Waste is a big issue for us all. If we are going to deal with our waste more sustainably, encourage people to recycle more and reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill, we need to plan for the right types of facilities to help us do this. A new Waste Plan is being prepared by Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole councils to ensure we have enough facilities to manage our waste. The plan will set out policies and identify locations to guide development proposals until 2030.

We have published a Waste Plan Issues Paper that considers what waste is being produced in the county, how it is currently being managed and how this is likely to change. We have identified a set of issues that the plan should resolve, which translate into the following potential needs:

**Recycling**
Significantly increased quantities of recyclables are being collected from households. We need a materials recycling facility to sort and transfer these materials so they can be turned into new products. We also need to make various improvements to our household recycling centres to make them fit for purpose and more locally accessible.

**Food waste**
More food waste will also be collected in the future. We already have two facilities in Dorset for dealing with this waste but we will need to ensure these facilities are capable of handling the increased amount of food waste that will be collected.

**Residual waste**
This is rubbish that’s left over once recyclables, food and garden waste are removed. Both of Dorset’s non-hazardous landfill sites will close during the plan period. In addition, the current contracts with waste management companies for dealing with Dorset’s residual waste will end. The Waste Plan sets out a number of strategic options to address the potential need for facilities to manage this waste.

**Where do we need new waste facilities?**
Although specific sites for waste facilities have not yet been identified, broad areas where sites are likely to be needed are identified in the Waste Plan Issues paper. This will inform future site selection.

All documents can be made available in audio tape, large print and Braille, or alternative languages on request.

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**Have your say...**

You can comment on the Waste Plan Issues Paper and the Mineral Sites Plan from **19 December 2013** for eight weeks. Both documents can be found at [www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf). Paper copies of the documents can also be viewed at the planning receptions of Bournemouth, Dorset County, Poole and all district and borough councils.

You can comment on the documents online, by email or by using our paper response form. Please respond by 4pm on Thursday 13 February.

For more information call Dorset County Council’s minerals and waste policy team:

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Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole councils are now considering potential new locations for future mineral extraction, to be included within a document called the Mineral Sites Plan. Once adopted, this plan will identify specific sites for mineral extraction within the county.

We would like to hear your views on 44 sites that have been suggested by mineral companies and landowners. Please note that the identification of potential sites at this stage does not imply support by the three councils or a grant of planning permission. See overleaf to find out how to comment.

The map of Dorset provides an overview of all the sites that have come forward for consideration, details of which are included in the Mineral Sites Plan.

**Consultation on the Mineral Sites Plan**

**Update:**

The Minerals Strategy

Following the examination hearings in May 2013 and subsequent consultation on proposed changes to the plan, the planning inspector is now considering the comments made and writing her report on the Minerals Strategy. Keep an eye on our website [www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf) for further updates.

**Save waste, save money**

You have received this leaflet because you have previously shown an interest in minerals and waste planning. If you would prefer not to receive this in the future or would rather receive future information by email, please let us know.

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