

Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal (March 2014)

Part 2 Appendix 3: Land and Soil Resources

APPENDIX 3 – LAND & SOIL RESOURCES - DETAILED REVIEW OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES, INFORMATION SOURCES AND EVIDENCE BASE

Detailed Review of Plans and Programmes

INTERNATIONAL		
2008/98/EC EU Framework Directive on Waste	European Union	2008
NATIONAL		
Securing the Future: delivering UK sustainable development strategy	DEFRA	2005
Strategy for Sustainable Farming and Food	DEFRA	2002
Safeguarding our Soils – A Strategy for England	DEFRA	2009
Waste Strategy for England	DEFRA	2007
National Planning Policy Framework	CLG	2012
REGIONAL		
COUNTY / CAMBRIDGE SUBREGION		
Cambridgeshire Together Vision 2007 to 2021 Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011	Cambridgeshire Together Partnership	2007
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste LDF (Core Strategy 2011, Site Specific Proposals 2012)	Cambridgeshire County Council	2011
Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 2008 – 2022	Cambridgeshire County Council	2008
DISTRICT		
South Cambridgeshire Corporate Plan – Vision, Values and The Three As	South Cambridgeshire District Council	2012
South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2011	South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership	2008

Plan / Programme / Strategy	2008/98/EC Framework Directive on Waste
Level	International
Web Link	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/framework/index.htm
Summary	The Directive sets a revised framework for waste management in the EU, aimed at encouraging re-use and recycling of waste. It includes a five-step hierarchy of waste management options, with waste prevention as the preferred option, and then reuse, recycling, recovery (including energy recovery) and safe disposal, in descending order.
Key Objectives	50% target for household recycling and reuse and 70% target for non-hazardous construction and demolition waste, both of which must be reached by the UK by 2020.

Implications for the LDF

Consider how plans can contribute to the minimisation and recycling of waste, including construction related waste.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Securing the Future: delivering UK sustainable development strategy (DEFRA) (2005)
Level	National
Web Link	http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/03/25/securing-the-future-pb10589/
Summary	
The Strategy for sustainable development aims to enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations.	
Key Objectives	
This strategy contains 5 key principles and 68 indicators. The key principles relate to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living within environmental limits 2. Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society 3. Achieving a sustainable economy 4. Using sound science responsibly 5. Promoting good governance. <p>Includes actions to cut waste and use resources sustainably, and towards sustainable farming practices.</p>	
Implications for the Local Plan	
Local Plan needs to aim to achieve sustainable development.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Strategy for Sustainable Farming and Food (DEFRA 2002) and Forward Look 2006
Level	National
Web Link	http://archive.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/policy/sustainfarmfood/index.htm
Summary	
The Sustainable Farming and Food Strategy, published in December 2002, sets out how industry, Government and consumers can work together to secure a sustainable future for our farming and food industries, as viable industries contributing to a better environment and healthy and prosperous communities.	
Key Objectives	
Sustain the resource available for growing food and supplying other public benefits over time, except where alternative land uses are essential to meet other needs of society.	
Implications for the LDF	
Consider loss of productive agricultural land when reviewing development options.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Safeguarding our Soils – A Strategy for England (DEFRA 2009)
Level	National
Web Link	http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/04/08/pb13297-soil-strategy/

Summary
The strategy highlights the importance of soil as a resource, and provides a framework for policy making and actions to ensure the sustainable management of soils.
Key Objectives
Ensure soil ecosystem services are fully valued in the planning process. Ensure appropriate consideration is given to the protection of good quality agricultural soils from development. Encourage better management of soils through all stages of construction. Ensure contaminated sites that pose a significant risk to human health and the environment are identified and steady progress is made towards their remediation.
Implications for the LDF
Ensure appropriate consideration is given to the protection of good quality agricultural soils from development. Prefer the clean-up and development of contaminated land over greenfield sites.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Waste Strategy for England (DEFRA 2007)
Level	National
Web Link	http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/strategy/strategy07/documents/waste07-strategy.pdf
Summary	
Government strategy for managing and reducing waste.	
Key Objectives	
The government's key objectives are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decouple waste growth from economic growth and emphasis prevention and re-use • meet and exceed the landfill directive diversion targets for biodegradable municipal waste in 2010, 2013 and 2020 • increase diversion from landfill of non-municipal waste and secure better integration • secure the investment in infrastructure needed to divert waste from landfill • get the most environmental benefit for that investment through increased recycling of resources and recovery of energy from residual waste using a mix of technologies. 	
Implications for the LDF	
Consider how the LDF can contribute to sustainable waste management.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	National Planning Policy Framework 2012
Level	National
Web Link	http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicyframework/
Summary	
The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. Taken together, these policies articulate the Government's vision of sustainable development, which should be interpreted and applied locally to meet local aspirations.	
Key Objectives	
Planning policies and decisions should encourage the effective use of land by re-using land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value.	

Local planning authorities should set out their own approach to housing density to reflect local circumstances.

Take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Where significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, local planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of a higher quality.

(Para 142) Minerals are essential to support sustainable economic growth and our quality of life. It is therefore important that there is a sufficient supply of material to provide the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that the country needs. However, since minerals are a finite natural resource, and can only be worked where they are found, it is important to make best use of them to secure their long-term conservation.

Implications for the LDF

Consider effective use of Brownfield land, approach to density, and value of best and most versatile agricultural land.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Cambridgeshire Together Vision 2007 to 2021 Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011
Level	County
Web Link	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/774C1C91-75A0-4D6C-8B5D-419380255C7D/0/LAA.pdf
Summary	
Provides a Countywide Sustainable Community Strategy. The purpose of this vision is to set the long-term priorities for Cambridgeshire, which will promote the well-being of local people, the economy and the environment.	
The priorities in the five district-based Sustainable Community Strategies have provided the building blocks. The aim is to bring together the ambitions and aspirations of all Cambridgeshire's communities and the organisations providing services to them.	
Key Objectives	
Efficient use of resources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Increasing recycling and minimising waste 	
Implications for the LDF	
Need to consider how the Local Plan can contribute to achievement of the objectives, particularly through opportunities provided by new development.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste LDF (Core Strategy 2011, Site Specific Proposals 2012)
Level	County
Web Link	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/minerals/wasteframework/
Summary	
Addresses the land-use planning aspects of waste management and minerals planning in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	
Key Objectives	
There are a range of objectives in relation to planning for minerals and waste. Of particular	

relevance:

To safeguard economic mineral resources through the designation of Minerals Safeguarding Areas and Minerals Consultation Areas.

To ensure all major new developments undertake sustainable waste management practices with will include the provision of temporary waste management facilities which will be in place throughout the construction of the development.

To encourage sustainable transport of waste by alternative means e.g. rail and water.

Implications for the LDF

Will need to consider the policies and allocations in the Minerals and Waste LDF when developing policies and proposals.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 2008 – 2022
Level	County
Web Link	http://www.recap.co.uk/recap-partnership/2008-strategy/joint-municipal-waste-management
Summary	
Sets out direction, aims and objectives of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (known as RECAP) working together to achieve more sustainable waste management for their communities. The strategy covers arrangements for the management of waste that falls under the control of a local authority (municipal waste), whilst recognising the potential 'wider waste' role of local authorities influencing non-municipal waste e.g. commercial and industrial waste.	
Key Objectives	
Includes 20 objectives. To achieve recycling and composting rates of: 45 to 50% of household waste by 2010; 50 to 55% of household waste by 2015; and 55 to 60% of household waste by 2020	
Implications for the LDF	
Consider how the LDF can contribute to sustainable waste management.	

Plan / Programme / Strategy	South Cambridgeshire Corporate Plan – Vision, Values and The Three As (South Cambs DC 2012)
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/council-aims-and-objectives
Summary	
Plan establishes the Long Term Vision the Council is aiming to achieve: South Cambridgeshire will continue to be the best place to live and work in the country. Our district will demonstrate impressive and sustainable economic growth. Our residents will have a superb quality of life in an exceptionally beautiful, rural and green environment. The Council will be recognised as consistently innovative and a high performer with a track record of delivering value for money by focusing on the priorities, needs and aspirations of our residents, parishes and businesses.	
The Plan establishes three aims, with a range of approaches, and Actions for 2012/13 towards how they will be achieved.	
Key Objectives	
Aim: We will make sure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer outstanding and sustainable quality of life for our residents.	

Approaches: Encouraging low carbon and sustainable living
 Meeting the needs and aspirations of current and future residents through effective planning
 Preserving and enhancing the landscape for future Generations

Actions 2012-2013: Promote the benefits of black-bin waste minimisation and maximising the use of enhanced recycling facilities by households and businesses to reduce the environmental impact of our waste.

Implications for the Local Plan

Consider objective when developing the Local Plan.

Plan / Programme / Strategy	South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2011
Level	District
Web Link	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/partnerships/lsp/South+Cambridgeshire+Strategic+Partnership.htm
Summary	
Outlines the Local Strategic Partnership’s long-term vision for a sustainable South Cambridgeshire as well as its three-year objectives and priorities.	
Key Objectives	
<p>A place where the needs of existing and future generations are met and where communities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmentally sensitive; ○ Well-designed and built; <p>Objective: A sustainable infrastructure & environment with good transport links and access to the countryside of the district, which is itself protected and improved, and with sustainable measures, which minimise waste and tackle climate change</p>	
Implications for the Local Plan	
The Local Plan will need to consider the objectives of the strategy.	

Information Sources and Evidence Base

The following are the key information sources and evidence base documents used in this theme:

Document	Author (or prepared for)	Year published
South Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Report	South Cambridgeshire District Council	published annually

Evidence Base Document	South Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Report
Author (or prepared for)	South Cambridgeshire District Council (published annually)
Web link	http://www.scams.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report
Purpose	Report produced annual to monitor implementation of the development plan, and indicators selected to monitor significant effects.
Key Findings	Indicators have been referenced in the assessment of the baseline situation.
Implications for the Local Plan	Indicators have been referenced in the assessment of the baseline situation.