



### WHAT THE LOCAL PLAN SETS OUT TO DO

- Develop a strategic approach to minerals and waste planning across the Tees Valley Sub-region, by jointly working with the other Local Authorities of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees.
- Enable the sustainable management of waste arisings by ensuring, where possible, that waste management sites are distributed close to the sources of waste arisings, related industries or the markets for any products created.
- Enable the sustainable transport of waste by safe-guarding the necessary transport infrastructure, in particular existing rail and port facilities in the Tees Valley.

### WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

In September 2011, the Tees Valley authorities adopted a Tees Valley Minerals and Waste Core Strategy setting out strategic policies and a Tees Valley Minerals and Waste Policies and Sites Development Plan Document (DPD) setting out more detailed policies and site allocations.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

There is now an up to date Development Plan as the basis for making decisions on minerals and waste planning applications.

**Waste Management:** The Council continues to work with the other Tees Valley Authorities, to manage and accommodate the demand for additional waste management capacity arising from new development proposals and regeneration activity. This generally requires waste management facilities to be located close to where the waste has arisen.

The Council continues to ensure that local household waste recycling centres are provided locally and with good access to transport routes. It also promotes the re-use and recycling of waste. Currently, 36.8% of waste arising is recycled, representing a significant increase in recent years as shown in the table overleaf.

The amount of composted waste has also steadily increased over the same period and currently 7.8% of waste arisings are composted which is a 10% increase on two years ago. Landfill still deals with 43% of waste arisings which is a small increase on last year, but is significantly lower than that seen in previous years.

**Design of Waste Management Developments Supplementary Planning Document:** Work has commenced to prepare a Joint Tees Valley 'Design of Waste Management Developments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)'. It is intended that this SPD will help to guide the design and location of waste management sites throughout the Tees Valley. This is an area that is not currently covered by the adopted policy as detailed guidance is required not suitable for inclusion in a DPD. The drive for a step change in attitudes to waste management requires a corresponding change in standards of design and management of the associated waste management facilities. This is recommended by the Government in the extant guidance on Planning for Sustainable Waste Management (PPS10 Paras 35 and 36).



Whessoe Road Household Waste Recycling Centre

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## MINERALS & WASTE FACT SHEET



### Municipal Waste Arising by Management Type

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Recycled	14.7%	26.6%	26.6%	29.3%	40.1%	34.1%	36.8%
Composted	3.4%	5.8%	6.0%	6.9%	6.8%	7.7%	20%
Landfilled	81.9%	67.5%	65.3%	62.8%	47.3%	41.6%	43.0%

Source: Darlington Borough Council

**Minerals:** In terms of minerals, there is no history of minerals extraction within Darlington Borough since the Council became a Minerals Planning Authority in 1997. There are currently no site allocations within the Development Plan for minerals extraction.

Strategic sites for minerals extraction and processing have been identified within other parts of the Tees Valley within the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Policies and Sites DPD.

### MOVING THINGS FORWARD: KEY ACTIONS

- Prepare a Design of Waste Management Developments SPD in partnership with other Tees Valley Local Authorities to provide further guidance on the design and location of waste management sites throughout the Tees Valley (scheduled for completion Summer 2013).
- Support the implementation of the Tees Valley Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, in particular in seeking to minimise waste production.

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