

# RESPONSE FORM

## Somerset County Council Pre-submission Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document: consultation

This is a response form associated with the pre-submission Waste Core Strategy published by Somerset County Council. Consultation on this Strategy is open from 31 October 2011 to 06 January 2012.

If you wish to comment on the Strategy, please read the following guidance notes and then complete and return Parts A-C of this form to the address on page 2. Please note:

- ❖ **All respondents need to provide their personal details:** it is not possible for representations to be anonymous. All representations will be in the public domain.
- ❖ **If you are responding on behalf of an organisation:** please state this in your response. Please also state how your response was authorised; for example, by a vote of members or approval by management or the Chair/Head of the organisation.
- ❖ **Prior representations** have informed the preparation of the Strategy. So, the Strategy should be considered on its own merits. Respondents can cross-refer to comments made on earlier consultations if they wish.
- ❖ **Assessing soundness:** please review the pre-submission Strategy and consider if you think it is "sound" (more on this below). If you think that the Core Strategy should be changed, please state **how** you think the Strategy should be changed and **why**. Please provide evidence to support your comment.

### Some starting points for representations

- ❖ Are you satisfied with the format and tone of the document?
- ❖ Do you think the policies cover all that is needed?
- ❖ Do you think the document is 'sound'?
  - To be 'sound' a core strategy needs to be:
    - Justified (founded on a robust, credible and proportionate evidence base)
    - Effective (is the core strategy deliverable, can it be monitored and is it flexible enough for the plan period?)
    - Consistent with current national policy

Representations are open to any points you would like to raise – the above are suggestions only. We would welcome representations on any part of the document. You can respond in writing either by email or by post, preferably using this Response Form as a template.

## **General notes**

Covering all of Somerset and all waste types, the Waste Core Strategy sets out the Council's strategy for waste planning until the year 2028.

Strategic policies in the Core Strategy cover waste prevention, recycling and reuse, other recovery and disposal. The spatial strategy identifies four zones where strategic waste treatment facilities could be located.


Development management policies are also included, which consider if a waste proposal represents an appropriate use of land, helping the County Council to take a balanced view of the likely impacts of the proposal and protect areas of Somerset less suited for waste management development.

The pre-submission Waste Core Strategy and its supporting evidence base can be found at:

**[www.somerset.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste)**

If you'd like paper copies, or you'd like to speak to someone, please contact:

The Waste Policy Team, Somerset County Council  
Environment Directorate, PP C601C, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY

 0845 345 9188

 [mineralsandwaste@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwaste@somerset.gov.uk)

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Thank you for taking the time to consider the Waste Core Strategy

Please note representations must be received by:  
**18:00 on Friday 06 January 2012**

## Part A: Who are you?

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Please select this box if you would like to be notified of further developments after this consultation, in particular:

- a) submission of the Waste Core Strategy to central government
- b) the publication of recommendations from Examination in Public; or
- c) final adoption of the Waste Core Strategy by the County Council

a	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	<input type="checkbox"/>
c	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If you are replying on behalf of an organisation, how was the response approved?

Delegated authority from AONB Partnership Committee to make responses

## Part B: Your representation

Please read the guidance notes above before completing your representation.  
Please state if your comments are:

- ❖ General, or
- ❖ Relate to a specific part of the document. If this is the case, please be as precise as possible, for example:
  - Policy WCS4: Disposal; or
  - Policy DM5: Safeguarding; or
  - Paragraph 2.25 (page 9).

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary, making sure you mark any additional sheets with your name and page order (for example – page 3 of 7).

Please include evidence to support your representation, helping to justify any suggested changes to the document.

General Comment.

The Mendip Hills AONB Unit notes the contents of the pre-Submission Waste Core Strategy DPD.

Our only comment relates to Policy DM6 Waste Transport. It is felt that this policy should include a requirement to ensure that the transportation of waste in relation to waste sites and facilities does not impact adversely on nationally designated areas such as AONBs.

## Part C: About you

To help the County Council to monitor how successfully its adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is being implemented, we would be grateful if you would answer the following questions.

This section is for monitoring purposes only. Any answers given here will not affect any representation made about the Waste Core Strategy. Part C will be removed from the response form and analysed separately.

Please state which of the following best describes who you represent?

		x			x
1)	Member of the public	<input type="checkbox"/>	4)	Business or industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)	Local government (including Parish Council)	<input type="checkbox"/>	5)	Central government or associated agency/body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3)	Voluntary/community/transition group	<input type="checkbox"/>	6)	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you selected 'Member of the public' please also answer the following questions...

Are you....?

Under 18.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 to 29.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 to 39.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
40 to 49.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
50 to 59.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
60 to 69.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
70 to 79.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
80 to 89.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
90+.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Somerset County Council is particularly interested in monitoring data on the following groups. Please select any that you think apply to you.

Do you have a caring responsibility? Yes  No

Do you consider yourself to be on a low income? Yes  No

Do you live in a rural location? Yes  No