

Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board  
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**Review of the Surrey Waste Plan: Consultation on Preferred Options**

**Purpose of the report:** Policy Development and Review

Surrey County Council is the Waste Planning Authority. The current Surrey Waste Plan was adopted in 2008 and now needs to be reviewed. A new Surrey Waste Local Plan 2018 – 2033 will need to go through several stages of public consultation. The first stage of formal consultation is 'Preferred Options'.

The Preferred Options consultation will give residents, businesses and other interested parties a chance to comment on the draft vision, objectives and spatial strategies that we are considering alongside a call for interested sites.

The Board is asked to review the Preferred Options Consultation Report (Annexe 1) prior to the report being taken to Cabinet seeking approval to progress with a public consultation between August and October 2016.

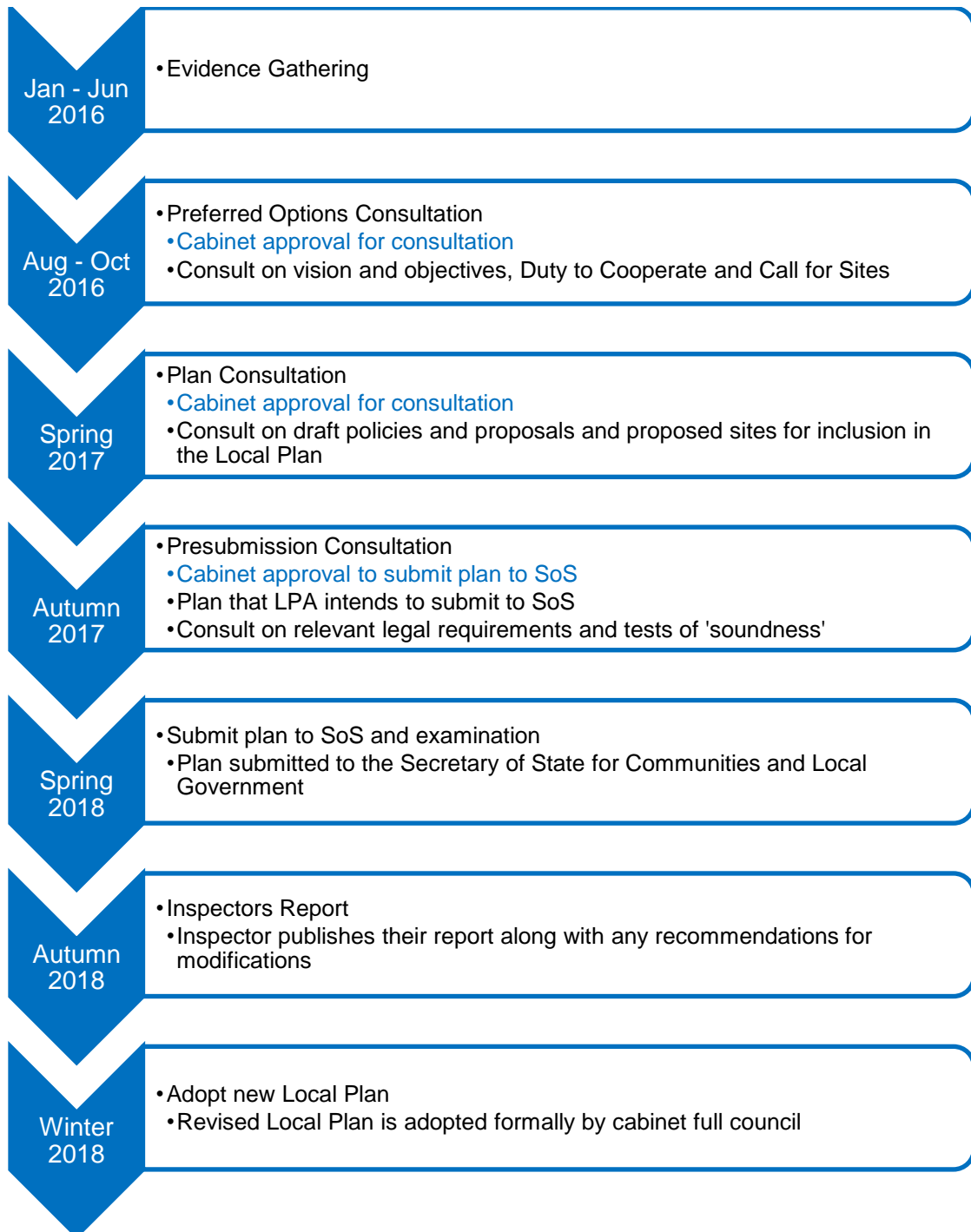
**Introduction:**

1. Surrey County Council in the Waste Planning Authority (WPA). This is distinct from its role as the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA). The current Surrey Waste Plan (SWP) was adopted in 2008. The WPA needs to make sure that enough facilities can be built to manage all types of waste Surrey produces in the most sustainable way.
2. The plan is reaching the end of the plan period and Surrey County Council will be taking steps to review the SWP 2008 over the next few years. The new Surrey Waste Local Plan (SWLP) will cover the period from 2018 to 2033.
3. The review will include commercial and industrial (C&I) waste, construction, demolition and excavation waste (C,D&E), as well as waste produced by households. The SWLP will consider more specialist waste streams, such as: hazardous waste, wastewater, and low level

radioactive waste. The review will also need to account for broader changes in terms of policy, socioeconomic factors and market drivers.

4. There are several stages in preparing a new SWLP 2018 – 2033. These are outlined in **Figure1**. At each stage there will be opportunity for residents, businesses and other key stakeholders to comment.
5. The first stage of formal consultation in the development of the new SWLP is the 'Preferred Options' stage which will set out the context for the preparation of the SWLP, the vision, objectives and spatial strategy that we are considering alongside a 'Call for Sites'.

**Figure 1 Key stages of plan preparation and broad types of engagement that may occur**



## **Content of the consultation**

6. The Preferred Options consultation has two distinct parts: Preferred Options Consultation Report (Annexe 1) and a Call for Sites. The details of each section are set out below.
7. The consultation will run for a 12 week period from 4 August 2016 to 27 October 2016.

### **Preferred Options Consultation Report**

8. The draft vision and draft objectives are included in the Preferred Options Consultation Report .We have provided background information to inform respondents about the process for developing the plan and how they can get involved at this early stage.
9. Specifically through this consultation we are asking respondents what they think of the draft vision, objectives and spatial strategy. We are also seeking comments on what a new SWLP might contain and how it is produced.

### **Call for Sites**

10. The Preferred Options consultation will be supported by a 'Call for Sites'. The call for sites will give interested parties (principally landowners) the opportunity to put forward potential sites for consideration for inclusion in the SWLP.
11. All sites that are put forward will be subject to scrutiny, as outlined in the draft site selection methodology, before being considered for inclusion in the new SWLP.

## **Responding to the consultation**

12. As part of the Site Screening Methodology and the Duty to Cooperate we will be contacting operators and adjoining authorities directly to notify them of our intention to review the SWLP and to confirm our assumptions around waste movements and capacity.
13. In order to give homes, businesses and other interested organisations the opportunity to comment on the new SWLP at an early stage we will with the SCC central communications team to agree a communications and engagement plan. This will include a short summary of the Preferred Options Consultation Report, questionnaires to gather views and use a range of channels and tactics to make people aware of the consultation and encourage their feedback.
14. The consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

## Conclusions:

15. The Preferred Options Consultation will give residents, businesses, districts and borough councils and other stakeholders a chance to be engaged in the early stages of plan preparation.
16. The Preferred Options consultation has two distinct parts: Preferred Options Consultation and a Call for Sites.
17. The consultation will run for a 12 week period from 4 August 2016 to 27 October 2016, in accordance with Surrey County Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

## Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board:

- a. Review the draft Preferred Options Consultation Report including draft questions and make recommendations as necessary; and
- b. Support the approach taken for the proposed Preferred Options Consultation.

## Next steps:

A paper will be taken to Cabinet on 14 July for approval to go out to consultation. The Preferred Options Consultation itself will be undertaken during the period August to October 2016.

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### Sources/background papers:

**Annexe 1** Preferred Options Consultation Report  
**Annexe 2** Draft Preferred Options Consultation Questions

All background reports Are available on the Planning Policy website (<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/minerals-and-waste-policies-and-plans>)

- Surrey Waste Plan Policy Paper No.1 Context and Influences
- Capacity Estimate Scoping Statement
- Site Assessment Scoping Statement
- Surrey Waste Plan Review Duty to Cooperate Scoping Statement
- Surrey County Council Statement of Community Involvement

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