

## **Minerals and Waste Planning**

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/minerals-and-waste-policy>

### **Oxfordshire County Council's role:**

The county council is Oxfordshire's Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, responsible for planning matters related to the extraction of minerals and the management of waste and is also the Waste Disposal Authority, responsible for the management and disposal of household waste collected by the district councils and at the county's waste recycling centres.

We make decisions on all planning applications for minerals and waste developments and are responsible for preparing a Minerals and Waste Local Plan, a part of the development plan which sets the planning policy against which planning applications must be considered.

### **How does this role relate to Neighbourhood Development Plans?**

Whilst Neighbourhood Development Plans should not include policies or proposals for minerals and waste development, we can provide information on the location of existing and permitted minerals and waste sites, and details of the permitted operations. We can also provide information on proposed and other potential future minerals and waste sites and provide advice to groups working on Neighbourhood Development Plans in proximity to such sites.

We can also provide information and advice on 'Mineral Safeguarding Areas'. It is Government policy that important mineral resources should be safeguarded for the long term. Mineral planning authorities are required to define Mineral Safeguarding Areas in minerals local plans so that resources are not sterilised by non-mineral development, although there is no presumption that the resources will be permitted for working.

### **Minerals and Waste Planning information produced by Oxfordshire County Council:**

- Minerals and Waste Local Plan 1996: The Minerals and Waste Local Plan was adopted in July 1996 and covered the period to 2006: [OCC minerals and waste local plan](#)
- This page also contains 'saved' policies from the plan, which continue to have effect, to avoid a gap in planning policy while the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan is developed.
- A new Minerals and Waste Local Plan is in development. Information about the preparation of this emerging plan can be found here: [Emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan](#)

- The key element of this new plan will be the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, which will set out the vision, objectives, spatial strategy and core policies for meeting minerals and waste development requirements in Oxfordshire over the period to 2030: [Minerals and Waste Core Strategy](#)

**Oxfordshire County Council contact:**

If you require further information on minerals or waste planning or safeguarding matters as part of the preparation process for your Neighbourhood Development Plan, please email:

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