

READING BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

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and energy provision is being explored in areas of the town centre but represents just one of many possible ways of fulfilling the requirements of policy CC4.

- 4.1.19 The policy is likely to mainly apply to major developments in Central Reading, given the mixed nature and size of schemes being proposed in these locations, with some potential in South Reading in addition. However, it is possible that appropriate sites could come forward in other parts of the Borough.
- 4.1.20 The success of such a scheme, both in terms of, for example, establishing the CHP plant (as part of a decentralised energy network) and future connections to the plant of both existing buildings and new buildings, will be dependent on the creation of strong partnerships between Reading Borough Council where relevant, the developer or representative of existing businesses and an Energy Service Company (ESCO). The involvement of an ESCO will allow multiple users to access the energy from the scheme and set out the contracts for doing so.

Waste Minimisation and Storage

CC5: WASTE MINIMISATION AND STORAGE

Development should demonstrate measures to minimise the generation of waste in the construction, use and life of buildings and promote more sustainable approaches to waste management, including the reuse and recycling of construction waste and the promotion of layouts and designs that provide adequate, well-designed space to facilitate waste storage, reuse, recycling and composting.

- 4.1.21 European policy and legislation (e.g. Landfill Directive), along with national policy, seeks to achieve a more sustainable approach to methods of waste management and specifically place waste minimisation at source at the top of what is referred to as the waste hierarchy.
- 4.1.22 Continuing with past patterns of waste management is recognised as being clearly unsustainable and the main thrust of policy is to increase the value recovered and decrease the amount of waste sent to landfill. In light of this and the fact that development and re-development are significant contributors to waste production, policies need to translate this into specific policies regarding waste minimisation in development design, construction and demolition.
- 4.1.23 Building materials and other non-renewable resources are being taken up at a rapid rate and increased re-use and recycling is essential in order to reduce waste and to manage future extraction and its impact on the environment. In light of this, and the need to reduce the amount of waste generated and to increase the proportion of waste that is reused or recycled through better waste management, it is considered necessary that a policy is in place that will achieve these aims. The beneficial restoration and reuse of buildings should generally be considered before demolition and redevelopment.
- 4.1.24 The Sustainable Design and Construction SPD, adopted in 2011, contains more detail on waste minimisation measures, and this document continues to be relevant. A Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Reading Borough Council, Wokingham Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is in preparation, and will cover the waste planning needs of the area.