

Word/Phrase	Description/Definition
Greenhouse Gas:	Gases that contribute to climate change. Naturally occurring examples include water vapour, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and ozone. Some human activities increase these gases, including fossil fuel combustion within motor vehicles and some power stations.
Hazardous Waste:	Waste that poses substantial or potential threats to public health or the environment (when improperly treated, stored, transported or disposed). This can be due to quantity, concentration, or characteristics of the waste. Hazardous waste possesses one or more hazardous properties, as detailed in the Hazardous Waste Directive, for example explosive, oxidising, highly flammable, irritant etc.
Inert Waste:	Inert waste is that which is neither chemically or biologically reactive and will not decompose (e.g. sand and concrete).
Inspector's Report:	A report issued by a Planning Inspector regarding the planning issues debated at the independent examination of a development plan or a planning inquiry.
Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF):	A facility that incorporates a number of individual elements that work together to effectively process waste. For example, an IWMF could include recycling, paper pulping and energy from waste capabilities.
In-Vessel Composting:	Composting that is undertaken in enclosed reactors (e.g. metal tanks or concrete bunkers) to allow for a greater degree of control of the process, such as through regulating airflow and temperature.
Issues and Options:	The first "pre-submission" consultation stage on Development Plan Documents with the objective of gaining public consensus over proposals prior to submission to government for independent examination.
Landfill:	A landfill is a disposal method for waste. These are sites where local authorities and industry can take waste to be buried and compacted with other wastes. The Environment Agency licenses and regulates landfill sites to ensure that their impact on the environment is minimised. These can be specifically for inert waste, non-hazardous waste and/or hazardous waste.
Landraise:	Refers to waste disposal that occurs above pre-existing ground levels.
Local Plan (or Local Development Framework (LDF)):	The Local Plan provides the essential framework for planning in the local authority's area.
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP):	Local Enterprise Partnerships are partnerships between local authorities and businesses. They decide what the priorities should be for investment in roads, buildings and facilities in the area. The plan area is covered within the South East LEP comprising Kent, Medway, Southend, Thurrock and Essex.