

Comments and Questions raised at Rugby Event at the Benn Hall	Response from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) officers
<p>1. Is the meeting part of a consultation process, and if so are minutes being taken? Is Warwickshire County Council (WCC) required by legislation to record the comments made?</p>	<p>The purpose of the event was to provide information on the written consultation process taking place between February and April 2006. There is no legislative requirement to record comments at awareness-raising events such as this one, but we will be taking notes of this event and the other awareness-raising events. The responses to questions will be made available on our website.</p> <p>In addition, we will be meeting the legislative requirements of recording comments received during the written consultation period and these will be considered by County Councillors through normal procedures.</p>
<p>2. When does the consultation period begin, does it begin tonight, and is it for 6 or 12 weeks?</p>	<p>The formal statutory 6 week consultation period will begin on 27th February and end on 10th 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.</p>
<p>3. Sustainable Rugby requested confirmation that their preliminary consultation response would be raised and addressed in the meeting.</p>	<p>Confirmation given.</p>
<p>4. What is the Waste Strategy, and what is the relationship between it and the Waste Development Framework?</p>	<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</p>

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	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.
5. Why is Arup's being involved; doesn't this introduce a conflict of interest and prejudice a fair and independent consultation process?	There is an existing partnership agreement between WCC and Arup, under which Arup provide a range of advice and other professional services, which is why they are involved with making arrangements for WCC consultation activities. This in no way compromises or undermines the consultation. We are aware of no existing or likely conflict of interest.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. How tried and tested are the options? How "safe" are they for public health and the environment?	The waste treatment issue is only 1 of the 13 issues highlighted 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.
9. Comment: The meeting didn't tell the public about what was in the consultation. The reason for this was because WCC had already made up its mind to build an incinerator.	The Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy has now been published by the Warwickshire Authorities (County Council and District/Borough Councils) and this sets out how it

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	<p>might deliver its statutory obligation to manage municipal waste (primarily household waste) disposal. This document is the culmination of extensive consultation during 2005. For copies of The Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy please see the website for details at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/waste</p> <p>The process that is underway now is consultation on the Waste Development Framework (part of the new national Planning legislation). The overarching purpose of this Waste Development Framework 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. The purpose of this event was to provide background information to waste issues and promote the Waste Development Forum as an arena for debating the contents of the Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper that entered the public domain on 27th January 2006. This report will go to Cabinet on 2nd February 2006 and is therefore available to the public on request or available at our website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastecorestrategy</p> <p>The treatment and disposal of waste is only 1 of 13 issues highlighted in the Waste Core Strategy Issues & Options paper.</p>

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	Incineration and thermal treatment is mentioned under two of the possible options, but there is also an alternative option which purely relies on composting, recycling and landfill and consultees are currently being invited to express their preferred option.
10. WCC is facing a court case about an existing decision to build waste facilities within the County.	We have no idea what this question is referring to.
11. The terminology used in the handouts is not understandable to members of the general public.	The purpose of the meeting was to provide some background and explanation for the terminology used. Unfortunately some specialist terminology is unavoidable.
12. Where can we get hold of waste data?	Good sources of information available to the public include the Waste Technology Data Centre provided by the Environment Agency, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) and the ODPM website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk www.ciwm.co.uk www.odpm.gov.uk
13. Addressed to Cllr Saint: There is a need for more substantial consultation; don't sell us down the road for the next 20 years.	Noted and Cllr Saint commented, "I am committed to effective consultation."
14. Better information is required. Experts on the issues should be at these meetings to answer the questions	Advisory Agencies have been invited to attend the Waste Development Forum for this purpose.
15. The Government has not implemented the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 700, 000 tonnes of hazardous waste has gone "missing" in this Country.	Noted.
16. Information should be presented in a more graphical way e.g.	Noted and amended for future consultations.

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Use a pie graph to illustrate the relationship between types of waste produced.	
17. Information is required on environmental impacts, environmental cycles, inputs, outputs, energy recovery in watts, minimum viable size of facilities, CO ₂ emissions, lorry movements, land use impacts.	<p>There will be a final Sustainability Appraisal report on the Waste Core Strategy as a whole once the Waste Core Strategy is adopted. Copies of the initial Sustainability Appraisal which will accompany the Waste Core Strategy Issues & Options paper on 27th February 2006 is currently available on our website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sa</p> <p>Specific development proposals likely to have significant effects are likely to require the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment which will deal with these issues at an individual site-specific level.</p>
18. More emphasis should be made on the risks.	<p>Purpose of the event was to provide background information. The risks and benefits will be debated at the Waste Development Forum and all comments will be considered in our preparation of the Preferred Options and Proposals paper.</p>
19. Information cards don't set out environmental issues	<p>Our intention was to cover a summary of environmental issues on the information cards but there is the opportunity for further debate at the Waste Development Forum.</p>
20. Why are we only consulting for 6 weeks if the Warwickshire Compact states that the consultation should be 12 weeks?	<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) Regulations 2004.</p>
21. Meetings should be later in the evening to give people get home from work.	<p>Comment noted and as a result a Saturday Waste Development Forum event has been arranged on 18th March. Details of this event will be publicised on our website and in the local press.</p>

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22. Questions about the quantities of hazardous and non-hazardous waste in Warwickshire.	It is estimated that approximately 60,000 tonnes of hazardous waste is currently generated in the County. This is projected to rise to 70,000 tonnes over the plan period. Much of it is disposed of at an in-house landfill with the remainder being disposed of at open gate landfills permitted to dispose of stabilised non-reactive hazardous waste.
23. Sustainable Rugby requested planning aid facilitation.	West Midlands Planning Aid Service is willing to facilitate debate if a community group approaches the Service for assistance.
24. Concentrate on 80% - incineration/co-incineration of waste in Rugby? Impact of waste to be burnt? What to do?	The Waste Development Framework will have to address all waste arisings so it will be as important to concentrate on the 80% that is non-municipal as it is to the 20% or so that is municipal waste. Co-incineration of waste as a fuel substitute is regulated by the Environment Agency within the constraints of the Waste Incineration Directive. The site locations element of the process is yet to commence and as a result potential sites have not been identified which includes those that may or may not be in Rugby.
25. Cllr Saint to govern how we approach these issues, debate issues at more convenient time?	Comment noted and as a result a Saturday Waste Development Forum event has been arranged on 18 th March. Details of this event will be publicised on our website and in the local press.
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27. Question around waste data and statistics.	The Annual Monitoring Report is available on WCC's website and includes statistics on waste at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/amr

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28. Are railway lines being safeguarded to transport waste from Birmingham?	We are expected to do this as part of our planning function in the event that it proves necessary.
29. There is a central push towards anti-incineration.	There is a general recognition by Central Government as leaked from its Waste Strategy that incineration will be an integral part of any waste management solution.
30. 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.
31. There should be incentives to reduce waste, we live in too affluent a society.	Noted and supported.
32. The information cards should include a matrix of input and output in tonnes/year, megawatts/tonne and how much land is need. This could be done by using figures from other countries.	The information cards do include some of this information but that information may not be as comprehensive as has been suggested. The information was deliberately limited as it was felt that too much information might over complicate the message that WCC was trying to get across.
33. How tried and tested are thermal treatments? Include lessons from Europe and useful website material.	<p>'Lessons Learned from Europe' is a very useful document setting out Europe's experience of thermal treatment processes and can be found on the CIWM website at http://www.ciwm.co.uk/pma/2224</p> <p>For further information please see the Waste Technology Data Centre at www.environment-agency.gov.uk</p>
34. The risks of incineration need to be highlighted	Purpose of the event was to provide background information. The risks and benefits will be debated at the Waste

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	Development Forum and all comments will be considered in our preparation of the Preferred Options and Proposals paper.
35. Why does Coventry incinerator operate at 2000 ⁰ c but the proposed for Warwickshire would operate at 800-1200 ⁰ c?	'The proposed for Warwickshire' does not exist, as we have no technical information about a specific facility for Warwickshire.