

## 1. Topic of assessment

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## 2. Approval

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## 5. Explaining the matter being assessed

<p><b>What policy, function or service is being introduced or reviewed by the county council?</b></p> <p><b>What proposals are you assessing?</b></p>	<p><b>Surrey Waste Local Plan 2018 – 2033</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Surrey County Council as the Waste Planning Authority (WPA) has identified a need to review and update the current Surrey Waste Plan which was adopted in 2008.</li> <li>2. Waste Planning is a statutory function of Surrey County Council that aims to ensure that Surrey has sufficient land supply and facilities to manage its waste in a sustainable way preventing any significant adverse impacts on the environment and communities.</li> </ol>
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	<p>3. The new Surrey Waste Local Plan (SWLP) will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantify the amount of land required to provide waste management infrastructure to support growth up to 2033.</li> <li>• Identify and allocate where appropriate sites and areas that are considered suitable for waste management facilities.</li> <li>• Set out detailed policies against which planning applications for waste development will be determined.</li> </ul> <p>4. The adopted SWLP will include a vision, objectives, spatial strategy, detailed policies for waste development, site allocations and proposals map document.</p>
<p><b>Who is affected by the proposals outlined above?</b></p>	<p>5. The new SWLP will affect all residents, businesses and other individuals and organisations who produce waste.</p> <p>6. The county council expect the SWLP to benefit communities including people with protected characteristics by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing information for residents as to where future waste development is likely to be located.</li> <li>• Providing waste operators with criteria to guide them to locations where planning permission is likely to be granted.</li> <li>• Making provision for the facilities needed to manage the waste produced in Surrey in a sustainable way based on the waste hierarchy.</li> </ul> <p>7. The county council does not expect the SWLP to have significant adverse impacts on communities including people with protected characteristics. To facilitate this, the county council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used plan making and consultation processes that comply with legislation and national guidance.</li> <li>• Taken account of consultation responses to help shape the SWLP.</li> <li>• Taken account of sensitive land uses such as housing when considering sites that may be suitable for waste-related development.</li> </ul>

- Identified in the Submission SWLP only those sites where it is considered that potential adverse impacts can be mitigated to an acceptable level.
  - Included key development issues for all sites proposed for allocated in the SWLP; the issues specify particular aspects of the site that are required to be addressed by planning applications.
8. Following adoption of the SWLP, any planning applications for waste development will be subject to the development management process. This will involve further consultation. Planning applications will also require the submission of technical documents addressing potential impacts and proposed mitigation as appropriate<sup>1</sup>. Formal Environmental Impact Assessment may also be required in accordance with legislation<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See the 'Local List for the validation of county planning applications' available on the county council's website.

<sup>2</sup> See the [Town and Country Planning \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017](#).

## 6. Sources of information

### Engagement carried out

#### Statement of Community Involvement

9. In 2015 Surrey County Council as the Waste Planning Authority adopted a Statement of Community Involvement which sets out how and when the county council will consult residents. The SCI takes forward the County Council's Commitment to Public Involvement and conforms to statutory requirements and plan making guidance.
10. The Issues and Options and Draft Plan consultations have been undertaken in accordance with the 2015 SCI.
11. The SCI is currently being updated in light of new requirements under the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.

#### Public Consultations

12. In order to inform the Submission SWLP, the county council has carried out several stages of plan preparation including two public consultations.
13. Between 2 September and 25 November 2016 the council consulted on an 'Issues and Options Paper' which sought views on the strategic context, vision and objectives for sustainable waste management in Surrey.
14. Between 1 November 2017 and 7 February 2018 Surrey County Council consulted on the Draft Surrey Waste Local Plan and its supporting documents. The consultation sought views on the plan's vision and objectives, spatial strategy, policies, sites and site identification process, environmental and sustainability report and on the WPAs Duty to Cooperate update statement.
15. In the case of both the Issues and Options Paper and the Draft Surrey Waste Local Plan, the county council consulted residents, businesses, industry operators, district and borough planning authorities, and other statutory and non-statutory stakeholders.
16. The council used a wide range of media (newsletters, website, and twitter), as well as emails, letters and meetings to notify individuals and organisations and seek their comments.
17. The consultations were supported via dedicated webpages on Surrey County Council's website, including links to PDF copies of documents.
18. Consultees were encouraged to respond to the consultation using an online survey. A dedicated email address and postal address were also provided.
19. Printed copies of the documents were provided in the district and borough council offices.

## Data used

### Consultation Responses

20. Over six hundred responses were received during the Issues and Options consultation, many of which were from the public. Only three parish councils and/or residents associations responded and one action group.
21. A total of 322 responses were received during the Draft Plan consultation, of which 266 were from the public.
22. Any new organisations or individuals identified through the Issues and Options and Draft Plan consultations have been added to the SWLP consultation database where they have indicated they wish to be contacted in future.
23. The Issues & Options Summary of Responses Report December 2016 summarises the consultation responses and explains how the information gained would be used to shape the Draft SWLP. This report was taken to the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board (now the Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee) at their meeting on 12 January 2017.
24. A Draft Plan Consultation Summary Report is due to be taken to Cabinet at their meeting on 18 December 2018. This report sets out the responses to the Draft Plan consultation and the changes that have been made to the plan as a result.

### Equality Analysis

25. Following the Draft Plan consultation an equality analysis was carried out to assess how well we had reached residents.
26. As part of the analysis the proportion of responses from residents within protected groups was compared to the demography of Surrey.
27. The analysis suggests that engagement with residents was broadly successful.
28. The level of engagement with residents from younger age groups and some ethnic groups was low:
  - Only 2% of responses were received from residents aged 18-34 and no responses were received from those aged under 18.
  - Very few respondents identified themselves as being from ethnic groups other than White British. In particular, no responses were received from individuals that identified themselves as from Black or Black British or from Mixed other backgrounds (as opposed to White any other backgrounds).

29. It should be noted that in Surrey historically it has proved difficult to engage younger people and people from some ethnic groups on waste local plans.
30. In terms of age, it is worth noting that 14 of the 266 residents who responded to the survey indicated that they were choosing not to reveal their age and 125 residents skipped the question.
31. In terms of ethnic origin, it is worth noting that 12% of respondents chose not to share their ethnicity status and also that people from Black or Black British or Mixed other backgrounds constitute in total only 3% of Surrey's population.
32. Following the Draft Plan consultation the SWLP communications plan was reviewed to try to ensure that future engagement is as good as can reasonably be expected.

### **Assessment reports**

33. The county council commissioned assessment work to be undertaken to consider the potential impact of waste related development at each site being proposed for allocation in the Submission Plan.
34. The assessments include:
- Air Quality Impact Assessment
  - Habitats Regulations Assessment
  - Health Impact Assessment
  - Landscape and Visual Sensitivity Study
  - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
35. The Submission Plan has also been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal which can be found in the Environmental and Sustainability Report.

## 7a. Impact of the proposals on residents and service users with protected characteristics

Protected characteristic <sup>3</sup>	Potential positive impacts	Potential negative impacts	Evidence
All.	<p>Land made available for the facilities needed to manage the waste produced in Surrey in a sustainable way.</p> <p>Additional information about potential waste related development is made available to residents and waste operators.</p> <p><b>See Para. 6 above for more detail.</b></p>	<p>No significant negative impacts are expected that cannot be mitigated to an acceptable level.</p> <p><b>See Paras. 7 &amp; 8 above for more detail.</b></p>	<p>The county council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used plan making and consultation processes that comply with legal requirements and national guidance.</li> <li>Taken account of consultation responses to help shape the SWLP.</li> </ul> <p><b>See Paras. 9 to 36 for more detail.</b></p>

## 7b. Impact of the proposals on staff with protected characteristics

Protected characteristic	Potential positive impacts	Potential negative impacts	Evidence
All.	As above	As above	As above

<sup>3</sup> More information on the definitions of these groups can be found [here](#).

## 8. Amendments to the proposals

Change	Reason for change
None proposed.	

## 9. Action plan

Potential impact (positive or negative)	Action needed to maximise positive impact or mitigate negative impact	By when	Owner
None	No changes needed.		

## 10. Potential negative impacts that cannot be mitigated

Potential negative impact	Protected characteristic(s) that could be affected
None expected.	



## 11. Summary of key impacts and actions

<p><b>Information and engagement underpinning equalities analysis</b></p>	<p>Issues and Options Paper and public consultation                  Draft SWLP and public consultation                  Consultation responses                  Equality analysis - How well did we reach people?                  Assessment reports                  Draft Environmental and Sustainability Report which incorporates a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Sustainability Appraisal.</p>
<p><b>Key impacts (positive and/or negative) on people with protected characteristics</b></p>	<p><b>Positive Impacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information will be provided for residents as to where future waste development is likely to be located.</li> <li>• Waste operators will be provided with criteria to help them judge where planning permission is likely to be granted.</li> <li>• Provision will be made for the facilities needed to manage the waste produced in Surrey in a sustainable way</li> </ul> <p><b>Negative Impacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council does not expect any significant negative impacts that cannot be mitigated to an acceptable level.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Changes you have made to the proposal as a result of the EIA</b></p>	<p>No changes needed.</p>
<p><b>Key mitigating actions planned to address any outstanding negative impacts</b></p>	<p>No changes needed.</p>
<p><b>Potential negative impacts that cannot be mitigated</b></p>	<p>None expected.</p>

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