

Central Bedfordshire Council Local Development Scheme: Minerals and Waste Addendum

January 2026

A great place to live and work.

Introduction

This document is an addendum to our [Local Development Scheme dated January 2025](#). Its scope is limited to information relating to the review of minerals and waste policies. This review will result in the preparation of a new minerals and waste plan for Bedfordshire, which will have the status of a local development document and become part of our development plan.

The addendum has been structured to provide the information required by section 15(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Subject matter and geographical area

The plan will cover land within the county of Bedfordshire, incorporating the unitary authorities of Bedford, Central Bedfordshire and Luton.

The subject matter of the plan is minerals and waste development. The new plan will review and replace extant policies provided by the:

- Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Strategic Sites and Policies (adopted 2014)
- Bedfordshire and Luton Minerals and Waste Local Plan (adopted 2005)

The plan will complement and not duplicate national policies or those provided in other development plan documents that exist across Bedfordshire.

The scope and direction of the plan's policies will be informed by national guidance, technical evidence, a review of the performance of extant policies and through public consultation.

Joint plan-making

The minerals and waste plan will be prepared jointly in co-operation with Bedford Borough and Luton Borough councils.

Agreements to prepare the joint plan were made at Full Council by:

- Bedford Borough Council (02 July 2025)
- Central Bedfordshire Council (17 July 2025)
- Luton Borough Council (15 July 2025)

Joint committees

A joint committee will not be formed to govern the new minerals and waste plan.

Governance will be handled by each of the three Bedfordshire authorities in accordance with their own constitutions. This means that approval will be required from each authority at every stage of plan-making.

The production of the plan will be led by officers from the minerals and waste team at Central Bedfordshire Council. A working group comprising strategic planning officers from each of the three authorities will provide guidance and support, ensuring consistency with other development plans that exist or are otherwise in preparation across Bedfordshire.

Timetable

The minerals and waste plan will be prepared according to the following timings:

Timings	Stage
Spring 2026	Authorities to approve initial consultation
June to July 2026	Consultation on issues and options as well as a call for potential development sites
Autumn 2026 to spring 2027	Appraising options and drafting the plan
Summer 2027	Authorities to approve consultation on the draft plan
Autumn 2027	Consultation on the draft plan
Spring 2028	Authorities to approve the submission of the plan for examination
Summer 2028	Formal examination
Autumn 2028	Consultation on modifications proposed through examination
Winter 2028	Authorities to adopt the plan

Central Bedfordshire in contact

Find us online: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Call: 0300 300 8307

Email: customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Write to: Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House,
Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ