This document details:

- How the Council has dealt with consultations under Regulation 25
- How representations have been sought in accordance with Regulation 26
- How representations received under Regulation 27 have been addressed in the preparation of the Waste Development Plan Document (Submission Stage).

Those organisations and individuals who submitted comments to the Waste Development Plan Document (DPD) can see how their comments have been taken into account.

It may also be of benefit to those organisations and individuals who did not submit comments, but who are interested in understanding how the Waste DPD has been prepared.
Plymouth City Council Statement of Compliance

This statement has been prepared to comply with the requirements of Regulation 28 (1) (c) and (d) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

It details how the Council has dealt with consultations under Regulation 25, how representations have been sought in accordance with Regulation 26 and how representations received under Regulation 27 have been addressed in the preparation of the Waste Development Plan Document (Submission Stage).

It has also been prepared so that those organisations and individuals who submitted comments to the Waste Development Plan Document (DPD) can see how their comments have been taken into account. It may also be of benefit to those organisations and individuals who did not submit comments, but who are interested in understanding how the Waste DPD has been prepared.

PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION STATEMENT
(REGULATION 28 c STATEMENT)

Consultation under Regulation 25 (Pre-submission consultation)

Regulation 25 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 requires the Council to undertake pre-submission consultation on all Development Plan Documents (DPD’s) with specific consultation bodies and general consultation bodies as they feel appropriate.

During this period the bodies outlined in Appendix A were consulted in the following ways:

The Issues and Options stage of consultation marked the launch of Plymouth LDF. 17 individual documents focusing on individual topics and areas within the city were produced, 9 of which were Issues and Options Area Action Plans for the first tranche of AAPs to be produced by the Council. ‘The Core Strategy – Waste’ (from now on referred to as the Waste DPD) was document 5.

Alongside, and as part of this Issues and Options consultation stage, Plymouth City Council, Devon and Cornwall County Councils, Dartmoor National Park Authority and the District Councils of South Hams, West Devon and Caradon, together with a number of key social, environmental and economic organisations, jointly prepared and consulted on spatial planning options for the Plymouth sub-region. This involved the preparation and consultation on the Plymouth, SW Devon and SE Cornwall Sustainable Growth Distribution Study (March 2005), together with its sustainability appraisal and explanatory leaflet. This exercise led to the formulation of a sub-regional strategy, which has been used to inform the preparation of the Regional Spatial Strategy, as well as Plymouth’s LDF. This is one of the ways
in which Plymouth has appraised strategic spatial planning options for the city, within the wider context of its sub-region.

A six-week consultation period from 7th March – 18th April 2005 was held on the **Issues and Options** for the Waste DPD document.

During the six-week consultation period copies of the Waste DPD, the Sustainability Appraisal, response forms, the statement of availability and proposal matters were available on the Council web page [www.plymouth.gov.uk](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk), from the Civic Centre and Windsor House Offices, local libraries and council housing offices. The consultation documents are contained in Appendix B.

Letters were sent to consultees, a copy of the letter of notification is available in Appendix C.

A press advertisement was published on 4th March 2005 for the Issues and Options consultation, and is available in Appendix C.

Presentations to Area Committee meetings were given, introducing the new LDF system and its component documents, including the Waste DPD.

A Local Development Launch Event was held on the 23rd Feb 2004 with Key Stakeholders invited to attend. Letters of invitation were sent to key stakeholders - a copy of the letter and a list of invitees is available to view in Appendix C. Copies of the Issues and Options Documents were made available with the DVD - “An Invitation to Aspire”. The Leader of the Council and Officers gave presentations and were on hand to answer questions.

**Summary of Consultation at Issues and Options Stage**
The table below sets out the number of comments received in relation to Waste DPD.

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A document setting out a summary of the main issues raised is available in Appendix D.

**Consultation under Regulation 26**

This section of the document meets the requirements of Regulation 28 (1) (d) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

Having taken on board comments raised during the Issues and Options Waste DPD consultation, the Council’s Draft (**Preferred Options**) Waste DPD
was produced and consulted on for a period of 6 weeks from the 29\textsuperscript{th} July – 9\textsuperscript{th} September 2005.

During this period the bodies outlined in Appendix A were consulted in the following ways.

- The Waste DPD, Sustainability Appraisal, response form, proposal matters, and statement of availability (Appendix E) were made available on the Council’s webpage \url{www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf}, as well as at the Civic Centre and Windsor House Offices, all Libraries within Plymouth, and Council Housing Offices during the consultation period.

- An advertisement was placed in the Evening Herald newspaper, which was carried 26\textsuperscript{th} July 2006. This can be viewed in Appendix F.

- Copies of the document, the response form the DPD matters and statement of availability, were sent to all statutory consultees, with a covering letter. Letters of notification were sent to all other consultees. The consultee letter can be viewed in Appendix F.

- Presentations to Area Committee meetings were given throughout the city, and copies of the Waste DPD and response forms were disseminated to all Councillors and further copies were available to the public.

- Four consultation events were staged throughout the city with display boards, a DVD, and Officers available for discussion. These events were advertised locally and in local press. Appendix G outlines the events location, time, and attendees.

- Copies of the Waste DPD were sent to all Plymouth City Council Heads of Departments for dissemination through their teams.

- During the consultation stage a series of articles were run on the “Staff Room” which is a Plymouth City Council staff daily information web page, notifying staff of the Draft Preferred Options Documents including the Waste DPD’s availability and of two internal consultation events for staff.

- An article about the Draft Preferred Options Documents including the Waste DPD was run in “Mail Out”, Plymouth Community Partnerships monthly newsletter, circulated to all their members who are made up of community and voluntary groups in Plymouth, see Appendix H.

- It was arranged for Plymouth Guild of Voluntary Services to include information on the LDF, and where the consultation documents can be obtained, in the Guild’s “Bulletin Update” newsletter sent to 175 voluntary and community groups within its membership, see Appendix H.
The Council received 66 representations on the Waste DPD Preferred Options. The graph below sets out the level of support and objection to each Preferred Option. A full summary of representations is set out in the Preferred Options response summary report contained in Appendix I.

A table setting out a summary of all representations received and how they are being taken forward is also provided in Appendix I.