

# Evidence Report

## Appendix 4: Circular Economy Statements

**Hertfordshire Minerals and Waste  
Local Plan 2040**

**Hertfordshire County Council**



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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Hertfordshire County Council is reviewing its adopted Minerals Local Plan, Waste Local Plan and supporting documents. These comprise the following documents (with adoption date):
  - Minerals Local Plan Review (March 2007)
  - Minerals Consultation Areas SPD (November 2007)
  - Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD (November 2012)
  - Waste Site Allocations DPD (July 2014)
  - Employment Land Areas of Search SPD (November 2015)
- 1.2. The documents listed above are to be replaced by a single Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) covering the period to 2040. The new MWLP will set the overall spatial framework and development management policies for sustainable minerals and waste management development in Hertfordshire.
- 1.3. This Evidence Report provides an overview of and response to the main issues raised during the Regulation 18 consultation relating to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Draft Plan Appendix 4: Circular Economy Statements.

## 2. Document Context

- 2.1. The purpose of Appendix 4: Circular Economy Statements is to provide a framework for the production of Circular Economy Statements as part of the planning application process as stated in Policy 11: Sustainable Design and Resource Efficiency of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
- 2.2. It is intended that the use of a Circular Economy Statement will replace the current requirement for a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and will incorporate the methods used in producing a SWMP.

## 3. Minerals & Waste Local Plan Policy

- 3.1. The Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan was published for a Regulation 18 public consultation from 22 July to 31 October 2022. During the consultation period, members of the public, industry and other bodies were invited to comment on the Plan and its appendices.

## **4. Main Issues Raised**

4.1. During the Regulation 18 consultation, 2 representations were made in relation to this document. Both of these representations were in support of Appendix 4 and no amendments were suggested.

a) East Herts Council supports Appendix 4 which provides a clear framework to produce Circular Economy Statements as part of the planning application process.

b) An encouraging feature of the Draft Plan is Appendix 4: Circular Economy Assessments, and associated Policy 11

## **5. Conclusion**

5.1. This Evidence Report demonstrates the main issues raised to this supporting document to the emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan. It also summarises how the council has addressed those issues within the Regulation 19 consultation.

5.2. Any representations received on this section at the Regulation 19 consultation stage will be submitted alongside the Local Plan to the Secretary of State as part of the examination process.

5.3. This Evidence Report was written to support the Proposed Submission Plan (Regulation 19) consultation. This report forms part of the Regulation 22 statement, as set out by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.