

Draft Waste Local Plan 2021, East Herts Council's Response to Key Issues

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3. Policy Context		
Proximity Principle		East Herts Council supports the 'Proximity Principle' which aims to minimise the environmental impact and cost of the transportation of waste.
Circular Economy		East Herts Council welcomes the move from a 'linear economy' to a 'circular economy' which aims to eliminate waste and increase resource efficiency.
6. Vision and Objectives		
The Hertfordshire Vision and Strategic Objectives		East Herts Council supports both the vision and strategic objectives for Hertfordshire and welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with the county council to achieve net self-sufficiency by 2036, moving towards accomplishing zero avoidable waste.
7. Sustainable Development		
Waste Management Facilities in Hertfordshire	Strategic Policy 1	East Herts Council welcomes the flexible approach set out in Strategic Policy 1 which seeks to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities identified which will enable the provision of a broad

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		<p>range of locations of varying sizes for waste management facilities within the county</p> <p>The Council notes that both the Bishop's Stortford Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and the Buntingford HWRC are identified as being unsuitable to provide service in the long term due to parking, capacity and accessibility issues.</p> <p>The Council wishes to be appropriately engaged in any future discussions regarding the location of any new waste management facilities in the district, noting in particular that site identification for potential new facilities will be vital to ensuring that the required infrastructure for residents is available in the future.</p> <p>The Council welcomes the discussion had to date about the development of a 'super site' recycling centre, similar to the Ware facility, to serve the Bishop's Stortford area, and supports an ongoing dialogue with the county council moving forward.</p>
Safeguarding Waste Management Facilities	Strategic Policy 2	East Herts Council supports Strategic Policy 2 which seeks to ensure that the existing, planned and proposed network of waste management facilities is not lost to other types of development.

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10. Climate Change		
Climate Change	Strategic Policy 3	<p>East Herts Council agrees that climate change should be taken into account at all stages of the planning process in order to secure reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and provide resilience to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>The Council supports the requirement under Strategic Policy 3 to submit a Climate Change Statement which explains how measures to minimise and mitigate against climate change have been considered.</p>
11. Protecting Hertfordshire		
Green Belt	Strategic Policy 4	East Herts Council welcomes Strategic Policy 4 which seeks to uphold the protection of Hertfordshire's Green Belt.
12. Cumulative Effects		
Cumulative Effects	Strategic Policy 5	East Herts Council supports Strategic Policy 5 which requires proposals to take account of cumulative effects.
13. Beneficial Use of Residual Inert Material		
Beneficial Use of Residual Inert Material	Strategic Policy 6	East Herts Council supports the efficient use of resources, including the reuse of inert waste in accordance with Strategic Policy 6.

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14. Highways and Transport		
Strategic Transport	Strategic Policy 7	East Herts Council welcomes Strategic Policy 7, which requires proposals for waste development to seek to use sustainable transport as a priority, and recommends that this Policy could be further strengthened by referencing the county council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) (2018-2031).
15. Health and Wellbeing		
Health and Wellbeing	Strategic Policy 9	East Herts Council supports the requirement for a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to be undertaken for waste development proposals in accordance with Strategic Policy 9.
16. General Amenity Protection		
Protection and Enhancement of Amenity	Non-Strategic Policy 10	East Herts Council considers that Non-Strategic Policy 10 could be further strengthened to refer to the range of assessments that need to be carried out to ensure the protection and enhancement of amenity.
17. Biodiversity		
Biodiversity	Non-Strategic Policy 11	East Herts Council welcomes the requirement in Non-Strategic Policy 11 for waste development proposals to be accompanied by an Ecological Survey, and recommends that the Policy could be further strengthened by requiring that the biodiversity value of a site pre

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		and post development is determined by applying a locally approved Biodiversity Metric, where appropriate.
18. Landscape and Green Infrastructure		
Landscape and Green Infrastructure	Non-Strategic Policy 12	East Herts Council supports the requirement in Non-Strategic Policy 12 to assess landscape character, quality and visual effects through either a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment or a Landscape and Visual Appraisal.
20. Historic Environment		
Historic Environment	Non-Strategic Policy 14	East Herts Council recommends that Non-Strategic Policy 14 should be reworded using the correct statutory tests, requiring proposals to preserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment.
21. Sustainable Design and Resource Efficiency		
Strategic Design and Resource Efficiency	Strategic Policy 15	East Herts Council welcomes Strategic Policy 15 which requires all new development proposals to demonstrate how the principles of sustainability have been addressed. The Council notes the requirement for local planning authorities to include waste prevention and reduction policies in their local plans, and advises that this will be addressed in any review of the Council's District Plan.