

Authority Monitoring Report

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Executive Summary

This is Hertfordshire County Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), which covers the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and which follows on from the previous AMR covering the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

The AMR is used to monitor the implementation of the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan policies and to monitor the progress the county council has made in reviewing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan documents.

The county council determined 11 'county matter' (minerals and waste) planning applications during the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, none of which were refused. A summary of these applications can be seen in the table below:

Number of Minerals and Waste applications determined (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023)	Minerals	Waste
Applications Approved	2	9
Applications Refused	0	0
Total	2	9

Details of the waste management capacity contributed by the applications can be found in Chapter 5. Details of all the county matter applications (determined throughout the period this AMR covers) can be found in Appendix 3 and 4.

1. Introduction

Purpose of the Hertfordshire Authority Monitoring Report

- 1.1. The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is produced by Hertfordshire County Council, as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority (MWPA). The MWPA has a duty to produce, implement and monitor the Minerals and Waste Local Planning Documents for Hertfordshire.
- 1.2. The AMR is a statutory requirement of all Local Planning Authorities and must be published on an annual basis. This requirement is set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.3. The purpose of an AMR is for local planning authorities to report on and monitor the implementation of their Local Plan(s). For Hertfordshire County Council these documents comprise the following:
 - Minerals Local Plan Review (adopted March 2007)
 - Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) (adopted November 2012)
 - Waste Site Allocations DPD (adopted July 2014)
- 1.4. The AMR is also used to monitor the progress which has been made in preparing the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP), as set out within the adopted Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) (see Appendix 5 for the MWDS timetable).
- 1.5. The AMR serves as an important tool in reviewing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan documents as it provides evidence of where policies may no longer be useful/ applicable.

Legislative Requirements for Hertfordshire's Authority Monitoring Report

- 1.6. In line with the 2012 Regulations¹, the county council's AMR contains the following:

¹ Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Section 34

- The titles of the local plans or supplementary planning documents specified in the adopted Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS)
 - The timetable for preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) specified in the MWDS and the stages of its preparation.
 - The extent to which the timeline is being met (if applicable)
 - Where any document specified in the MWDS has been adopted or approved within the period of the AMR.
 - Details of which policies have been implemented throughout the period of the AMR and explanations as to why any policies (if applicable) have not been implemented and the steps (if any) that the county council will take to ensure that the policy is implemented.
 - Details of where the county council, as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, has co-operated with another Local Planning Authority, county council, or a body or person prescribed under section 33A of the Localism Act.
- 1.7. In addition to the above, the county council uses the AMR to monitor waste management capacity provided (over the AMR period) and which counts towards closing the gaps identified in Tables 5, 6, 8 & 9 of the Waste Core Strategy. It also monitors how the Waste Planning Authority has worked in compliance with The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011. It is considered that monitoring this information will assist in the preparation of the MWLP.

Documents produced by Hertfordshire County Council, as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority

- 1.8. The 2012 Regulations state that an AMR must include the titles of the Local Plans or Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) specified in the Local Planning Authority's Local Development Scheme. For Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities this is known as the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS).
- 1.9. The county council is in the process of reviewing the adopted Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan through a single Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP). The adopted MWDS includes the timetable for the MWLP (appendix 5). The progress made in reviewing the adopted Local Plans throughout the period if this AMR is set out in chapter 4 of this document.
- 1.10. The adopted documents that the AMR discusses are shown below.

Hertfordshire's Minerals Local Plan Documents

- Minerals Local Plan Review (March 2007)
- Mineral Consultation Areas in Hertfordshire SPD (November 2017)

Hertfordshire's Waste Local Plan Documents

- Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Policies DPD (November 2012)
- Waste Site Allocations DPD (July 2014)
- Employment Land Areas of Search SPD (November 2015)

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

- 1.11. A Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) is a statutory document which sets out a timetable for the documents that the MWPA must prepare. The MWDS must be kept up to date in order to reflect the most accurate timetable for preparing those documents.
- 1.12. The MWDS was published in December 2021, Table 3 shows the progress of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan compared to the adopted MWDS.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), June 2022

- 1.13. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a statutory document which sets out how the county council will involve communities in the preparation of minerals and waste planning documents and in the consideration of county matter planning applications.
- 1.14. The SCI was updated during the monitoring period in June 2022 to reflect the expiration of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (as amended).

2. Current Minerals and Waste Policies

- 2.1. The adopted Minerals and Waste Policies for Hertfordshire are contained within the Minerals Local Plan Review (March 2007), Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD (November 2012) and the Waste Site Allocations DPD (July 2014). A list of the policies within these documents can be found in Appendix 1.
- 2.2. Section 34 of the 2012 Regulations require Local Planning Authorities to monitor the implementation of the adopted Local Plan policies through their

AMR, to identify policies that are not being implemented, the reasons why and any steps that are needed to secure their future implementation.

- 2.3. This chapter of the AMR sets out the implementation of the Policies contained within the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan documents and sets out the reasons as to why any of the policies have not been used.

Unimplemented Minerals Local Plan Policies

- 2.4. During the period of this AMR, ten out of the nineteen adopted Minerals Local Plan policies were not used in the determination of minerals planning applications.
- 2.5. Only two mineral applications were determined over this AMR period. The unused Minerals Local Plan policies and the reasons they were not used are set out in the table below.

Table 1: Unimplemented Minerals Policies

Unimplemented Minerals Local Plan Policy	Reason	Steps needed to ensure future implementation
Policy 1: Aggregates Supply	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 2: Need for Mineral Working	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 3: Sites for Sand and Gravel Extraction and the Working of Preferred Areas	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 4: Applications Outside of Preferred Areas	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 5: Minerals Sterilisation	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 6: Other Non-Energy Minerals	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 10: Railheads and Wharves	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A

Unimplemented Minerals Local Plan Policy	Reason	Steps needed to ensure future implementation
Policy 13: Reclamation Scheme	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 15: Landfill	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 17: Criteria for The Control of Mineral Development to Protect Critical Capital and Other Environmental Assets	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 19: Enforcement of Planning Control	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A

Unimplemented Waste Local Plan Policies

2.6. During the period of this AMR, four out of the twenty-two policies listed in the adopted Waste Local Plan Documents were not used in the determination of waste planning applications. The reasons as to why these policies have not been used are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Unimplemented Waste Policies

Unimplemented Waste Core Strategy Policy	Reason	Steps needed to ensure implementation
Policy 3: Energy & Heat Recovery	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 15: Safeguarding of Sites	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 17: Protection of Sites of International and National Importance	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A
Policy 20: Monitoring and Enforcement	No relevant applications determined that would require the use of this policy	N/A

2.7. The policies in both of the existing adopted Plans are being reviewed and will be revised to reflect up to date National Policy requirements and the current needs of the county.

- 2.8. The information regarding policy implementation contained within Hertfordshire's AMRs has been and will continue to be considered in the review of the currently adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plans.
- 2.9. To see details of the determined minerals and waste planning applications, please see Appendix 3 for minerals planning applications and Appendix 4 for waste planning applications.

3. Monitoring of the Waste Core Strategy Targets and Indicators

- 3.1. The adopted Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (referred to as Waste Core Strategy) contains targets and indicators which are used in the AMR to monitor the implementation of the Waste Local Plan.
- 3.2. This chapter of the AMR sets out the Targets and Indicators of the Waste Core Strategy and the progress the county council, as Waste Planning Authority, has made over the period of this AMR (1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023) in working towards achieving them.
- 3.3. The adopted Minerals Local Plan does not contain targets and indicators; therefore, the AMR does not contain minerals data. Monitoring of the Minerals Local Plan policies is captured within Chapter 2 and in Appendix 3.
- 3.4. Information relating to minerals (in Hertfordshire) is monitored annually through Hertfordshire's Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA). The LAA is a statutory document and is made available on the county council's webpages at the end of each calendar year².
- 3.5. The policies within both of the Waste Planning documents (Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD and Waste Site Allocations DPD) are designed to meet the seven strategic objectives in the Waste Core Strategy for sustainable waste management in the county during the 15-year plan period of the adopted Waste Local Plan (2011-2026):
 - SO1. To promote the provision of well-designed and efficient facilities, that drive waste management practices up the waste hierarchy and are located to ensure no harm to human health and the environment, and which reduce waste volumes to be disposed in landfill;

² <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/planning-in-hertfordshire/minerals-and-waste-planning/minerals-and-waste-planning.aspx>

- SO2. To locate waste recycling, handling and reduction facilities as close as practicable to the origin of waste
- SO3. To facilitate the increased and efficient use of recycled waste materials in Hertfordshire (for example as aggregate);
- SO4. To facilitate a shift away from road transport to water and rail transport as the principal means of transporting waste;
- SO5. To prevent and minimise waste, but where waste cannot be avoided, maximise the recovery value (including energy and heat) from waste;
- SO6. To work with all partners in the county to encourage integrated spatial planning, aligning with other local waste strategies and local authority objectives which take account of waste issues, recognising that waste management generates employment and is part of the infrastructure which supports businesses and communities; and
- SO7. To work with all neighbouring waste authorities to manage the equivalent of the county's own waste arisings.

3.6. The 16 targets (their relevant Indicator, Strategic Objectives and Policy) of the Waste Local Plan and are set out below and are followed by a summary of performance against them.

Waste Core Strategy Target 1: A year on year reduction in the amount of waste sent to landfill over the plan period.

- Relevant Indicator IN1
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO3, SO5, SO7
- Related Policy 4

3.7. There has been a decrease in the amount of waste sent to landfill when compared to last year's figures. Based on figures obtained from the Environment Agency's Waste Data Interrogator 2023 (covering calendar year 2022), the amount of waste sent to landfill in 2021 was approximately 241,106 tonnes. The amount of waste sent to landfill in 2020 (Waste Data Interrogator 2021) was approximately 1,072,138 tonnes. This is a decrease of 78%. It should be noted that from 2019 there are no more landfills in Hertfordshire accepting wastes, other than inert material for the purposes of restoration.

Waste Core Strategy Target 2: A reduction in the amount of waste produced per household to 1 tonne per year per household over the plan period.

- Relevant Indicator IN2
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO2, SO6

- Related Policy 1, 4

3.8. Based upon the figures obtained from the Waste Disposal Authority, which are contained in Table 5 (Chapter 5), a total of 502,422 tonnes of Local Authority Collected waste was managed/ disposed of during 2022/2023. As there are 507,270 households in Hertfordshire this equates to approximately 0.99 tonnes of Local Authority Collected (LAC) waste per household. The figure for the amount of LAC waste produced per household has decreased by 7% compared to last year's figures³.

Waste Core Strategy Target 3: New waste management facilities located within Areas of Search A-E to treat the identified LAC waste arisings (including organic waste) over the plan period.

- Relevant Indicator IN3
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO2, SO7
- Related Policy 1, 4

3.9. In this period there were 3 waste planning applications approved relating to the treatment of Local Authority Collected Waste within an Area of Search:

- PL/0243/21: Land adjacent to Ware Household Waste Recycling Centre, Westmill, Ware, SG12 0ES
- PL/0275/22: North London AD Facility, Coursers Farm, Coursers Road, Colney Heath, AL4 0PG
- PL/0276/22: Brookdell Yard, St Albans Road, Garston, Hertfordshire WD25 0GB0

Waste Core Strategy Target 4: New waste management facilities to treat the identified C&I waste arisings over the plan period.

- Relevant Indicator IN4
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO2
- Related Policies 1,7

3.10. Three waste planning applications were approved within the period this AMR relate to the creation of a new waste management facility to manage C&I waste arisings:

³ Approximately 1.06 tonnes of Local Authority Collected Waste per household was collected during the previous AMR monitoring period, totalling 533,551 tonnes of LAC waste in Hertfordshire.

- PL/0170/20: Unit 1, Colne Way Industrial Estate, Colne Way, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD25 9WY, 125,000TPA⁴ (permitted)
- PL/0217/21: Unit B, Travellers Lane, Welham Green, Hertfordshire, AL9 7HF, 5,000TPA (Conditionally Permitted)
- PL/0275/22: North London AD Facility, Coursers Farm, Coursers Road, Colney Heath, AL4 0PG, 27,500TPA (Permitted)

Waste Core Strategy Target 5: A minimum of 60% of all LAC waste to be recycled or composted by 2026.

- Relevant Indicator IN5
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO3, SO6
- Related Policies 1,2

3.11. Table 5 in Chapter 5 outlines the amount of Local Authority Collected Waste (LAC) that was managed (recycled, composted, recovered and landfilled) during 2022/2023. This amounted to a total of 502,422 tonnes, of which 51% was recycled or composted. This is 2% less than the previous AMR period.

Waste Core Strategy Target 6: A minimum of 60% of all C&I waste to be recycled or composted by 2026.

- Relevant Indicator IN6
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO3, SO6
- Related Policies 1,2

3.12. Based on the data taken from the WDI 2023, a total of 580,818 tonnes of C&I waste was recycled or composted which equates to 71% of the C&I waste dealt with in Hertfordshire.

Waste Core Strategy Target 7: A minimum of 90% of all Construction, Demolition and Excavation waste to be diverted from landfill by 2026.

- Relevant Indicator IN7
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO3, SO6
- Related Policies 4, 12

3.13. Based on data taken from the WDI 2023, of the Construction, Demolition and Excavation (CD&E) waste dealt with in Hertfordshire in 2022, 88% was diverted from landfill, which equates to a 64% increase from last year's

⁴ Tonnes Per Annum

figures, which were based on data obtained from the WNA 2022 (32%).

- 3.14. This is still below the target of 90%, although rising significantly since the last AMR period. The 90% diversion target is to be achieved by 2026 and as such will be carefully monitored.
- 3.15. It should be noted that the 90% diversion target contained within Target 7 above, has been obtained from national targets, which may be reviewed in the future.

Waste Core Strategy Target 8: Respond to all development proposals which the Waste Planning Authority considers will significantly impact upon waste management facilities in Hertfordshire.

- Relevant Indicator IN8
 - Relevant Strategic Objectives SO5, SO6
 - Related Policies 5,2
- 3.16. During the period of this AMR, the Waste Planning Authority has responded to 120 planning applications⁵. These have been identified from the ten District/Borough weekly planning application lists, where development falls into the following categories:
- Planning applications for 10 units and above;
 - Applications for commercial and industrial development of more than 500 sqm;
 - Car parks with more than 200 spaces;
 - Planning applications that fall within an Allocated Site, as identified in the Waste Site Allocations document
- 3.17. Once the application is identified from the ten District and Borough weekly lists, the Waste Planning Authority locates the development proposal to determine its proximity to existing safeguarded waste management facilities (see Appendix 2 of this document for the full list of safeguarded waste management facilities).
- 3.18. Out of the applications responded to, one application was considered to have a potential impact on a waste management facility in Hertfordshire. The Waste

⁵ It should be noted that this number does not include responses to Screening and Scoping Requests (as part of Environmental Impact Assessments), responses to requests for pre-planning application advice or responses to applications for the discharge of conditions (relating to Site Waste Management Plans only)

Planning Authority objected to the proposed development.

- 3.19. In such instances as this, where there would be a considered impact, the Waste Planning Authority requested that mitigation measures be designed into the proposed developments in order to protect and screen the development from the waste activities occurring nearby.
- 3.20. The responses are sent to the District and Borough councils with the aim that specific conditions be imposed (should these applications be permitted) or that the applicant takes necessary steps to conform with the Waste Planning Authority's requests.

Waste Core Strategy Target 9: Object to proposals that are not in accordance with Policy 5: Safeguarding of Sites.

- Relevant Indicator IN9
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO2
- Related Policy 5

- 3.21. As stated above, during the period of this AMR, the Waste Planning Authority has responded to 120 planning applications that have been identified from the ten District and Borough weekly planning application lists. Out of all applications responded to, none resulted in the loss of an operational waste management facility. However, one application was identified as having concerns relating to safeguarding.

Waste Core Strategy Target 10: Increasing co-location of complimentary waste facilities.

- Relevant Indicator IN10
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO2
- Related Policy 8

- 3.22. During the period of this AMR, no waste planning applications have been granted, which allow for the co-location of complimentary waste facilities.

Waste Core Strategy Target 11: An overall increase in the number of waste management facilities with an element of energy recovery.

- Relevant Indicator IN12
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO5
- Related Policy 3

3.23. During the period of this AMR, one waste planning application has been granted, which include an element of energy recovery:

- PL/0275/22: North London AD Facility, Coursers Farm, Coursers Road, Colney Heath, AL4 0PG

Waste Core Strategy Target 12: An increase in the number of permitted applications which include alternatives to road transport.

- Relevant Indicator IN12
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO4
- Related Policy 9

3.24. Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, no waste planning applications have been determined that include alternatives to road transport.

Waste Core Strategy Target 13: All applicable road-borne waste management facilities to be located no more than 5km from the strategic and primary road network.

- Relevant Indicator IN13
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO2, SO4
- Related Policy 9

3.25. During the period of this AMR, no waste planning applications have been granted for the creation of new waste management facilities outside the 5km proximity to the strategic and primary road network.

Waste Core Strategy Target 14: All planning applications to be granted in accordance with advice obtained from the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Highways England, Sport England and other relevant consulted bodies within the county council.

- Relevant Indicator IN14
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1, SO4
- Related Policy 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

3.26. Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, no planning applications have been granted contrary to the advice of Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Highways England, Sport England and other relevant consulted departments within the county council.

Waste Core Strategy Target 15: Respond to all development proposals which the Waste Planning Authority considers could create significant waste during construction and demolition and request a Site Waste Management Plan.

- Relevant Indicator IN15
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO3, SO6
- Related Policy 12

3.27. The county council's standard response to all planning applications that could generate significant wastes includes a paragraph outlining the need for a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

3.28. A SWMP is a document that can either be submitted as part of a planning application or as part of a pre-commencement condition. It is used to set out management measures that will be undertaken for all types of waste that arise both before and during construction of developments.

3.29. Policy 12: Sustainable Design, Construction and Demolition of the Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Document sets out the requirement for SWMP's to be completed for relevant developments.

3.30. In line with Policy 12, the county council has provided comments on 3 SWMP's during the period of this AMR.

Waste Core Strategy Target 16: Increase in the percentage of waste Site operators within the county that responded to the Waste Planning Authority's annual Waste Surveys

- Relevant Indicator IN16
- Relevant Strategic Objectives SO1
- Related Policy 20

3.31. Target 16 monitors the percentage of Waste Site Operators which responded to the Waste Planning Authority's annual Waste Surveys, which is a requirement of Waste Local Plan Policy 20: Monitoring and Enforcement.

3.32. The Waste Surveys collect information on:

- general information surrounding the use and size of the site
- how much waste (by type) a site receives and where that waste came from
- how that waste was treated (re-used, recycled, recovered or sent to landfill)

- a total of the waste exported from the site
- 3.33. In February 2023, the Waste Planning Authority sent out 89 Waste Surveys (which requested information covering the calendar year of 2022) and received 25 responses in return. This equates to a 28.1% response rate which is lower than the 38.6% return rate received last year (with 83 surveys sent).
- 3.34. The county council's record of waste sites is continually updated based on the results of these surveys and other sources of information with the aim of maximising accuracy and survey responses.

Issues to be addressed for next year's AMR

- 3.35. Next year's AMR will include updates in regard to the progress of the emerging MWLP. The MWLP is set to reach key milestones in its production throughout the next AMR period (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024).

4. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

- 4.1. The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) is a project plan and timetable for preparing the documents produced by the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority.
- 4.2. The requirement to produce a development scheme is stated in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the requirement to state progress made in preparing the documents listed in an authority's development scheme is outlined in Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 4.3. The progress in preparing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan can be monitored by checking the adopted MWDS to see whether the dates and publication of the Plan corresponds to the published dates in the scheme.
- 4.4. When a Local Plan document is submitted to the Secretary of State, the updated development scheme must be submitted alongside it, which reflects the most up to date Local Plan review timeline. The MWDS will be updated throughout the plan preparation process to reflect any changes in the timeline.
- 4.5. The MWDS for the emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan was published in December 2021 to outline the timetable for production of the new Plan. The

timetable of the adopted MWDS 2021 can be seen at Appendix 5 of this document and can be viewed online⁶.

Local Plan Production Timetables

4.6. Work is underway to prepare a single Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Table 3 reports upon the progress which has been made in preparing the single MWLP against the dates set out in the adopted MWDS 2021. A consultation on the draft Local Plan took place from 22nd July 2022 to 30th September 2022. Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the period in which responses to the consultation were accepted was extended until 31 October 2022

Table 3: Progress of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Milestone	Dates Stated in the adopted MWDS	Actual events that took/are anticipated to take place
Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report Consultation	February – March 2022	The SA Scoping Report was published for consultation in February 2022.
Draft Plan Public Consultation (Regulation 18)	June – July 2022	Draft Local Plan was published for consultation between 22nd July 2022 and 31 October 2022.
Proposed Submission Plan Publication (Regulation 19)	March – April 2023	Owing to delays in plan preparation, at the time of writing, the Proposed Submission Plan has yet to be published.
Submission (Regulation 22)	July 2023	MWDS to be updated.
Independent Examination	October 2023	MWDS to be updated.
Inspector's Report	December 2023	MWDS to be updated.
Adoption	February 2024	MWDS to be updated.

5. Waste Monitoring

5.1. The adopted Waste Local Plan identifies the types of waste that have to be planned for in Hertfordshire. These include Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) and Commercial and Industrial (C&I) waste.

⁶ <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/planning-in-hertfordshire/minerals-and-waste-planning/minerals-and-waste-planning.aspx>

- 5.2. Tables 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the adopted Waste Local Plan outline the future waste capacity requirements that have been identified for LACW and C&I waste.
- 5.3. The term ‘waste capacity requirements’ describes the calculated need for additional waste management facilities and/or additional capacity within existing waste management facilities (e.g., Waste Transfer Stations, Composting Facilities, Energy from Waste facilities) to manage the waste produced in Hertfordshire, that cannot be treated with the current capacity of existing facilities within the county.
- 5.4. This chapter of the AMR monitors the progress the county council has made (over this AMR period) in providing additional capacity that will help fulfil the identified waste capacity requirements set out in the adopted Waste Local Plan.
- 5.5. Over the period of this year’s AMR (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023), the County Council has granted planning permissions for additional waste capacity that would count towards fulfilling the capacity shortfall for LAC waste management and C&I capacity. The additional capacity provided is shown below, with details of the particular applications found in appendix 4.

Table 4: Additional Waste Management Capacity provided in tonnes for the identified waste streams since 2011

Waste stream	Waste Core Strategy Table	Initial Capacity (2011) (tonnes) (A)	Additional capacity from 2011 to 31 March 2022 (tonnes) (B)	Additional Capacity provided during this year’s AMR Period (tonnes) (C)F	Total Capacity Provided (tonnes) (Total of A, B & C)
Composting	Table 5	138,500	50,870	0	189,370
LAC Waste	Table 6	N/A	85,000	156,695	241,695
C&I Composting and Recycling	Table 8	332,000	324,080	125,000	781,080
C&I Residual	Table 9	39,000	100,000	9,805	148.805

- 5.6. It is important to note that as part of MWLP production, the Waste Planning Authority revised the waste capacity shortfalls, through the production of an updated Waste Needs Assessment (July 2022). The table below, which is taken from that document, shows the capacity gaps for the various waste streams.

		2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Preparing for re-use and recycling	Materials recycling (LAC, C&I)	0.271	0.219	0.137	0.050	0.027
	Composting (LAC, C&I)	-0.005	-0.050	-0.079	-0.110	-0.120
	Inert recycling (CD&E)	-0.045	0.026	0.009	0.008	0.028
Other Recovery	Treatment & energy recovery (LAC, C&I)	0.111	-0.010	-0.036	0.001	-0.021
	Soil treatment (CD&E)	0.008	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.008
	Inert recovery (CD&E)	0.547	0.488	0.277	-0.638	-0.582
	Hazardous recovery & treatment	0.039	0.038	0.036	0.034	0.031
Disposal	Non-hazardous (LAC, C&I, CD&E)	-0.500	-0.280	-0.109	-0.097	-0.079
	Hazardous landfill	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001
	Hazardous landfill	-0.004	-0.008	-0.009	-0.009	-0.010

Figures are in million tonnes (Mt) and are not cumulative. Negative figures denote an identified need. Source: Waste Needs Assessment July 2022.

Local Authority Collected Waste Arisings and Treatment 2022/2023

- 5.7. The AMR also monitors the county's Local Authority Collected (LAC) waste arisings and how this waste has been treated.
- 5.8. This information keeps a record of how the county's LAC waste is being managed and allows for the analysis of the county's recycling rates, to ensure that Hertfordshire is progressing towards meeting national and local recycling targets and moving waste management up the waste hierarchy.
- 5.9. The table below lists LAC waste arisings and treatment for the period 2022/2023. These figures were obtained from the county council's Waste Management Unit in September 2023.

Table 5: Management/disposal of local authority collected waste 2022/2023

Treatment	Tonnes	Percentage
Recycled	149,165	29
Composted	108,662	22
Energy Recovered	196,183	39
Landfilled	48,412	10
Total	502,422	100

- 5.10. When compared to last year's figures there has been no change to the percentage of waste which was recycled. There has been a 2% decrease in the amount of waste composted. A total of 51% of Local Authority Collected Waste (LAC) was either recycled or composted.

- 5.11. In context, the National target for the UK was to re-use, recycle or compost 50% of household waste by 2020.

6. Conformity with The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

- 6.1. The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 came into force on 28th March 2011. It is a Statutory Instrument which is a product of the transposition of the European Union Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) into UK Legislation. The Regulations have been updated a number of times since 2011.
- 6.2. The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (referred to as 'The Regulations') are to be referenced in place of the EU Waste Framework, which continues to form part of UK domestic legislation.

Relevant Themes from The Regulations

- 6.3. The Regulations include several detailed sections on principles for waste management in England and Wales. Of these, five key themes relating to overarching principles which Waste Planning Authorities play a key role in implementing are reviewed:

- Waste Hierarchy
- Protection of human health and the environment
- Principles of proximity and self-sufficiency
- Waste Management Plans
- Periodic Inspections

- 6.4. The following paragraphs outline how the county council as Waste Planning Authority has, where possible, complied with each of the above themes.

Compliance with The Waste Hierarchy

- 6.5. Regulation 12 places a duty to apply the Waste Hierarchy as a priority order in waste management policy and legislation. The Waste Hierarchy is also reflected in the National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW), published in October 2014. This requires all planning authorities (including non-Waste Planning Authorities) to prepare planning documents that drive waste management up the hierarchy.

- 6.6. The Hertfordshire Waste Hierarchy, which is contained in the adopted Waste Local Plan reflects the Waste Hierarchy in the NPPW and dictates the strategic approach for waste management in Hertfordshire. The Hertfordshire Waste Hierarchy is shown below:

The Hertfordshire Waste Hierarchy



- 6.7. The Hertfordshire Waste Hierarchy is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for new waste management facilities and has been transposed into the policies that are contained in the adopted Waste Local Plan.
- 6.8. Compliance with the Waste Hierarchy also requires all planning authorities to ensure that there is no loss of operational waste management facilities to other forms of development. Target 9 (Chapter 3 of this document) requires the Waste Planning Authority to monitor where it has objected to proposals that are not in accordance with Waste Local Plan Policy 5: Safeguarding of Sites.
- 6.9. During the period of this AMR there has been no loss of known operational waste management facilities to non-waste related development. Please see paragraph 6.23 for facilities which have closed for other reasons.
- 6.10. Implementation of the Waste Hierarchy also requires the Waste Planning Authority to work with the District/Borough councils in Hertfordshire, to ensure that the impact of non-waste related development on existing waste management sites is considered. The county council pro-actively responds to all relevant local plan consultations to ensure that waste related planning issues are addressed in each emerging local plan. To see the Local Plan consultations responded to during the period of this AMR (which address both waste and mineral issues), please see paragraph 7.7.

- 6.11. The county council responds to all District/Borough planning applications that are within the thresholds outlined in paragraph 3.16. This is in order to ensure that the county's local planning authorities are taking into consideration the relevant policies in the adopted Waste Local Plan and that Site Waste Management Plans (SWMPs) are encouraged to be submitted by the applicant/developer, which are designed to ensure that waste is managed in accordance with the Hertfordshire Waste Hierarchy.
- 6.12. Target 15 (in Chapter 3) sets out the number of SWMP's the Waste Planning Authority responded to over the period of this AMR. The county council's standard response to qualifying planning applications asks for SWMP's to be prepared as either part of the planning application or as a requirement by a planning condition.

Compliance with the Protection of Human Health and the Environment

- 6.13. The role of Waste Planning Authorities in developing Waste Local Plans and considering individual planning applications should be to seek to control the development and use of land in the public interest. The adopted Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document has been written in conformity with The Regulations (Schedule 1, (3)) and contains a specific Strategic Objective (SO1) which requires all new waste management facilities to be located in a way that ensures no harm to human health and the environment.
- 6.14. This has also been transposed into Waste Core Strategy Policies 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, and 13 and has also been a consideration in the allocation of sites and Employment Land Areas of Search in the Waste Site Allocations document, which forms part of the Waste Local Plan for Hertfordshire.

Compliance with the Principles of Self-Sufficiency and Proximity

- 6.15. Waste Planning Authorities should ensure that, as far as is practicable, sufficient waste disposal facilities and facilities for the recovery of LACW exist within their Waste Local Plan area (The Regulations Schedule 1, (4)). The county council's 'Vision for Waste Management in 2026' and Waste Core Strategy Strategic Objective 2 (SO2) both state that waste recycling, handling and reduction facilities should be located as close as practicable to the origin of waste. Waste Core Strategy Strategic Objective 7 (SO7) goes on to say that the county council will work with all neighbouring waste authorities to manage the equivalent of the county's own waste arisings.

- 6.16. The current list of safeguarded waste sites in Appendix 2, provides a network of waste management facilities in the county, including the 15 Recycling Centres (formerly Household Waste Recycling Centres) that are spatially distributed to serve the residents of Hertfordshire. The Allocated Sites identified in the Waste Site Allocations document and the 60 Employment Land Areas of Search (ELAS), are considered to provide a sufficient number of locations that provide opportunities to fulfil the capacity shortfalls identified for LACW and C&I waste.
- 6.17. The adopted Waste Site Allocations document has a number of Allocated Sites and ELAS located within, or near to Areas of Search A, B, C, D and E. These Areas of Search are identified as suitable locations for facilities to treat or transfer LACW. This provides a broad spatial distribution of potential sites and employment land that would be suitable for waste management facilities.

Compliance with the Requirement for Waste Management Plans

- 6.18. Schedule 1, part 2 of The Regulations requires Waste Planning Authorities to consider the following key points in the development of waste local plans:
- Details of existing major disposal and recovery installations
 - An assessment of the need for the closure of existing waste management facilities and the need for additional waste installation infrastructure
 - Sufficient information on the location criteria for site identification and on the capacity of future disposal or major recovery installations
- 6.19. The following paragraphs contain information which helps to monitor the above key considerations. This information is considered in the preparation of the emerging MWLP.

Details of existing major disposal and recovery installations

- 6.20. The adopted Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Policies document identifies five Existing Strategic Sites, which provide waste management beyond the local areas in which they are located. These are:
- Cumberlow Green Farm near Buntingford - one of only two locations within the county that operate in-vessel composting facilities
 - Cupid Green Depot, Hemel Hempstead - performs an important role in the bulking of recyclable materials, including the bulking of green garden waste and food waste.

- Redwell Wood Farm/Ridge - the other facility within the county that operates an in-vessel composting facility. Together, Cumberlow Green Farm and Redwell Wood Farm/Ridge accept LAC waste from seven of the ten districts/ boroughs within Hertfordshire.
- Waterdale Waste Transfer Station - used for the bulking of waste prior to being sent off for treatment.
- Westmill Quarry/Landfill, Ware - the county's only remaining municipal landfill. The site's planning permission requires that infilling of waste must cease by 31 December 2021, the capping of waste must be completed by 31 December 2022 and the final restoration of the site must be completed by 31 December 2027.

6.21. These five sites are considered to be strategic as they are essential to the current and future waste management of LAC waste in the county. These existing strategic sites perform a waste management function and are therefore safeguarded under Policy 5: Safeguarding of Sites, of the adopted Waste Local Plan.

An assessment of the need for the closure of existing waste management facilities and the need for additional waste installation infrastructure

6.22. The Waste Planning Authority does not consider that any of the permanent, permitted waste management facilities in Hertfordshire should be closed (unless suitable replacement capacity becomes operational). As stated above, there has been no known loss of operational waste management facilities to non-waste related development during the period of this AMR.

6.23. However, some waste management facilities may cease operating due to reasons beyond the control of the Waste Planning Authority. The sites that have closed during this monitoring period are:

- Tyttenhanger Quarry (1 parcel removed)
- Ryders Corner (Roehyde)
- Cole Green Service Station
- Old Station Yard
- Bedwell Park Quarry
- Braziers Landfill
- Household Waste Recycling Centre, Buntingford
- Simply Recycling Hemel LTD
- Thorley Hall Farm
- Bulcom Ltd t/a Honeycomb Self Storage
- Water Hall Quarry
- Woodcock Hill Farm

- 31 Burrowfield
 - 30 Burrowfield
 - Westmill Landfill, Municipal Landfill
- 6.24. Whilst some operating waste management facilities are historic, many facilities are required to operate with enforceable conditions that are imposed on a decision notice. These may include restrictions on the hours of operation (including restrictions on weekend and bank holiday working), limits on waste throughput, limits on vehicle numbers etc. This is not an exhaustive list, as it is very much dependent upon the type and scale of waste management facility.
- 6.25. However, some waste management facilities are time limited for various reasons and these are listed below:
- Westmill landfill, Ware: Final restoration to be completed by 31 December 2027, Soil Repair Centre permitted until 31-12-2027, Aggregates Treatment and Recycling Facility permitted until 31-12-2027
 - Land at Redwell Wood Farm, Ridge. In-vessel Composting Facility. Permitted until 31-12-2034.
- 6.26. Updates on site closures and operations are obtained from the Hertfordshire County Council Development Management Team during the preparation of this document.
- 6.27. Sufficient information on the location criteria for site identification and on the capacity of future disposal or major recovery installations
- 6.28. The adopted Waste Site Allocations document contains a Policies Map, which shows the location of the Existing Strategic Sites, Allocated Sites and Employment Land Areas of Search in the county. Areas of Search A, B, C, D and E have also been transposed onto the Policies Map which shows the number of Allocated Sites and Employment Land Areas of Search that are located within the Areas of Search.

Compliance with Inspections (Part 6, 19)

- 6.29. Monitoring and enforcement officers from the county council's Spatial Planning Unit have been visiting known waste sites in the county during the period of this AMR. These inspections form part of this statutory requirement and are often combined with wider inspections to check compliance with the terms of a particular planning permission or where there may have been an alleged breach of planning control.

- 6.30. Hertfordshire County Council's 'Standards and Code of Practice for Development Control Enforcement' sets out the county council's enforcement functions and the powers available to the county council in undertaking its enforcement function.
- 6.31. The document also sets out site monitoring procedures that are to be followed by Monitoring and Enforcement Officers from the county council's Spatial Planning Unit. Paragraph 5.9 of the Standards and Code of Practice for Development Control Enforcement states that the frequency of site visits for each site will be determined each year and shall be based upon certain criteria, such as environmental considerations, the nature of the development, the history of the site and the past record of the operator.

7. Duty to Co-Operate

- 7.1. Section 34(6) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, states that an AMR must outline how a Local Planning Authority has co-operated with the bodies prescribed under section 33A of the Localism Act 2011, which amends Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, after section 33.
- 7.2. In cooperating with these bodies, local planning authorities are to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis on a variety of matters, which includes the preparation of Local Plan documents.
- 7.3. This section of the AMR sets out how the County Council, as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, has fulfilled its 'duty to cooperate'.

Meetings with District and Borough Councils

- 7.4. Meetings are held every six months (or more frequently if required) with all the county's ten District/Borough Councils. These meetings are an opportunity for the county council to have discussions regarding the content of the emerging District and Borough Local Plans and of the emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan documents, along with an opportunity to discuss any other issues that are of relevance.
- 7.5. Over the period that this AMR covers (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023) the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority met with each of the county's ten District and Borough Councils between May and August 2022 and again between October and December 2022.

Meetings with Other Bodies

7.6. In addition to holding six-monthly meetings with the District and Borough Councils, the county council also extends invitations to hold meetings with other bodies (including the statutory bodies and other appropriate organisations such as Natural England, Historic England and the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority) that may have an interest in the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Local Plan Consultations

7.7. During the period of this AMR, the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority has provided responses to the following local plan consultations:

- Watford Borough Council Main Modifications to the Submitted Local Plan (June 2022)
- Stevenage Design Guidance (October 2022)
- Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Local Plan Main Modifications (January 2023)

7.8. The county council also responds to adjoining authority's local plan consultations, where any proposals for development may have a potential impact upon the county. Throughout the period of the AMR the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority has not provided comments on any adjoining MWPA consultations.

Herts Planning Group

7.9. Officers from the Spatial Planning & Economy Unit have also regularly attended meetings held by the Herts Planning Group. The Herts Planning Group consists of Planning Policy Officers from all ten District and Borough Councils in the county and the county council. These meetings, which have been taking place for a number of years, provide an opportunity for officers to discuss current plan-led work within Hertfordshire, impacts of national planning policy on development plan production and consultation timetables.

The East of England Waste Technical Advisory Body

7.10. Officers from the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team also regularly attend meetings held by the Waste Technical Advisory Body (WTAB) for the East of England. This body consists of officers from Waste Planning Authorities in the East of England region. The purpose of these meetings is to work together to develop best practice in waste planning, which includes

discussing issues relating to the levels of waste generated and the nature of that waste. The meetings play a key role in fulfilling the duty co-operate obligation in the delivery of strategic functions by local authorities in the East of England and other neighbouring authorities. There have been two meetings during the period of this AMR.

The East of England Aggregate Working Party

7.11. Officers from the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team regularly attend meetings held by the East of England Aggregate Working Party (EoEAWP). The EoEAWP consists of officers from Mineral Planning Authorities in the East of England region, as well as representatives from the Minerals industry. The AWP is a technical advisory group. In line with Paragraph 219 of the NPPF (as Amended in December 2023), Mineral Planning Authorities must take the advice of the group into account in the preparation of their LAA's. The EoEAWP also produces an Annual Monitoring Report, setting out sales, reserves and landbank figures at a regional level. There have been three EoEAWP meetings during the period of this AMR.

The London Waste Planning Forum

7.12. Officers from the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team also regularly attend meetings held by the London Waste Planning Forum (LWPF). The LWPF is a forum for local authorities and organisations concerned with planning for waste in London. Meetings held by the forum take place approximately twice a year. During this planning period The Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team attended four meetings

Appendix 1: Current Minerals and Waste Local Plan Policies

Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan Policies (2011-2026)

The 21 policies that are contained within the adopted Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Policies document and the two policies⁷ within the adopted Waste Site Allocations document form the Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan are listed below. These policies will continue to be used to determine waste planning applications until the MWLP is adopted.

Adopted Policies in the Waste Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Document

- Policy 1: Strategy for the Provision of Waste Management Facilities
- Policy 1A: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
- Policy 2: Waste Prevention and Reduction
- Policy 3: Energy & Heat Recovery
- Policy 4: Landfill and Landraise
- Policy 5: Safeguarding of Sites
- Policy 6: Green Belt
- Policy 7: General criteria for assessing planning applications outside of identified locations
- Policy 8: Waste Parks/Combined Facilities
- Policy 9: Sustainable Transport
- Policy 10: Climate Change
- Policy 11: General Criteria for Assessing Waste Planning Applications
- Policy 12: Sustainable Design, Construction and Demolition
- Policy 13: Road Transport & Traffic
- Policy 14: Buffer Zones
- Policy 15: Rights of Way
- Policy 16: Soil, Air and Water
- Policy 17: Protection of Sites of International and National Importance
- Policy 18: Protection of Regional and Local designated sites and areas
- Policy 19: Protection and Mitigation
- Policy 20: Monitoring and Enforcement

⁷ The Waste Site Allocations Document contains a repeat of Policy 1A: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

Adopted Policies in the Waste Site Allocations Document

- Policy 1A: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
- Policy WSA2: Applications for Waste Management Development on Allocated Sites and Employment Land Areas of Search

Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan 2002-2016 (Adopted March 2007)

The 19 Policies in the Minerals Local Plan were 'saved' by a Direction of the Secretary of State in March 2010 and have therefore remained part of the Development Plan for Hertfordshire. These saved policies are outlined below.

Saved Policies in the Minerals Local Plan

- Policy 1: Aggregates Supply
- Policy 2: Need for Mineral Working
- Policy 3: Sites for Sand and Gravel Extraction and the Working of Preferred Areas
- Policy 4: Applications Outside Preferred Areas
- Policy 5: Mineral Sterilisation
- Policy 6: Other Non-Energy Minerals
- Policy 7: Secondary and Recycled Materials
- Policy 8: Recycling Facilities on Mineral Sites
- Policy 9: Contribution to Biodiversity
- Policy 10: Railheads and Wharves
- Policy 11: Cumulative Impact
- Policy 12: Landscape
- Policy 13: Reclamation Scheme
- Policy 14: Afteruse
- Policy 15: Landfill
- Policy 16: Transport
- Policy 17: Criteria for the Control of Mineral Development to Protect Critical Capital and Other Environmental Assets
- Policy 18: Operational Criteria for the Control of Mineral Development
- Policy 19: Enforcement of Planning Control

Appendix 3 and 4 list the Waste Local Plan and Minerals Local Plan policies that have been used when determining Minerals and Waste related planning applications throughout the period of this AMR.

Appendix 2: List of Safeguarded Waste Sites

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Broxbourne		
Advanced Demolition Limited	The Geddings, Pindar Road, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 0BZ	Inert waste recycling
AFFVUK Limited ELV recovery facility	28 Pindar Road, EN11 0DE	End of life vehicle facility
Council Depot - Broxbourne (Fairways)	Broxbourne Borough Council Depot, New River Trading Estate, Waltham Cross, EN8 0NP	District council depot
Froom & Co Essex Road	Froom & Co Ltd, River Works, Essex Road, Hoddesdon, EN11 0AT	Waste transfer station and chemical treatment facility
G & C Waste Paper	RD Park Stephenson Close, Hoddesdon EN11 0BW	Waste Paper Recycling
Hoddesdon AD Facility	Land at Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 0RF	Anaerobic Digester
Hoddesdon ATT Facility	Land at Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 0RF	Advanced Thermal Treatment Plant
Hoddesdon Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Pindar Road, Hoddesdon EN11 0DA	Recycling Centre
Land at Bridge Works, Rye Park Industrial Estate	Robert Gibbs Co. Ltd, Rye Park Industrial Estate, Hoddesdon EN11 0EW	Metal waste transfer station and End of life vehicle facility
The Geddings	Global House, Geddings, Hoddesdon, EN11 0NT	Waste Transfer and Treatment
Turnford Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Brookfield Farm, New River Trading Estate, Waltham Cross, EN8 0NP	Recycling Centre
Dacorum		
Berkhamsted Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Northbridge Road, Berkhamsted HP4 1EF	Recycling Centre
Council Depot - Dacorum (Cupid Green / Redbourn Road)	Dacorum Borough Council Depot, Redbourn Road, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7BA	District council depot and waste transfer station
Hemel Hempstead Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Eastman Way, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7DU	Recycling Centre
Land at Mark Road	JF Bishop & Son, Bishops Yard, Bishops House, Mark Road, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7BW	Waste transfer station and depot (Certificate of Lawfulness)
Lodge Way, Chesham Road	Chesham Road, Tring, Wiggington HP23 6JE	Scrap metal and waste transfer station
Maritrans Recycling	Unit 9 Hall Road, Hemel Hempstead Industrial Estate, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7BH	Waste Treatment

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Maxted Close, Hemel Hempstead	Holywell Haulage Ltd, 82 Maxted Close, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7DX	Covered waste transfer station and recycling centre
M Hunt Carbreakers	Cupid Green Yard, Redbourn Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP2 7AZ	Metal Recycling Site and End of Life Vehicle facility
Sewage Treatment Works, Berkhamsted	STW Berkhamsted, London Road, Berkhamsted	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage Treatment Works, Caddington	STW Caddington, Windmill Road, Markyate	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage Treatment Works, Great Gaddesden	STW Great Gaddesden, Pipers Hill, Great Gaddesden	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage Treatment Works, Markyate	STW Markyate, London Road, Markyate	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage Treatments Works, Studham	STW Studham, Byslips Road, Dunstable	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage Treatment Works, Tring	STW Tring, Ting Ford Road, Tring	Sewage Treatment Works
East Herts		
Barley Croft Works	Janbor Limited (Pallets Unlimited) Barley Croft Works, Furneux Pelham, Buntingford SG9 0LL	Wood pallet shredding operation (district permission)
Bishops Stortford Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Woodside Industrial Estate, Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5RG	Recycling Centre
Buttermilk Hall Farm, Buntingford	Park 'N' Load, Buttermilk Hall Farm, Baldock Road, Buntingford, SG9 9RH	Waste Transfer Station
Calais Wood, Broxbourne	A.H. Nicholls & Sons Ltd, Etteridge Farm, Pembridge Lane, Broxbourne EN10 7QP	Physical Treatment Facility and waste transfer station
Carmageddon Salvage, Sawbridgeworth	Unit 5 Shingle Hall Farm, Parsonage Lane, Sawbridgeworth CM21 0LX	End of Life Vehicle facility
Hunsdon Airfield, materials crushing facility	Hunsdon Airfield, Hunsdon	Stockpiling of topsoil and aggregates and the processing of these materials through mechanical crushing
Hunsdon Skips Ltd	Fillets Farm, Hunsdon Road, Hunsdon SG12 8QA	Waste Transfer Station
Land Adjacent to Ware Recycling Centre	Land adjacent to Ware Recycling Centre, Westmill, Ware, SG12 0ES	Waste Transfer Station
Land off Birchall Lane	Highlands, Birchall Lane, Cole Green SG14 2NR	Inert waste recycling/soil washing facility
Express Asphalt	Express Asphalt, Skinner's Yard, Lower Hatfield Road, Hertford, SG13 8LE	Inert waste recycling (Certificate of Lawfulness)

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Maguire Yard	Plot 1B, Unit 1, Maguire Yard, Warrenwood Industrial Estate, Stapleford SG14 3NU	End of Life Vehicle facility
Rye Meads, Stanstead Abbots	STW Rye Meads, Thames Water PLC, Stanstead Abbots, Ware, SG12 8JY	Sewage Treatment Works and Anaerobic Digester
Sewage treatment works Bramfield	STW Bramfield, Hollygrove Road, Bramfield	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Braughing	STW Braughing	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Brickendon	STW Brickendon, Fanshaws Lane, Brickendon	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Buntingford	STW Buntingford, Aspenden Road, Buntingford	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Chapmore End	STW Chapmore End, Tonwell, Chapmore End	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Cottered	STW Cottered, Stocking Hill, Cottered, Buntingford	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Dane End	STW Dane End, Munden Road, Ware	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Furneux Pelham	STW Furneux Pelham, Furneux Pelham, Buntingford	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Little Berkhamsted	STW Little Berkhamsted, Breach Lane, Little Berkhamsted	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Standon	STW Standon, Paper Mill Lane, Standon	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Widford	STW Widford, Pegs Lane, Ware	Sewage Treatment Works
Sunnyside, East Herts Council Depot	East Herts Council Depot, Baldock Road, Buntingford, SG9 9ER	Bulking of recyclables
The Nurseries, Green Tye	Guy & Wright, The Nurseries, Green Tye, Much Hadham, SG10 6JJ	Green waste digester, tipping pad and silo to produce bio gas and digestate storage lagoon
Ware Quarry Landfill Gas Plant	Ware Quarry, Westmill Road, Ware	Landfill gas plant
Westmill Landfill	Biffa Waste Services Ltd, Westmill, Ware, SG12 0ES	Aggregates Treatment and Recycling Facility
Westmill Landfill	Biffa Waste Services Ltd, Westmill, Ware, SG12 0ES	Soil Repair Centre
Westmill Landfill	Biffa Waste Services Ltd, Westmill, Ware, SG12 0ES	Leachate treatment plant
Westmill Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Westmill Road, Ware SG14 0EL	Recycling Centre
Hertsmere		
Blackbirds Farm Broadfield Compost Site	Blackbirds Farm Broadfield Compost Site, WD25 8BS	Organic Waste Composting

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Council Depot-Cranborne Road	Hertsmere Borough Council Depot, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar EN6 3JN	District council depot.
Coursers Farm	Agrivert Ltd, Coursers Farm, Coursers Road, St. Albans, Herts AL4 0PD	Anaerobic Digester
Elstree Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Allum Lane, Elstree, Borehamwood WD6 3NL	Recycling Centre
FMS Recovery Centre/Oakridge Lane	The Yard, Oakridge Lane, High Cross, Aldenham WD25 8BT	End of Life Vehicle facility
Land at Cranborne Road	Coley Ltd & Hurley Skip Hire, Unit 24, Cranborne Road Industrial Estate, Potters Bar EN6 3JN	Waste transfer station-biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes
Land at Redwell Wood Farm, Ridge	Agrivert Ltd, Redwell Wood Farm, Ridge, Potters Bar, EN6 3NA	In-vessel composting (permission expires on 31-12-2034)
Potters Bar Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar EN6 3JN	Recycling Centre
Sandy Lane	Gullimore Farm, Sandy Lane, Bushy WD25 8HE	Scrap Metal/ELV Recovery Facility
Sewage Treatment Works, Blackbirds Lane	Thames Water PLC, Oakridge Lane, Aldenham, Watford WD25 8BT	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage Treatment Works, Shenley	STW Shenley, Mimms Lane, Ridge, Potters Bar, EN6 3LY	Sewage Treatment Works
The Conifers	The Conifers, Elton Way, Watford WD25 8HD	Waste Transfer
Warren Fields, Houndswood Farm	Warren Fields, Part of Houndswood Farm, Harper Lane, Radlett WD7 7HU	Storage, shredding and composting of green waste (Certificate of lawfulness)
North Herts		
5 Hunting Gate	USKIP, 5 Hunting Gate, Hitchin, SG4 0TJ	Waste Transfer Station
Cumberlow Green Farm	Cumberlow's, Cumberlow Green Farm, Nr. Buntingford SG9 0QD	Composting Facility
Dog Kennel Farm	TOC Recycling Ltd, Dog Kennel Farm, Lilley Bottom, Lilley, Luton LU2 8LQ	Metal Recycling and End of Life Vehicle Facility
Eagles, Unit 5	Eco Waste and Recycling, Eagles, 5, Hullocks Pit Hill, Newnham, Baldock, SG7 5JX	Waste Transfer Station
Electronic Waste Recycling Ltd	Units 1 & 2 Woodside Ind Park, Works Road, Letchworth SG6 1LA	WEEE treatment facility (district permission)
Goodwins Yard, Bury Mead Road	Shanks Hitchin Waste Transfer Station, 46	Waste Transfer Station

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
	Burymead Road, Hitchin SG5 1RT	
Hitchin Sludge Treatment Centre	Hitchin Sludge Treatment Centre, Cadwell Crossing, Hitchin	Sewage Treatment Works
H Williams & Sons Ltd	Metal and Waste Recycling Ltd, Wallace Way, Hitchin, SG4 0SE	Metal Recycling and WEEE Treatment facility and End of Life Vehicle facility
Land adjacent to the B197, North of Graveley	Envirowaste Recycling Centre, Stevenage Skip Hire Ltd, Jack's Hill, Great North Road, Hitchin SG4 7EQ	Waste transfer & recycling facility
Land at Bygrave Lodge	Biogen (UK) Ltd, Land at Bygrave Lodge Farm, Nr Baldock, SG7 6QX	Anaerobic Digester
Letchworth Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Blackhorse Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1HB	Recycling Centre
Royston Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Beverley Close, York Way, Royston SG8 5HF	Recycling Centre
Rush Green Motors (workshop)	Rush Green Motors, London Road, Langley, Hitchin, SG4 7PQ	End of Life Vehicle facility
S B Wheeler & Sons Ltd	Nationwide Metal Recycling Ltd, Cadwell Lane, Hitchin SG4 0SA	Metal Recycling and End of Life Vehicle facility
Sewage treatment works Ashbrook	STW Ashbrook, Ashbrook, St Ippolyts	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works and water recycling centre, Ashwell	Ashwell Water Recycling Centre, off Common Lane, Near Ashwell SG7 5JE	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Barkway	STW Barkway, Nuthampstead Road, Barkway, Royston	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Barley	STW Barley, East of Cambridge Road, Barley	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Breachwood Green	STW Breachwood Green, Lower Road, Breachwood Green	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Hexton	STW Hexton	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Holwell	STW Holwell	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Kimpton Road	STW Kimpton Road, Codicote, Hitchin	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Letchworth	STW Letchworth, Stotfold Road, Letchworth	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Newnham	STW Newnham	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Sandon	STW Sandon	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Westone	STW Westone, Halls Green, Westone	Sewage Treatment Works

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Sewage treatment works Whitwell	STW Whitwell, Codicote Road, Hitchin SG4 8AB	Sewage Treatment Works
St Albans		
Acrewood Way waste station & depot	Pearce Recycling Group Ltd, Acrewood Way, St Albans AL4 0JZ	Processing and bulking of recyclables, including wood, paper, cardboard, compiled plastics and glass
Appspond Lane	Wood Recycling Services Ltd, Appspond Lane, Potters Crouch, St Albans AL2 3NL	Manure and green waste Composting/wood chipping
Blancomet Recycling Uk	Blancomet Recycling Uk, Unit Y, Lyon Way, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0LB	Metal Waste Recycling facility (for recovery of catalytic converters, car batteries and copper wire)
Hatfield Quarry	Cemex UK Materials Ltd, Hatfield Quarry, Oaklands Lane, St Albans AL4 0HS	Leachate treatment plant
Council Depot-St Albans	Ameycespa Ltd, Sandridge Gate Business Centre, Ronsons Way, St Albans AL4 9XR	District council depot and waste transfer station
Harper Lane (rail loop)	Tarmac Ltd, Harper Lane, Radlett, WD7 7HX	Open air materials recovery facility, coated stone plant, RMC and recycling of asphalt planings
Harpenden Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Dark Lane, Harpenden, AL5 1PX	Recycling Centre
St Albans Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre 14 Ronsons Way, (Off St Albans Rd), St Albans, AL1 4AP	Recycling Centre
Veolia Depot	Veolia Depot, Acrewood Way, St Albans, AL4 OJY	Waste Transfer Station
Redbournbury Treatment Plant	Redbournbury Special Waste Site, AL3 6RP	Special waste transfer facility
Sewage treatment works Harpenden	STW Harpenden, Piggottshill Lane, Harpenden, AL5 5UN	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Wheathampstead	STW Wheathampstead, Meads Lane, Wheathampstead	Sewage Treatment Works
Stevenage		
Alchemy Metals Ltd	Alchemy Metals Ltd, Cavendish Point, Cavendish Road, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 2EU	Metal Recycling Facility
Biffa Waste Services Ltd, Leyden Road	Leyden Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2BW	Waste transfer for hazardous/difficult wastes
Council Depot-Stevenage	Stevenage Borough Council Depot, Cavendish Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ET	District Council Depot
Hertfordshire Skip Hire Ltd	102 Leyden Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2BP	Waste transfer facility for hazardous/difficult wastes

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Stevenage Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, Caxton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2UR	Recycling Centre
Ultratec Ltd Stevenage	Ultratec House, Unit 1, Stevenage Business Park, Eastman Way, Stevenage, SG1 4SZ	WEEE treatment facility
Three Rivers		
ASM Metal Recycling Centre	ASM Metal Recycling Centre, Railway Terrace, Kings Langley, WD4 8JE	Metal recycling facility and Vehicle Depollution Facility
Council Depot - Batchworth	The Workshop, Batchworth Depot, Harefield Rd, Rickmansworth WD3 1PL	Waste Transfer
GPG Autos Service	Mill Ln, Watford, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth WD3 3AT	ELV Metal Recycling
Kings Langley Depot	Langley Wharf, Railway Terrace, Kings Langley WD4 8JE	District Council Depot
Maple Lodge Sewage Treatment Works	Thames Water PLC, Denham Way, Maple Lodge, Rickmansworth, WD3 9SQ	Sewage Treatment Works and biological treatment facility
Rickmansworth Recycling Centre	Household Waste Recycling Centre, Riverside Drive, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 1FS	Recycling Centre
Waterdale, Brookdell Yard Waste Shredding	Waterdale Brookdell Yard Waste Shredding, St. Albans Road, Watford, WD25 0PR	Waste Shredding
Waterdale Recycling Centre	Recycling Centre, St. Albans Road, Watford, WD25 0PR	Recycling Centre
Waterdale Waste Transfer Station	Waterdale Waste Transfer Station, St. Albans Road, Watford, WD25 0PR	Waste Transfer Station and tipping hall for recyclables
Watford		
275 Sheepcot Lane	Green Resource Recycling Ltd, 275 Sheepcot Lane, Watford, WD25 7DL	WEEE and Waste Transfer Station
Council Depot-Watford	Watford Borough Council, Wigenhall Road, Watford, WD18 0FB	District council depot and Waste Transfer Station for road sweepings
Colne Way	Kerville Properties Ltd, Unit 1, Colne Way Industrial, Estate, Watford, WD25 9WY	Waste Transfer Station and recycling facility
Welwyn Hatfield		
34 Burrowfields	The Honeywagon Co., Burrowfield, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4SR	Hazardous waste treatment facility
Burnside (BP Mitchell Ltd)	BP Mitchell Haulage Contractors Ltd, Hertford Road, Hatfield AL9 5RB	Waste Transfer Station and concrete batching plant.

Site Name	Site address	Facility type
Burnside (Peter Brother's Ltd)	Peter Brother's Hertford Road, Hatfield AL9 5RB	Recycling of builder's waste.
Burrowfields Waste Solutions (Ground Waste Recycling Ltd)	50-52 Burrowfield, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 4SR	Waste Transfer Station
Cattlegate Farm	Willen Biogas Ltd, EN2 8AU	Waste Treatment
Chas Storer, Potters Bar	Chas Storer Ltd, Coopers Lane, Northaw, Potters Bar, EN6 4NE	Sorting and bailing of plastics, paper and cardboard
Hatfield Pumping Station	Hatfield Pumping Station, AL10 9UN	Sewage Treatment Works
Metal Reclamation Ltd	Travellers Lane, Welham Green, Hatfield AL9 7HF	Scrap metal Recycling and Reclamation
Sewage treatment works Hatfield	Thames Water PLC, Hertford Road, Hatfield, AL9 5PE	Sewage Treatment Works
Sewage treatment works Mill Green	STW Mill Green, Mill Green, Hatfield AL9 5PD	Sewage Treatment Works
Tewin Road Depot and RC	Serco Local Government, Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1BD	District council depot and Waste Transfer Station
Unit B, Travellers Lane	Unit B, Travellers Lane, Welham Green, Hertfordshire, AL9 7HF	Hazardous Waste Transfer Station

Appendix 3: Mineral Applications Determined from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

District	Reference Number	Description	Decision	Policies Used	Additional Permitted Reserves (if any)
East Herts	PL/0202/21	Creation of a 173 space car park served by an existing access off Panshanger Lane together with provision of an amenity area to include toilet and mobile catering facilities	Permitted	N/A	N/A
Hertsmere	PL/0288/22	Application for the variation of condition 1 of planning permission 0/1697-20 to extend time limit for completion by two years until 31st December 2024	Permitted	7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18	N/A

Appendix 4: Waste Applications Determined from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

District	Reference Number	Description	Decision	Policies Used	Additional Capacity
Watford	PL/0170/20	Application for the proposed increase in waste processing throughput from 75,000tpa (tonnes per annum) to 200,000tpa together with associated infrastructure to include; increase in shed size to 2460m ² ; removal of baling shed and construction of 200m ² vehicle workshop; construction of 1050m ² building for the processing of inert material; double stacked portacabin office; alterations to the site layout to allow for the separation of commercial and industrial waste processing areas and inert waste processing areas along with other ancillary works	Permitted	1, 1A, 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19	125,000tpa (C&I Waste)
Welwyn Hatfield	PL/0217/21	Planning application for the change of use from a builder's merchant outlet to a Hazardous Waste Transfer Station	Permitted	1, 1A, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, WSA2	N/A ⁸
East Herts	PL/0243/21	Application for the proposed construction of a waste transfer station	Permitted	1, 1A, 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19	140,000tpa (LACW)
Broxbourne	PL/0251/22	Application for the change of use of adjacent restored quarry sites to golf course including the laying out and landscaping of seven new golf holes; modernisation of existing golf course to include new Multi-Shot driving range over existing driving range outfield, including 6m deflective safety netting and new target greens; new short game area, construction of irrigation lake,	Permitted	1A, 4, 16, Minerals: 14 15	Import 250,000m ³ inert waste for 18months

⁸ This is a replacement facility which doesn't add any additional capacity

District	Reference Number	Description	Decision	Policies Used	Additional Capacity
		renovation of holes 13, 16 and 17 to improve playability, visual amenity, drainage and safety; associated ecological enhancements including the planting of 2,343 new trees			
Three Rivers	PL/0271/22	Application for the proposed erection of an office and welfare building	Permitted	N/A	N/A
Hertsmere	PL/0275/22	Application for the removal of condition 5 (Maximum vehicle movements) and the variation of condition 6 (Tonnage of waste processed) to increase the waste tonnage throughput from 48,500tpa to 75,000tpa of planning permission 0/1508-21	Permitted	11, 13	26,500tpa (9,805 C&I & 16,695 LACW) ⁹
Three Rivers	PL/0276/22	The demolition of the existing buildings & construction and operation of a new waste shredding facility incorporating the processing of mixed municipal waste and bulky waste material and comprising 2160 sqm floor space in a steel portal framed structure, landscaping and associated infrastructure and all associated site and access works	Permitted	1, 1A, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16	NA ¹⁰
St. Albans	PL/0279/22	Application for the proposed widening of existing crossover area and drop kerb to allow Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) to exit the site safely	Permitted	1, 1A, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19	N/A
Broxbourne	PL/0298/22	Application for the proposed replacement of site office portacabin	Permitted	1, 1A, 11, 12, WSA2	N/A

⁹ Figures are approximate

¹⁰ The shredding facility will divert approximately 30,000 tonnes of waste per annum from the existing Waterdale Waste Transfer Station on the adjoining site to the north. The site will add no new additional capacity.

