies to be posted or emailed to you. The hotline for further information is 01539 773548.

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