

Frequently Asked Questions	Answers
1. When does the consultation period begin, does it begin tonight, and is it for 6 or 12 weeks?	The formal statutory 6 week consultation period will begin on 27 <sup>th</sup> February and end on 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2006. This is to allow WCC to meet its timetable for the development of the plan laid down by the Secretary of State, and is in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
2. What is the Waste Strategy, and what is the relationship between it and the Waste Development Framework?	<p>The Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy was developed to outline how the Warwickshire Authorities (County Council and District/Borough Councils) might deliver its statutory obligation to manage municipal waste (primarily household waste) disposal.</p> <p>The overarching purpose of the Waste Development Framework (part of the new national Planning legislation) is to set out planning policies, which will make sufficient land available in the most sustainable locations to enable waste operating companies to provide adequate facilities to dispose of waste in Warwickshire. Before the County Council can identify specific sites there has to be an agreed strategy that determines the broad approach to waste disposal. This Waste Core Strategy is the subject of our current consultation.</p>
3. How do you determine the shortlist of preferred options?	We will need to consider what we are statutorily obliged to deliver. Results of the consultation will feed into those considerations but will not be the sole determinants of the final preferred options.
4. Why aren't WCC adopting 'zero waste' as their starting point?	The starting point for the Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy and the Waste Development Framework is the waste hierarchy, which begins with waste minimisation.
5. How tried and tested are the options? How "safe" are they for	The waste treatment issue is only 1 of the 13 issues highlighted

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public health and the environment?	in the paper. Their "safety" will be the subject of consultation with a wide range of bodies, including the health sector and the Environment Agency.
6. Where can we get hold of waste data?	<p>Good sources of information available to the public include the Waste Technology Data Centre provided by the Environment Agency, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management and the ODPM website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.ciwm.co.uk">www.ciwm.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.odpm.gov.uk">www.odpm.gov.uk</a></p>
7. How can the voluntary sector contribute?	By alerting their members and contacts to the importance of getting involved in the consultation on the Waste Development Framework, part of the new national Planning legislation.
8. Would the issues and options paper give an indication of WCC's intentions for waste development in the County, and explain how these opinions have been arrived at?	The Waste Core Strategy Issues & Options paper is a land use document, consulting on the broad strategy governing waste disposal. It sets out several options for consultees to offer their preferred option. The County Council's proposals will not be consulted on until later this year in the Waste Core Strategy Preferred Options and Proposals paper.
9. Does the plan make provision for educating people about waste?	<p>The plan itself is about land-use rather than education, but the process of preparing the plan involves education as set out in the following paragraphs.</p> <p>The purpose of the public event in Rugby was to provide background information to waste issues. WCC has also produced information cards, which are available upon request. West Midlands Planning Aid Service has also been contacted to</p>

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	<p>provide support to community groups who wish to get involved in the Waste Development Framework process.</p> <p>The overarching purpose of the Waste Development Framework (part of the new national Planning legislation) is to set out planning policies, which will make sufficient land available in the most sustainable locations to enable waste operating companies to provide adequate facilities to dispose of waste in Warwickshire. Before the County Council can identify specific sites there has to be an agreed strategy that determines the broad approach to waste disposal. This Waste Core Strategy is the subject of our current consultation.</p> <p>For further details of the consultation on the Waste Core Strategy please see our website for details at <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastecorestrategy">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastecorestrategy</a></p>
<p>10. What is the timescale for the plan to be implemented and the new waste disposal plants to begin to appear on the landscape?</p>	<p>The timetable for the Core Strategy to be adopted is February 2008. This will be followed by the Site Specific Allocation Development Plan Document, which will not be adopted before 2010. Whilst of course this does not dictate the timing of when either the private or public sectors bring forward proposals for waste facilities, it is an indication of the anticipated relevant state of the waste planning framework against which proposals will be judged at the time.</p>
<p>11. Why are we only consulting for 6 weeks if the Warwickshire Compact states that the consultation should be 12 weeks?</p>	<p>The 12 week consultation period in the Warwickshire Compact is advisory, not statutory whereas the 6 week consultation period for each stage of the plan-making process is laid down in The Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England)</p>

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	Regulations 2004.
12. Were doctors and environmentalists consulted?	A number of advisory agencies have been invited to attend the Waste Development Forum for this specific purpose and the health sector and the Environment Agency are included in this number.