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Arabic

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Bengali

এই লেখাটি Bedfordshire (বেডফোর্ডশায়ার) ও Luton (লুটন) এলাকার Minerals and Waste Development Framework (মিনারেলস্ অ্যান্ড ওয়েস্ট ডেভেলপমেন্ট ফ্রেমওয়ার্ক বা খনিজ পদার্থ ও আবর্জনাবিষয়ক উন্নতির পরিকল্পনার কাঠামো)-র অংশবিশেষ। আপনি যদি এই লেখার অনুবাদ করতে সাহায্য চান তাহলে দয়া করে আপনার নাম, ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর নিচের বাক্সে লিখবেন এবং কোন ভাষায় অনুবাদ চান তার উল্লেখ করে, এই পৃষ্ঠার শেষে দেওয়া ঠিকানায় পাঠাবেন। তার পর অনুবাদে সাহায্য করবার জন্য আমরা আপনার সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করব।

Croatian

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Farsi

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Punjabi

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Urdu

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Have your say

If you have any comments on the Bedfordshire Annual Monitoring Report 05/06, we would like to hear from you. All comments will be considered within the production of future Annual Monitoring Reports. Also if you would like to be added to our mailing list and be contacted throughout the production of the Bedfordshire and Luton Development Framework please contact us with your details.

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Introduction

This is the second Annual Monitoring Report produced by Bedfordshire County Council in regard to Minerals and Waste Planning within Bedfordshire.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) was granted Royal Assent in May 2004. The Act resulted in major changes in the planning system. Structure Plans and Local Plans will eventually be abolished and local plans will be replaced by Local Development Frameworks (LDF). Bedfordshire County Council and Luton Borough Council have retained responsibility for Minerals and Waste Planning in their area and will therefore be reviewing their policies and producing a Minerals and Waste Development Framework in line with the Act

The monitoring and reviewing of plans and policies is an integral part of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Act requires every local authority to produce an annual monitoring report to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in the development documents are being achieved.

The Annual Monitoring Report will provide robust information and a comprehensive evidence base which will assist in the formation and successful delivery of future Minerals and Waste Development Documents.

Structure of the Annual Monitoring Report

Within this Annual Monitoring Report the following matters are addressed:

- The status of Development Plans and their replacement through the Framework
- Are the milestones set out within the Bedfordshire and Luton Minerals and Waste Local Scheme being met? If not why?
- Planning Applications
- Policy Usage
- Core Indicators
 - Minerals
 - Waste
- Problems that need to be addressed before the next Annual Monitoring Report.

At this stage no Minerals or Waste Development Plan Documents have been produced. When this AMR refers to policies and applications, it is assessing them against the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Saved plans

Bedfordshire and Luton Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The Bedfordshire and Luton Minerals and Waste Local Plan was adopted in January 2005 and has been automatically saved for a period of 3 years to January 08. These policies will be replaced on a section by section basis.

Minerals Section

All the policies contained within the minerals section of the Adopted Minerals and Waste Plan will be saved until they are reviewed and replaced with policies within the Minerals Core Strategy and Site Allocation DPD's which will be adopted by December 2008. As the anticipated adoption date of the Minerals DPD's exceeds the statutory 3 year period, we will be making a request to the Secretary of State to save all the policies until December 2008.

Waste Section

The policies contained within the waste section of the Adopted Minerals and Waste Plan will be saved until they are reviewed and replaced with policies within the Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocation DPD's. As the anticipated adoption date of the Waste DPD's exceeds the statutory 3 year period, we will be making a request to the Secretary of State to save all the policies until August 2009. The production of the Waste DPD's is timed to relate to the production of the East of England plan as we need to await the strategic policy guidance contained within the East of England Plan (especially regarding landfill and growth area development). At the moment, the waste core strategy and site allocations plan timetable are still on schedule to meet the milestones set out in the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.

General Environment

The General Environment Policies from the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2000-2015 will be saved. Through annual monitoring their review will be triggered as and when necessary. If annual monitoring indicates that the policies do not need to be reviewed in the next 3 years then a request will be made to the Secretary of State to save them beyond this period. In any case they will be reviewed in full between 2009 and 2011

Structure Plan

Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 all Structure Plans will eventually be abolished but until then they are to be saved for a period of 3 years from the commencement of the Act or until they are superseded by the Regional Spatial Strategy. If they are not superseded by this time then an application must be made to the Secretary of State to save it for longer. The East of England Plan, upon its adoption (anticipated for Summer 2007), will replace Bedfordshire's Structure Plan 1997 and the policies within it.

Community Strategy

The Community Strategy and future Minerals and Waste Development Documents within the framework will share the same objective of sustainable development in line with the Governments Sustainable Communities Agenda. The Councils aim to integrate the relevant aspects of the Community Strategy into the production of the Minerals and Waste Development Documents, along with monitoring objectives to ensure this is being done effectively. However as none of the Development Plan Documents have been produced yet, this is a future monitoring goal.

Regional Spatial Strategy

Regional Spatial Strategies set out Government's planning and transport policy for each region for a 15-20 year period. The strategies provide part of the statutory framework for determining planning applications, as well as for preparing both Local Development Documents and Local Transport Plans.

The Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England is known as the East of England Plan. The anticipated adoption date for the East of England Plan is summer 2007

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) sets out the detailed timetable for the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Development Documents that make up the Minerals and Waste Development Framework. It also highlights when stakeholders and the public can be involved in the production of each document.

The Bedfordshire and Luton MWDS was first published on the 25th April 2005.

It was then updated to bring forward production of the waste Supplementary Planning Document (guidance to guide waste management provisions in new developments further to policies W5 and W6 of the adopted MWLP), and to make minor amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement. The revised MWDS was resubmitted in November 2005 and formally approved by GO-East on the 21st November 2005. This Monitoring Report reports plan-making progress against the revised scheme.

This Annual Monitoring Report sets out in Table 1 to Table 4 below, actual and anticipated progress against the milestones set out in the latest MWDS.

Minerals Core Strategy and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

Table 1. Progress on Minerals DPD milestones

Milestone	Minerals Core Strategy	Minerals Site Allocation Plan	Stage of Progress
Evidence Gathering	April 05 – Oct 05	April 05 – Oct 05	Achieved
Issues Consultation	Jan 06 – Feb 06	Jan 06 – Feb 06	Achieved
Preferred Options Consultation	Nov 06 – Jan 07	Nov 06 – Jan 07	Proposed revision*
Submission	July 07	July 07	Proposed revision*
Consultation	July 07 – Aug 07	July 07 – Aug 07	Proposed revision*
Pre Exam Meeting	Feb 08	Feb 08	Proposed revision*
Examination	April 08	April 08	Proposed revision*
Receipt of Inspectors Report	Sept 08	Sept 08	Proposed revision*
Adoption	Dec 08	Dec 08	Proposed revision*

Observations regarding the Minerals Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPDs

Proposed revision*

Due to a number of new sites being put forward at the Issues and Options Stage and the demand for greater public consultation, Bedfordshire County Council are aiming to undertake further consultation with the local community and stakeholders. This is to ensure that the Development Documents are based on a sound robust evidence base.

This means that the “Preferred Options” milestones in November – January for the Minerals Development Documents will not be met. It is anticipated that they will be postponed approximately 3 months to ensure that sufficient time is given to consultation and discussions.

Preliminary discussions have been held with GO – East on this matter and this appears suitable. A revised Local Development Scheme will be issued in the New Year following further discussions

Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

Table 2. Progress on Waste DPD milestones

	Waste Core Strategy	Waste Site Allocation Plan	Stage of Progress
Evidence Gathering	Feb 06 – Oct 06	Feb 06 – Oct 06	Achieved
Issues Consultation	Dec 06 – Jan 07	Dec 06 – Jan 07	Expected to meet
Preferred Options Consultation	Aug 07 – Sept 07	Aug 07 – Sept 07	Expected to meet
Submission	May 08	May 08	Expected to meet
Consultation	May 08 – June 08	May 08 – June 08	Expected to meet
Pre Exam Meeting	Nov 08	Nov 08	Expected to meet
Examination	Jan 09 – Feb 09	Jan 09 – Feb 09	Expected to meet
Receipt of Inspectors Report	July 09	July 09	Expected to meet
Adoption	Sept 09	Sept 09	Expected to meet

Observations regarding the Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPDs

The East of England public examination was delayed and, consequently, so has the publication of the Proposed Modifications report and Adoption. Bedfordshire and Luton Councils need to await the Proposed Modifications Report before substantive progress can be made on the Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocations Plans, as we need to await the strategic policy guidance contained within this Report (in particular, regarding landfill and growth area development). At the moment Bedfordshire and Luton are still on course to meet the milestones set out in the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme even with the delay to the East of England Plan. However if the East of England Plan progress is delayed any further in the future, this may cause the Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocations Plan to miss its milestones. This issue will be monitored in the future.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**Table 3. Progress on SCI milestones**

	Statement of Community Involvement	Stage of Progress
Evidence Gathering	April 05 – July 05 (Scoping)	Achieved
Issues Consultation	August 05 – September 05 (Reg 25)	Achieved
Preferred Options Consultation	November 05 – December 05 (Reg 26)	Achieved
Submission	March 06	Achieved
Consultation	March 06 – April 06	Achieved
Pre Exam Meeting	To be scheduled if required	Not Applicable
Examination	July 06	Achieved
Receipt of Inspectors Report	August 06	Achieved
Adoption*	November 06	Achieved*

Observations regarding the SCI

*** Adopted 12th October 2006**

Supplementary Planning Document

Table 4. Progress on SPD milestones

	Waste Facilities SPD	Stage of Progress
Evidence Gathering	June 05 – September 05	Achieved
Prepare Draft SPD	October 05 – December 05	Achieved
Public Participation on Draft SPD(Reg 17)	January 06 – February 06	Achieved
Analyse Representations and finalise SPD	March 06 – May 06	Achieved
Adoption	June 06	Achieved
Monitoring	June 06 onwards	Achieved

Observations regarding the SPD

Adopted 18th April 2006

Bedfordshire and Luton have produced a Supplementary Planning Document to provide extra guidance and support to Policies W5 and W6 of the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan regarding provisions for sustainable waste management with new development.

Bedfordshire and Luton received consultancy support from DEFRA as part of the Waste Implementation Programme (WIP) Local Authority Support Unit (LASU) for the production of this document

The Supplementary Planning Document has now been adopted. This SPD is implemented through Luton Borough Council and the District Councils. These are Bedford Borough Council, Mid Bedfordshire District Council and South Bedfordshire District Council. The County Council held seminars with each of the Districts and Luton to discuss the SPD, its purpose and its implementation. Responsibilities for ensuring developers are aware and use this SPD lies with the Districts in their pre application discussions with potential developers and within their planning decisions. The County Council have offered a guidance role and will assist any developers or district officers who wish to implement the SPD.

Policy Use in Development Control for Minerals and Waste Development

As previously mentioned all the policies within the Minerals and Waste Local Plan have been saved for a period of 3 years and applications will be made to the Secretary of State to extend this period until the Development Plan Documents have been adopted.

The use of the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan within the role of development control at County level has been analysed to examine which policies have been used in the decision making process. They have been looked at in regards to waste and mineral decisions. This will help in assessing whether the policies should be considered for inclusion in the Framework

It must be pointed out that it is difficult to monitor whether the Minerals and Waste Local Plan has been used for making development control decisions at a district level. This is particularly pertinent to Policies W5 and W6 (Waste Audits and Provision of Waste Facilities with new Development), which, being applicable to all forms of development, will fall in the majority of cases to be implemented by the District Planning Authorities.

We have also not considered Luton's use of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Policies as Luton Borough Council are responsible for producing their own monitoring report.

The Structure Plan policies have not been monitored for this Annual Monitoring Report due to the fact that they do not need reviewing as none of them will be replaced: the Structure Plan is being abolished and replaced with the forthcoming Regional Spatial Strategy. Once the Regional Spatial Strategy is adopted Bedfordshire Annual Monitoring Report will consider its policies in terms of development control decisions and policy making procedures.

Minerals Policy Use within Development Control Decisions

The Policies and amount of times that were used in the making of decisions on all mineral applications that were determined in the period of the financial year 05/06 can be seen in Table 5..

(For a list of all applications determined in the period 05/06 see Appendix 2)

Table 5. Mineral Policy Use

Policy	Policy Title	Times Used O4/05	Times Used 05/06
M1	Minerals Extraction Strategy	1	1
M2 & M3	Aggregates Landbank and Silica Sand Landbank	2	3
M4	Protection of Mineral Resources/Mineral Consultation areas	2	
M5	Rationalisation of reserves and restoration of old sites		
M6	Requirements for determination of minerals applications		3
M7	Importation of materials for processing		1
M8	Borrow Pits		2
M9	Rail Aggregates Depots		

Observations on Mineral Policy Usage

As can be seen from the Table 1, all the policies except for M4 and M5 have been used in the determination of various applications and therefore are performing well.

Policies that have not been used in determination and reasoning for non usage:

M4 Protection of Mineral Resources/Mineral Consultation Areas

M5 Rationalisation of reserves and restoration of old sites.

Bedfordshire believe that the lack of use of these policies is due to the fact that applications for sites to which these policies would be applicable have not been submitted.

However all policies have been saved for a period of 3 years and will be reviewed in the formation and adoption of the Minerals Development Plan Documents.

Waste Policy Use within Development Control Decisions

The Policies and amount of times that were used in the making of decisions on all waste applications that were determined in the period of the financial year 05/06 can be seen below:

Policy	Policy Title	Times Used 04/05	Times Used 05/06	Policy	Policy Title	Times Used 04/05	Times Used 05/06
W1	Key Principles	1	3	W11	Composting	1	2
W2	Imported Waste		1	W12	Anaerobic Digestion		
W3	County Self Sufficiency			W13	Energy Recovery Plant		
W4	Waste Minimisation	1	1	W14	Non Inert Landfill Provision		1
W5	Management of Wastes at Source: Waste Audits			W15	Pre landfill Waste Treatments		
W6	Management of Wastes at Source: Provision of facilities with new development			W16	Landfill Gas	1	2
W7	Preferred locations for integrated waste management facilities	2		W17	Land Raising		4
W8	Waste Recovery	2	2	W18	Sewage Treatment Works	2	
W9	Waste Transfer and Materials Recovery Facilities	5	8	W19	Clinical Waste Incineration facilities	5	
W10	Household Waste Recycling Centres			W20	Inert Waste Recycling		1
				W21	Inert Waste Landfill		2

Observations on Waste Policy Usage

As can be seen in Table 2, most of the waste policies within the Minerals and Waste Local Plan are being utilised within determining applications

Policies that have not been used in determination and reasoning for non usage:

- W3 County Self Sufficiency**
- W5 Management of Wastes at Source: Waste Audits**
- W6 Management of Wastes at Source: Provision of facilities with new development**
- W7 Preferred locations for integrated waste management facilities**
- W10 Household Waste Recycling Centres**
- W12 Anaerobic Digestion**
- W13 Energy Recovery Plant**
- W15 Pre landfill Waste Treatments**
- W18 Sewage Treatment Works**
- W19 Clinical Waste Incineration facilities**

Bedfordshire believe that the lack of use of these policies is due to applications for sites to which these policies would be applicable have not been submitted, such as Clinical Waste Incineration Facilities and Household Waste Recycling Facilities.

W5 and W6 are also mainly implemented through the Districts and we are currently investigating ways in which to monitor this.

We also believe that due to the fairly recent adoption of the Bedfordshire and Luton Minerals and Waste Local Plan (January 2005) there has not been a long enough period to monitor the usage and that the policies are current and relevant. However all policies have been saved for a period of 3 years and will be reviewed in the formation and adoption of the Waste Development Plan Documents.

General Environment Policy Use in Development Control Decisions

Table 6. General Environment Policy Use

Policy	Policy Title	Times Used 04/05	Times Used 05/06
GE1	Matters to be addressed in planning applications	4	9
GE2	Restoration/Improvement of the Marston Vale		8
GE3	Environmental improvement of the Greensand Trust area	2	
GE4	Environmental improvement of the Ivel and Ouse Valleys		1
GE5	Protection of Green Belt Land	4	6
GE6	Protection of Best and most Versatile agricultural land	1	3
GE7	Protection of Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty		
GE8	Protection of AGLV	1	4
GE9	Landscape Protection and Landscaping	7	19
GE10	Protection/Enhancement of trees and woodland	1	10
GE11	Protection of sites of national nature conservation importance	1	2
GE12	Protection of locally designated nature conservation sites, regionally important geological/geomorphological sites (RIGS) and undesignated sites of significant conservation interest	2	2
GE13	Species and Habitat Protection and Enhancement	3	7
GE14	Archaeology	3	6
GE15	Statutorily designated Historic Buildings and Sites	1	2
GE16	Local Historic Buildings, Conservation Areas and Historic Environment Sites	1	
GE17	Pollution Control	1	18
GE18	Disturbance	12	28
GE19	Flooding	1	4
GE20	Water Resources	4	12
GE21	Public Rights of Way	1	5
GE22	Transport: Alternative means	1	2
GE23	Transport: Suitability of local road network	9	17
GE24	Ancillary minerals and waste developments	2	5
GE25	Buffer Zones	3	2
GE26	Restoration	3	8
GE27	Aftercare		4

Observations on General Environment Policy Usage

The policies within the General Environment Section of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan are performing well within the determination of Planning Applications, in particular GE18, GE23 and GE9.

Policies that have not been used in determination and reasoning for non usage:

GE3 Environmental Improvement of the Greensand Trust Area

This policy has not been used in the time period 05/06. Though undertaking the monitoring, it was found that there were a number of applications to which GE3 would have been applicable. We have raised this issue with the Development Control team and will be monitoring its usage over the next year.

GE7 Protection of Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

This policy has not been used as we have determined no applications regarding Minerals and Waste that would involve the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the period 05/06. If we were to receive an application in this area, this policy would be relevant and should therefore remain.

GE16 Local Historic Buildings, Conservation Areas and Historic Environment Sites

This policy has not been used as we have determined no applications regarding Minerals and Waste that would involve the above areas and buildings in the period 05/06. If we were to receive an application in this area, this policy would be relevant and should therefore remain.

Overall Observations on Policy Usage within Minerals and Waste Planning Decisions

As mentioned throughout this policy section the recent adoption of the MWLP has limited the time period and hence the effectiveness of monitoring of the use of policies.

Even if certain policies are not reflected in the final decision report for a planning application, whether it is minerals or waste, this does not mean they are not considered throughout the development process. For example a seemingly unused policy may have guided a developer at a pre-application stage. Or as mentioned earlier, a district council may have used other policies in their development decisions.

Through the replacement of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan with the Minerals and Waste Development Framework, as set out in the scheme, all policies will be reviewed and consideration given as to whether they will be included in the framework, wholly or amended. As well as examining the use of the policies within development control, changes in legislation, government guidance and regional strategies will also be considered when formulating the policies that will form the development plan documents.

Planning Applications

For the period 1st April 04 – March 31st 2005 Bedfordshire and Luton received 56 planning applications. Whether they were approved, refused, withdrawn or were still outstanding at the end of this period can be seen in Table 8 for Mineral applications and Table 9 for Waste Applications.

Table 7. Total applications received in the period 05/06

Total County Matter Planning Applications Received during time period	Approved	Refused	Outstanding (as at end of March 2006)	Withdrawn
56	27	6	18	5

Table 8. Total mineral applications received in the period 05/06

Total County Matter Mineral Planning Applications Received during time period	Approved	Refused	Outstanding (as at end of March 2006)	Withdrawn
18	10	0	6	2

Table 9. Total waste applications received in the period 05/06

Total County Matter Waste Planning Applications Received during time period	Approved	Refused	Outstanding (as at end of March 2005)	Withdrawn
38	17	6	12	3

Aggregate Monitoring

Planning Permissions Granted

There were three applications for mineral extraction during the time period April 1st 2005 and March 31st 2006

Permission was granted for the following extraction:

- Land off Wing Hill Roundabout – Borrow pit to extract sand and gravel
- Octagon Farm South – Extraction of sand and gravel with restoration to lakes
- Land at Round Wood – Extraction of engineering material for use in the M1 widening

Bedfordshire and Luton's annual call on reserves is 1,930,000 tonnes as set by the regional apportionment 2001-2016 as approved by the Regional Planning Assembly.

Aggregate Sales, Reserve and Land Bank for Bedfordshire and Luton

Sales (000 tonnes)					Average
2001	2002	2003	2004 (Estimate)	2005 (Taken from RAWP)	2001-2004 (Estimate)
1,749	1,906	1,663	1,933	1,663	1,812

Annual Call on Reserves (000 tonnes)	2005 Reserve(Taken from RAWP) (000tonnes)	Landbank (Years) By Regional Apportionment
1,930	17,787	9.2

In previous years the reserve may have contained non aggregates and consequentially could be the reason for the large drop in reserve total.

Problems obtaining minerals data.

The figures used in this report have been taken from the RAWP Annual Monitoring Data. The BGS carried out a confidential survey of sites within Bedfordshire for this year and the aggregated total of these sites is permitted to be released.

Production of Secondary/Recycled Aggregates

This is an area with a lack of data. Bedfordshire have undertaken a waste survey this year with a limited success rate. (Refer to Waste Section of Annual Monitoring

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Report for more information). Therefore we have no complete figures for production of secondary/recycled aggregates.

However Capita Symonds will be looking to collect estimates on the production of recycled aggregates at the sub-regional level for the period 05/06. The anticipated publication date for this is February 07. This should contain more data than we have been able to collect from operators this year and we will be able to use this for forward planning purposes.

We have inert waste arising figures for 2000, taken from the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2005 and we have the Construction and Demolition figures for 03/04 from the ERM Report.

Inert Waste Arisings 2000	Construction and Demolition Waste 03/04
585,000 tonnes	758,000 tonnes

This does show an apparent increase over the last 4 years, though it is to be noted that the two categories are not identical.

Waste Monitoring

Planning Permissions

The main applications for significant waste sites during the time period April 1st 2005 and March 31st 2006 can be seen below

Granted

- Etonbury Farm – Composting of imported green waste plus pig manure and straw produced on the farm and recycling of topsoil and concrete.
- Great Thickthorn Farm – Use of agricultural farmyard to shred and recycle wood
- Plot 2 Station Road Industrial Estate, Ampthill – Waste Transfer Station
- Plot 3 Station Road Industrial Estate, Ampthill – Waste Transfer Station
- Faldo Farm – On farm composting
- Winsey House Farm – Change of use of former agricultural buildings to recycling plant

Refused

- Land at Winterwoods Farm – Improvement of agricultural land by infilling depression with inert material
- Brogborough Landfill site (Various applications) – Variation of conditions to alternative levels, deferment of end dates and restoration (Subject to appeal)
- Warren Villas Quarry (2 applications) – Variation of conditions to enable restoration with imported construction and demolition waste

Certificates of Lawfulness (Granted)

- East Hyde – A mixed use comprising importation, sorting and transfer of waste materials
- Blunham – Waste Transfer Station

Waste Capacity Figures

This year Bedfordshire undertook a waste survey of the waste operators within their area. Unfortunately this information has not been forthcoming from all the operators and so some information is unavailable.

To address this issue in future, the Council will be working closely with the Environment Agency to establish a mechanism in which we can obtain details regarding inputs into sites.

Management Method	Capacity
Composting	101,000tpa*
Aggregates Recycling	563, 999tpa plus 1 site can have 4000 tonnes at any one time.*
Material Recycling Facility/Transfer Station	977, 298tpa plus 1 site can have 50 tonnes at any one time.*
Incineration	180,000tpa****
Woodchipping	5000tpa*
Landfill (Active)	4,533, 000** tonnes
Landfill (Inert)	No information available***
Civic Amenity Sites	125,750tpa*

* Capacity information gained from Planning Permissions, to identify the capacity for various waste sites within Bedfordshire

** taken from WRG Supplemental Supporting Statement for Brogborough – August 2006

*** Unfortunately only one operator returned their figures for their inert landfill site, therefore we are unable to report this figure

**** Taken from the ERM Waste (source: ERM Waste Capacity Study table 2.7)¹ – no new incineration facilities were granted in 05/06

¹ “Study of existing waste facility capacity and future needs in the East of England” ERM for the East of England Regional Assembly, October 2005 (See http://www.eera.gov.uk/Documents/About%20EERA/Policy/Planning%20and%20Transport/EERA%20Final%20Report_171005.pdf)

Table 10. Total Municipal Waste for Bedfordshire and Recyclables Handled 2005/06

(Excluding Rubble, Commercial Waste and Flytipped)

Year	Total Waste Handled Excluding Rubble, Commercial Waste and Flytipped	Total Recycled (Tonnes)	Total Composted (Tonnes)	Total Recycled (%)	Total Composted (%)	Total Recycled and Composted (%)	Incinerated with EFW (%)	CA Site Recycling (%)
05/06	200975	38211	26283	19	13	32	0.05	54
04/05	204782	34699	15619	16	7	24	1	54
03/04	205274	24924	9727	12	4	16	0.727	42
02/03	210968	26097	Included in Recycled	Figure was combined		12	0	28

Observations on Figures in Table 10

It can be seen that waste production has reduced between the periods 2002 – 2006. The County Council is continuing to increase its recycling and composting levels to 32%, this has been achieved with the support of the District and Borough Councils. The County Council has exceeded the internal targets set and far exceeded the statutory performance target (18%) and stretched target of 20%

It can be seen the total recycled figure has increased by 3,512 tonnes in the last year to 19% of waste collected. Composting has also risen by approximately 10,600 tonnes in the period 05-06, 13% of the total waste handled is now composted.

The County will continue to try and improve on these figures and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill in line with Government guidance and targets.

The figures above do not take account of Rubble, Commercial and Flytipped waste. For the purposes of BVPIs these waste streams are excluded from recycling and composting target calculations. These figures can be seen in Table 9 below:

Table 11. Figures for Rubble, Commercial and Flytipped Waste 05/06

	Rubble	Commercial	Flytipped
Tonnes	6,962	10,868	1514

Observations on Figures in Table 11

Rubble waste is not disposed of through landfill, it can be used in roads throughout the County and as a cover material on landfill therefore this figure could be considered 100% recycled.

None of the Commercial Waste and Fly tipped Waste is recycled as it could be contaminated and as yet facilities do not exist to sort and cater for this area. Therefore 100% is landfilled.

Future AMR works

There have been a number of issues that will need to be resolved by the next Annual Monitoring Report. These have been discussed in the relevant sections of this report. However, for ease of reference, the main issues and their proposed resolutions are summarised below:

- Lack of figures for production of secondary/recycled aggregates.

There has been a lack of responsiveness to the Annual Monitoring Waste Survey at this time and therefore we were unable to gather information on the production of secondary/recycled aggregates. Capita Symonds are undertaking a study into this area for a combined Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire figure which should provide us with enough information for forward planning over the next year. We will be working towards improving our links with Industry and the Environment Agency to obtain this information for next year.

- Lack of Policy Usage.

The Annual Monitoring Report policy chapter has highlighted that some policies are not being used in Development Control decisions, where they would have been of benefit. This issue has been addressed within the Development Control team at County Hall and needs to be monitored over the next year.

- No other indicators to monitor the plan.

In developing and consulting on Development Plan Documents in the Minerals and Waste Development Framework we will be formulating indicators for future AMRs to ensure that they are founded on a robust and transparent monitoring framework.

Summary

Bedfordshire has met the milestones set out in the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme for all the Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and SCI in the period 05/06.

The saved policies appear to be relevant and appropriate for the development that is occurring within Bedfordshire.

Appendix 1

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (November 2005)

Appendix 2

Planning Applications for Mineral Sites 1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006

App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
BC/CM/2005/4	Brogborough	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Temporary Storage of clay extracted at Brogborough Landfill site, to be retained for use on site, on land adjacent to landfill site.	Approved		GE1, GE9, GE17, GE18, GE21, GE24
BC/CM/2005/9	Elstow Railhead	Lafarge Aggregates Ltd	Variation of condition of planning permission no 20/2003 – control of traffic movements associated with a new coated roadstone plant Elstow Railhead.	Approved		GE1, GE13, GE17, GE18, GE20, GE23
BC/CM/2005/13	Steetley Woburn Bentonite Works	The Trustees of Bedford Estates	Change of use of Access Road & Building to Forestry use	Approved	Application for retention of a large storage building and other aspects. Change of use for forestry use. This application would not normally be a County application but it was determined by the County as it conflicted with the approved restoration scheme for a former	No Minerals and Waste Local Plan policies were used.

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
					quarry. It was not a Minerals and Waste Development and therefore the Case Officer used the Mid Beds Local Plan to make the decision.	
BC/CM/2005/30	Land off Wing Hill Roundabout	Alfred McAlpine Capital Projects	Borrow Pit to extract sand and gravel for use on the Stoke Hammond – Linslade bypass.	Approved		M8, GE5, GE14, GE18, GE22, GE23
BC/CM/2005/28	Double Arches Quarry		Renewal of Temporary Planning permission for office accommodation at Double Arches Quarry, valid until 15 th August 2015	Approved		G5
BC/CM/2005/44	Whitsundoles Farm	Aggregate Industries UK Ltd	Variation of condition of planning permission to allow importation of mineral	Approved		M7, GE23
BC/CM/2005/42	Grovebury Road, Leighton Buzzard	Aggregate Industries UK Ltd	Variation of condition to allow the use of a temporary haul road for a further 3 years until 30 th Sept	Approved		
BC/CM/2005/16	Grovebury Quarry	Aggregate Industries	Erection of temporary mobile coated roadstone	Approved		GE5, GE9, GE13, GE17, GE18

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
		UK Ltd	plant with ancillary facilities			
BC/CM/2005/51	Mundays Hill	Aggregate Industries Ltd	Application to vary condition to enable underground piping of oil to continue at Eastern Way Works.			GE5, GE17, GE18, GE26, GE14, GE17, GE9
BC/CM/2005/55	Octagon Farm North	Lafarge Aggregates Ltd	Variation of condition to extend the time for completion of mineral working.	Approved		M2, M6, GE6, GE17, GE18, GE20, GE21, GE23, GE26
BC/CM/2005/53	Sandy Heath Quarry	Lafarge Aggregates Ltd	Variation of condition to expand time for completion of sand extraction	Approved		M2, GE8, GE17, GE18, GE26
BC/CM/2003/35	Octagon farm south	Lafarge Aggregates Ltd	Extraction of sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture with lakes.	Approved		M1, M2, GE1, GE2, GE6, GE9, GE10, GE13, GE14, GE15, GE18, GE19, GE20, GE22, GE23, GE24, GE26, GE27,
BC/CM/2005/52	Land at Round Wood, Slip End	Balfour Beattie Skanska	Extraction of engineering material for use in the M1 widening scheme with restoration to agriculture	Approved		M8, GE5, GE8, GE10, GE14, GE15, GE21, GE23

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
BC/CM/2005/7	Warren Villas, Sandy	CEMEX	Restoration of phases 2A, 3B and 3C to agriculture and nature conservation with imported construction and demolition waste at Manor and Ivel Farms.	REFUSED		GE1, GE17, GE18, GE19

Planning Applications for Waste Sites 1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006

App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
BC/CM/2005/5	Wilstead Industrial Estate	D Hales Ltd	Change of Use from B8(Storage) to the dismantling of end of life vehicles	Approved		W9, GE9, GE13, GE17, GE20, GE23
BC/CM/2004/41	Etonbury Farm	Wheelform Properties Ltd	Composting of imported green waste plus pig manure and straw produced on the farm and recycling of topsoil and concrete at Etonbury Farm, Arlesey	Approved		W4, W8, W9, W11, GE4, GE9, GE14, GE18, GE23
BC/CM/2005/11	Great Thickthorn Farm	Wood PH Waste Ltd	Use of agricultural farmyard to shred and recycle waste wood at Great Thickthorn Farm, Houghton Conquest	Approved		W9, GE1, GE2, GE9, GE10, GE14, GE18, GE21, GE23
BC/CM/2005/3	Biggleswade Sewage Treatment Works	Thames Water	Retrospective application for perimeter fencing around the extension to Biggleswade Sewage Works	Approved		GE9
BC/CM/2005/17	Brogborough Landfill Site	Waste Recycling	Extension to landfill gas utilisation compound and	Approved		W16, GE18, GE17, GE9, GE24,

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
		Group Ltd	new environmental compound to control and convert landfill gas into electricity			GE26, GE27
BC/CM/2005/14	Elstow Waste Transfer Station	Shanks Waste Management Ltd	Variation of condition of planning permission 14/2004 to allow the receipt of bulky household waste on Sunday between 08:00 and 16:00 hours.	Approved		GE2, GE10, GE17, GE18, GE20
BC/CM/2005/23	Elstow Waste Transfer Station	Shanks Waste Management Ltd	Variation of condition of planning permission 14/2004 to allow 24 hour operation of the MRF	Approved		W1, GE2, GE10, GE17, GE18, GE20
BC/CM/2005/15	Unit 5 & 6 Shefford Business Park	Cleanaway Ltd	Retrospective change of use to allow the storage of domestic recyclable glass and paper	Approved		W9, GE18, GE17, GE23
BC/CM/2004/39	Meadow Lane, Cardington, Bedford	Dawn Cardington	Retrospective permission for bund around site constructed in 1995 at Meadow Lane, Cardington	Approved		W17, W21, GE9, GE19, GE20
BC/CM/2004/37	Meadow	Dawn	Extension of bund and	Approved		W17, W21, GE19,

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
	Lane, Cardington, Bedford	Cardington	flood compensation measures			GE9
BC/CM/2005/32	Plot 2, Station Road Industrial Estate	Ampthill Skips	Waste Transfer Station	Approved		W9, GE1, GE18, GE20, GE23
BC/CM/2005/36	Plot 3, Station Road Industrial Estate	KPG Group Ltd	Waste Transfer Station	Approved		W9, W20, GE18, GE23
BC/CM/2005/35	Brogborough Landfill Site	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Relocation of skip park	Approved		GE10, GE18, GE23
BC/CM/2005/38	Faldo Farm	Richard Beechener	On farm composting	Approved		W1, W11, GE1, GE5, GE8, GE9, GE18, GE23
BC/CM/2005/38	Brogborough landfill site	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	The installation of additional landfill gas control and equipment	Approved		GE9, GE17, GE18, GE26
BC/CM/2005/49	Manor Road, Kempston Hardwick	G Moore Haulage Ltd	Extension to waste transfer building	Approved		W8, GE2, GE9
BC/CM/2005/47	Winsey House Farm	Monoworld Ltd	Change of use of former agricultural buildings to recycling plant, new car parking and storage yard	Approved		W9, GE2, GE8, GE9, GE10, GE13, GE17, GE18, GE20, GE23
BC/CM/2005/21	Arlesey	Waste	Retention of an extension	Approved		W16, GE9, GE17,

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
	Landfill	Recycling Group Ltd	to existing landfill gas utilisation compound to control and convert landfill gas into electricity			GE18, GE26
BC/CC/2005/29	Barkers Lane	Bedfordshire County Council	Extension to and rearrangement of HWRC	Approved		GE9, GE10, GE18, GE20, GE23
BC/CM/2005/54	L Field, Stewartby	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Temporary Storage of Landfill Gas	Approved		GE24, GE25, GE27

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App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31 st 2006	Notes	Adopted Policies Used
BC/CM/2005/1	Arlesey Landfill	Waste Recycling Group	Extension to existing gas utilisation compound to control and convert landfill gas into electricity	REFUSED		
BC/CM/2005/41	Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable	Dunstable Town Council	Collection Point for park waste prior to transportation via waste transfer company	REFUSED	Refused on grounds that the access is of insufficient width for skip vehicles to be easily and safely aligned when exiting the site	The application was in accordance with W9 and GE18
BC/CM/2005/46	Land at Winterwoods Farm	G Moore Haulage Ltd	Improvement of Agricultural Land (arable) by infilling depression with inert material, finishing with replaced topsoil	REFUSED	Due to the restricted visibility from the proposed access onto the public highway, use of the access by turning lorries would result in an unacceptable risk to public safety. Contrary to GE10	In accordance with W17, GE2, GE9, GE11, GE12, GE13, GE6, GE18, GE17, GE23 Contrary to GE10
BC/CM/2005/24A	Brogborough Landfill Site	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Variation of Conditions to enable restoration to alternative levels, deferment of end dates for waste disposal operations and restoration and other consequential	REFUSED	These applications were recommended by Officers for Approval though was refused by Development Control Committee. These applications are now being appealed	W1, W2, W14, W17, GE1, GE2, GE9, GE10, GE11, GE12, GE13, GE17, GE18, GE20, GE21, GE24

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			amendments			
BC/CM/2005/25A	Brogborough Landfill Site	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Variation of Condition to defer the end dates for clay stockpiling and restoration of the area, land adjacent to Brogborough Landfill Site	REFUSED		GE26, GE27 were used within these applications
BC/CM/2005/26A	Brogborough Landfill Site	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Variation of condition to defer end dates for material recycling operations and restoration of the are used	REFUSED		
BC/CM/2005/27A	Brogborough Landfill Site	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Variation of Condition to defer the end dates for lorry parking and restoration of the area used	REFUSED		
BC/CM/2005/7	Warren Villas Quarry	RMC Eastern	Restoration to agriculture and nature conservation with imported construction and demolition waste.	REFUSED	Refused on grounds of conflict with Local Plan policy and insufficient information.	GE1, GE17, GE18, GE19
BC/CM/2005/8	Warren Villas Quarry	RMC Eastern	Variation of conditions to enable restoration to agriculture and nature conservation to take place with imported construction and demolition waste	REFUSED	Refused on grounds of conflict with Local Plan policy and insufficient information	GE26, M6

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Certificates of Lawfulness

App No	Site Name	Operator	Operation	Outcome as at March 31st 2006	Notes	Policies Used
BC/CM/2005/22	Former British Rail Goods Yard, East Hyde	D&N Skip Hire	A mixed use comprising importation, sorting, storage and transfer of waste materials.	Approved	Decision not based on Planning merits. Decision made on evidence of site operational periods.	
BC/CM/2005/43	Land to the north of Barford Road, Blunham	Ibbot & Moorby	Waste Transfer Station.	Approved	Decision not based on Planning merits. Decision made on evidence of site operational periods.	