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Dear Sir/Madam

# Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Part Two: Sites and Policies Document – informal consultation on proposed site selection methodology

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council are working together to produce a new set of waste planning policy documents to replace our existing joint Waste Local Plan.

Part One of the replacement Waste Local Plan (known as the Waste Core Strategy) was adopted in December 2013 and sets out the general approach and strategic planning policies for future waste management facilities across the whole of Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

Following on from this, the Councils are preparing Part Two of the replacement Waste Local Plan to be known as the Sites and Policies Document. This document will cover all types of waste management facilities including recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, energy recovery, waste water treatment, waste transfer and disposal facilities

The Sites and Policies Document will be used to identify sites for future waste management use and will also set out detailed policies on how sites should be designed, constructed, and operated in order to minimise potential environmental impacts such as traffic, noise, odour and dust.

## What is this consultation about?

As part of the work to identify potential sites, the Councils are consulting interested parties on the proposed methodology to be used for shortlisting and assessing individual sites. This is to ensure that the process of site selection is open, fair and based on the most relevant and up to date information. In preparation for assessing individual sites the Councils are also publishing an updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

This consultation will run between 15<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

#### How to comment

Tou can request hard copies of the document and response form from us (contact details above), but please note a reasonable charge may be applied to cover printing and postage.

Printed versions of the documents can be viewed at County Hall; the City Council's offices (Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham); District Council offices; and the following libraries during normal opening hours; Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Hucknall, Kirkby in Ashfield, Mansfield, Newark, Nottingham Central, Retford, Southwell, Sutton in Ashfield, West Bridgford and Worksop.

If you choose to respond online, the interactive version of the document allows to you add comments to relevant sections as you read them. To access this service you will need to create your own user name and password (if you registered during the last consultation use the same login details again). You will then be able to save changes and log in and out as many times as you like until you are ready to submit your comments.

You can also download our standard 'response form' (available on our webpage) and return this to us by post or email.

## What happens next?

Feedback from this informal consultation stage will be used to help inform the process of site selection. Once potential sites have been shortlisted, the Councils will then carry out further public consultation on these shortlisted sites. The proposed timetable for future consultation stages will be kept up to date on the Councils' website and you will be notified automatically of any upcoming consultation events.

You have been sent this letter because (a) you have specifically asked to be kept informed about the preparation of our waste policies; (b) because you took part in the Councils' previous consultation on Part One of the replacement Waste Local Plan (the Waste Core Strategy); (c) you have been identified as key stakeholder.

If you no longer wish to receive information from us about the Waste Local Plan, please let us know in writing or by email at the address above.

The information in this letter can be made available in alternative formats on request.

Please note that any comments you submit at this stage will be made public and may be made available to others in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act and/or the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you would like any additional information, or have queries about the Waste Local Plan, please do not hesitate to contact us.

# Please remember that all comments must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Yours faithfully

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