

D16 WASTE

- D16.1 Waste is a key issue affecting the Cambridge area. The Government has challenging targets for reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill sites and there is a clear policy approach to first reduce the amount of waste created in both residential and commercial properties, to reuse waste products wherever practical, and then recycle as much as possible of the remaining waste, so that the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of is minimised. As a major development which will inevitably create significant levels of waste material, Cambridge East should be planned for all necessary facilities at all levels to deal with waste, from facilities within homes to store recycling materials and design which aids easy collection, to waste recycling facilities, and potentially waste management facilities, to serve the development and even the wider area.
- D16.2 It is not the role of the Area Action Plan to include policies for waste. Waste policies are contained in the Structure Plan and the Waste Local Plan 2003. These plans form part of the development plan applying to Cambridge East and will need to be read alongside the Area Action Plan for Cambridge East.
- D16.3 The Cambridgeshire Structure Plan 2003 says that proposals for major new developments will be required to make adequate provision for strategic and / or local waste management facilities.
- D16.4 The adopted Waste Local Plan 2003, prepared by Cambridgeshire County Council as the waste planning authority, responds to the need for sustainable waste management to be in place for existing and new communities. It identifies all major new developments as “preferred” locations where “proposals for major waste management facilities (other than landfill) will be considered favourably” (Policy WLP 18). It also states that suitable locations for household waste recycling centres “may include preferred sites identified in policy WLP 18, land identified for general employment uses, and as part of major development proposals” (Policy WLP 20). Developers are advised to talk to the County Council as Waste Planning Authority at an early stage.
- D16.5 The County Council is embarking on the preparation of a Waste and Minerals Local Development Framework, which envisages initial consultation in summer 2005, Preferred Options public participation in spring 2006 and submission to the Secretary of State in early 2007.
- D16.5 The masterplanning process for Cambridge East will need to take account of all components of the development plan, and will be the vehicle for bringing together the overall policy framework for the new urban quarter and take forward the provision of waste facilities.