

# Waste Plan

## Early Baseline and Engagement Questionnaire - February 2026

This questionnaire contains the following sections:

- Questions on the general approach and timetable set out in the Project Initiation Document
- Broad questions relating to the direction of the Waste Need Assessment
- Detailed questions relating to the content of the Waste Needs Assessment

Some of the questions might be more relevant to certain consultees, such as regulatory bodies or those working in the waste industry, but all questions are open to everyone. You are welcome to answer as many, or as few, of the questions as you wish.

Please submit your response by **15th April 2026**. Please make sure you respond before the deadline, because if you respond after this, we might not be able to take your comments into account.

Please note that responses are not anonymous, and your name may be published. Find out more about how we handle your personal data in our full Privacy Notice and service-specific Planning Policy Privacy Notice, available at <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-access-information/information-use-and-privacy-statements>

### Your Details

The details you provide in this section will only be used in relation to managing the comments you submit and assessing the success of the engagement methods used.

Completing this questionnaire will not mean you will automatically be registered to receive updates about future stages of developing the Waste Plan.

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Title

First name

Last name

Are you commenting on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

No

Organisation name

Job title

Please provide either an email address or postal address. We will use this to acknowledge receipt of your comments.

Please indicate how you would prefer to be contacted.

Email

Postal address

Email address

Address

Postcode

How did you hear about this consultation?

Select all that apply

Email or letter from Worcestershire County Council

Social media post by others

Worcestershire County Council's website

Via Parish or Town Council

Local media

Via a County, City, Borough or District Councillor

Trade press

Poster or digital display

Social media post by Worcestershire County Council

Other (please specify below)

Where did you see the poster or digital display?

What other place did you hear about the consultation?

## Draft Project Initiation Document

### Scope of the plan

7. Do you have any comments on the scope of the Waste Plan?

Yes

No

Comments

## Evidence

8. Do you have any comments on the key evidence requirements listed?

Yes

No

Comments

9. Do you think any other key evidence will be required in developing the Waste Plan?

Yes

No

Comments

10. In relation to **evidence to inform a vision for the Waste Plan**, are you aware of any other national, regional or local plans or strategies that should be taken into account?

Yes

No

Comments

11. In relation to **evidence to inform a spatial strategy**, are you aware of any geographical areas within Worcestershire where there are currently gaps in waste management provision?

Please provide evidence to support your answer

Yes

No

Comments

12. In relation to **evidence to inform a spatial strategy**, do you have any comments on spatial options which should be considered?

Yes

No

Comments

In relation to **site (selection) assessment**:

13. It is likely that national policy will require sites to be allocated for waste management uses unless there is strong evidence to suggest otherwise. However, we are aware that on a national scale waste local plans have historically had limited success in directing waste development to allocated sites.

Are you aware of any evidence to suggest that sites should or should not be allocated for waste uses?

Yes

No

Comments

14. **Question for waste industry and landowners** in relation to **site (selection) assessment**:

At this stage, we are not currently inviting people to promote land to be allocated for waste management in the Waste Plan. If we were to issue a 'Call for Sites', would you promote any site(s) to be considered for allocation for waste management development?

Yes

No

Comments

## Stakeholder Engagement

The Project Initiation Document sets out some stakeholder engagement methods which we state we **will** use.

In addition, it sets out some methods which we state we **might** use.

15. Do you have any comments about whether any of the methods listed under "Methods we **might** use" are likely to be more appropriate for certain stages of the plan's development than others, or to engage with particular stakeholders?

Yes

No

Comments

16. Are there any other consultation methods that you think should be used?

Yes

No

Please explain why you think they should be used, and whether you think they are likely to be more appropriate for certain stages of the plan's development than others, or to engage with particular stakeholders.

## Risks and Mitigation

17. Are there any other risks which should be identified which could impact the development of the Waste Plan?

Yes

No

Comments

## Summary

18. Do you have any other comments on the Project Initiation Document?

Yes

No

Comments

## Broad questions relating to the emerging Waste Needs Assessment

19. Is the role of the Waste Needs Assessment in plan-making and monitoring clearly explained?

Yes

No

Comments

20. Do you have any comments on the baseline results presented in the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

Comments

21. Do you have any general comments on the structure, or clarity, of the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

Comments

22. Do you have any other comments on the Waste Needs Assessment?

Should you wish to make more detailed comments relating to specific parts of the Waste Needs Assessment, a series of detailed questions follow this section.

Yes

No

Comments

### Detailed questions relating to the emerging Waste Needs Assessment

#### Part A. Introduction & Purpose

23. Are the following concepts which underpin the Waste Needs Assessment clearly defined?

- **equivalent self-sufficient economy**    - **waste management hierarchy**    - **circular economy**

Yes

No

Comments

#### Part A. Key Concepts for Waste Data Analysis

24. Are the definitions of the following terms clear and sufficient for understanding the methodology?

- **waste streams**    - **waste source categories**    - **waste composition categories**  
- **waste management categories**

Yes

No

Comments

25. Is the approach of using both waste source categories and waste composition categories appropriate for Worcestershire?

Yes

No

Comments

26. Do you agree that rounding to the nearest 100 tonnes only in final results is proportionate and avoids spurious precision?

Yes

No

Comments

## Part A. Sources of Data

27. Do you agree that the data sources and the way they have been used are appropriate and comprehensive?

Yes

No

Comments

28. Are the limitations in relation to exempt sites, and their potential contribution to capacity, clearly acknowledged?

Yes

No

Comments

29. Are there any other data sources which should be considered in the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

Please explain why you think they should be used.

### Part A. Methodology: Current Arisings

30. Is the approach to calculating waste arisings using data from the Waste Data Interrogator and WasteDataFlow robust and transparent?

Yes

No

Comments

31. Do you agree with the approach of and method for splitting municipal waste into waste from households and waste from other sources?

Yes

No

Comments

32. Are the limitations (e.g. double-counting, data gaps) clearly acknowledged and appropriately mitigated?

Yes

No

Comments

33. Do you have any other comments about the methodology for identifying current waste arisings?

Yes

No

Comments

### **Part A. Methodology: Current Waste Management Capacity**

34. Is the process for identifying waste sites and assigning waste management categories clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

35. Is the process for maintaining the waste sites list clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

36. Do you agree with the use of the 5-year peak throughput as the basis for calculating recurrent waste management capacity?

Yes

No

Comments

37. Is the proportional allocation of capacity at each waste management facility by waste composition category, and then aggregating this by waste management category, appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

38. Do you have any other comments about the methodology for identifying current waste management capacity?

Yes

No

Comments

### **Part A. Calculating Landfill Capacity and Recovery to Land Capacity**

39. Is the approach to assessing landfill capacity (annual operational capacity and remaining void space) clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

40. Do you agree with the conversion factors used for estimating tonnage from void space?

Yes

No

Comments

41. Should the Waste Needs Assessment consider any additional factors when estimating landfill lifespan?

Yes

No

Comments

42. Is the approach to assessing recovery to land capacity (annual operational capacity) clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

## Part A. Calculating Equivalent Self-Sufficiency

43. Do you consider that, as far as possible, sufficient waste management capacity should be provided within Worcestershire to manage the amount of waste arising in the county (whilst still allowing for movements of some wastes into and out of the county), so that we achieve "equivalent self-sufficiency"?

Yes

No

Comments

44. Is the method for comparing arisings and capacity, in order to identify equivalent self-sufficiency, clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

## Part A. Consideration of the Waste Management Hierarchy

45. Is the approach to residual waste clear and proportionate?

Yes

No

Comments

46. Is the approach to transfer facilities clear and proportionate?

Yes

No

Comments

## Part A. Landfill Void Space

47. Is the approach to landfill void space clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

## Part A. Strategic Movements of Waste

48. Is the approach to the movements of waste between Worcestershire and other Waste Planning Authorities clear and appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

49. Do you agree with the thresholds used to define potentially "strategic" waste movements between Waste Planning Authorities?

Yes

No

Comments

50. Do you agree with the approach and thresholds used to identify the pattern of movement which may indicate strategic reliance on individual facilities for further discussion with the relevant Waste Planning Authorities?

Yes

No

Comments

51. Are you aware of any other strategic issues which should be taken into account in the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

Comments

## **Part A. Methodology: General Questions**

52. Is the methodology sufficiently transparent and able to be applied consistently in future updates to the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

Comments

53. Are there any additional gaps or risks that needs to be addressed before finalising the methodology?

Yes

No

Comments

54. Do you have any comments on any aspects of the Waste Needs Assessment methodology?

Yes

No

Comments

### **Part A. Results - Waste arising from Worcestershire**

55. Do you have any comments on the baseline results for waste arising from Worcestershire?

Yes

No

Comments

### **Part A. Results: Waste management capacity in Worcestershire**

56. Do you have any comments on the baseline results for waste management capacity in Worcestershire?

Yes

No

Comments

**Part A. Results: Equivalent self-sufficiency**

57. Do you have any comments on the baseline results for equivalent self-sufficiency?

Yes

No

Comments

**Part A. Results: Strategic movements of waste**

58. Do you have any comments on the baseline results for the strategic movements of waste?

Yes

No

Comments

**Part B. Forecasting Future Waste Arisings: Policy Review and Options Appraisal**

59. Do you have any comments on the overall approach proposed to forecasting future waste arisings?

Yes

No

Comments

60. Are there any other key points from the listed legislation, policies and targets which should be taken into consideration in forecasting future waste arisings?

Yes

No

Comments

61. Are you aware of any other legislation, policies or targets which could affect the scale of waste arisings over the plan period which should be taken into consideration?

Yes

No

Comments

62. Do you agree with the proposed approach to the consideration of historic trends in the quantity and fate of waste arisings?

Yes

No

Comments

63. Do you agree with the consideration of the listed socio-economic factors in forecasting future waste arisings?

Yes

No

Comments

64. Are there any other data which should be considered in relation to any of the socio-economic factors?

Yes

No

Comments

65. Are you aware of any other socio-economic factors which should be considered in forecasting future waste arisings?

Yes

No

Comments

66. Do you consider the options presented for developing scenarios to be appropriate?

Yes

No

Comments

67. Do you support scenarios being applied to waste source categories as a whole, versus scenarios being applied to each waste composition category within each waste source category?

Yes

No

Comments

## Part C. Forecasting Capacity Needs

68. Do you agree with the proposed approach for forecasting capacity needs?

Yes

No

Comments

69. Are you aware of any other legislation, policies or targets which could affect how waste will needs to be managed over the plan period which should be taken into consideration?

Yes

No

Comments

70. Are there any other matters which should be considered in forecasting capacity needs?

Yes

No

Comments

## Glossary

71. Are any definitions in the glossary unclear or inaccurate?

Yes

No

Comments

72. Are there any other terms used in the Waste Needs Assessment which should be in the glossary?

Yes

No

Comments

## Waste Sites

73. Do you agree with the criteria in the Waste Needs Assessment for deciding what a "waste site" is for the purposes of the Waste Plan and the accompanying web map?

Yes

No

Comments

The Waste Needs Assessment includes appendices showing:

- "List of waste sites in Worcestershire for the purposes of the Waste Needs Assessment"

(these sites can be viewed on the web map at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wasteplanningpolicy](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wasteplanningpolicy))

- "Sites not included in the list of waste sites", including reasons why these sites are not included.

74. Do you disagree with the inclusion of any sites in the "List of waste sites in Worcestershire for the purposes of the Waste Needs Assessment"?

Yes

No

If so, please give reasons

75. Are any of the details for the listed waste sites, or site boundaries shown on the accompanying web map, incorrect?

Yes

No

Comments

76. Should any of the "Sites not included in the list of waste sites" instead be included for the purposes of the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

If so, why?

If you are aware of any other sites which you think should be taken into account in the Waste Needs Assessment, please send details of the site to us by email at [wasteplanningpolicy@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteplanningpolicy@worcestershire.gov.uk) and we will assess them.

## Appendices

77. Do you have any comments on the content of any of the appendices to the Waste Needs Assessment?

Yes

No

Comments

## About You

If you are **not replying on behalf of an organisation**: We would like to ask some questions about you. Your responses to these demographic data questions are being collected anonymously, and separately to your responses to the Waste Plan consultation to ensure confidentiality and privacy. This information will be used to understand who has not been able to access or engage with our survey. It will allow us to enhance our communication methodology, and identify improvements to ensure everyone has a voice and can participate equitably in service improvements and provision.

**To complete the demographic questions please use the separate form.**