

## **Main Matter 7: Safeguarding Sites for Waste Management Facilities**

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### **Issues: (i) How will Safeguarding Policy 11 be implemented?**

- 1 Implementation is set out in Chapter 5 of the Submitted Waste Plan (**SD001**). Details of the implementation of Policy 11 can be found on page 87, which sets out the implementation mechanism will be 'refusal of planning permission' for inappropriate development and the stakeholder responsible for this will be the Local Planning Authority. Monitoring is set out in the same chapter and details for monitoring Policy 11 can be found on page 84 of **SD001**. Further details of how this policy will be implemented and monitored are set out under (iii) of this Statement. The aim is to retain all of the sites of key importance for the achievement of the Waste Plan.

### **(ii) Are maps required as for Policies 4 and 5?**

- 2 Sites allocated for waste management in the Waste Plan area already displayed in Map 1 of the Submitted Waste Plan (**SD001**).
- 3 Tables 12 and 13 of the Submitted Waste Plan (**SD001**) list the sites required for the purposes of delivering the Greater Manchester Waste Management Strategy and Wigan's Municipal Waste Management Strategy. These are not currently displayed in map format in the Waste Plan. However, for clarity, it is proposed to include a map showing all sites required for the delivery of the Municipal Waste Management Strategies in the Waste Plan as a minor change to the Waste Plan.

### **(iii) How will the mechanics of safeguarding work?**

- 4 It is intended that sites allocated for waste management in the Waste Plan and sites required for the delivery of the Municipal Waste Management Strategies will be added to the constraint map used by each District when assessing planning applications.
- 5 As set out in paragraph 4.27 of the Submitted Waste Plan (**SD001**), a waste consultation area will be defined extending 250m from the boundary of sites allocated for hazardous landfill, non-hazardous landfill or open windrow

composting or required for these uses for the delivery of the Municipal Waste Management Strategies. This is in line with advice provided by the Environment Agency who adopt a precautionary approach when considering the impact of air emissions on health. GMGU would then be consulted on any non-waste applications falling within the waste consultation area and would assess the impact of the application on the waste allocation/use. Should GMGU consider the non-waste application likely to have an adverse impact on the future of the waste allocation/use the determining authority will be notified.

- 6 In addition, and in line with the methodology undertaken for the sustainability appraisal of sites (**TD028**), a waste consultation area of 250m will be set around sites identified as potentially suitable for Open Air Waste Management Recycling Facilities, Advanced Thermal Treatment (ATT), Conventional Thermal Treatment(CTT), Gasification and Pyrolysis. The purpose of this is to act as a 'flag' for developers and the Council to ensure they are aware of the presence of the site. In the case of ATT, CTT, Gasification and Pyrolysis, although housing or sensitive uses in such proximity should generally be avoided, this would depend on the scale and environmental performance standards of any facility, particularly when part of a combined heat and power district heating scheme. GMGU would be consulted on any non-waste applications falling within the waste consultation area and would assess the impact of the application on the waste allocation/use. Should GMGU consider the non-waste application likely to have an adverse impact on the future of the waste allocation/use the determining authority will be notified.
- 7 A waste consultation area would be inappropriate for sites identified as potentially suitable for other waste uses or Municipal Waste Management Strategy sites (e.g. Household Waste Recycling Centre, Transfer Loading Station, etc). This is because their potential impact can be contained within the site boundary.
- 8 As far as the loss of existing waste management capacity is concerned, future annual monitoring would reveal whether the Environmental Permit had been relinquished, this would be recorded and the information used to update the capacity database. The capacity database is used to keep track of available waste management capacity in Greater Manchester and to inform updates to the Needs Assessment.
- 9 A guidance note for Development Management Officers will be prepared by GMGU and circulated to heads of Development Management in each District.

This will provide additional advice to Officers on how and when to use the Waste Plan.

**(iv) Should the DPD be clearer?**

- 10 As set out above, it is proposed to include a map of sites required for the delivery of the Municipal Waste Management Strategies as listed in Tables 12 and 13 of **SD001** as a minor change to the Waste Plan. This will provide additional clarity for developers and users of the Plan.
- 11 In addition to this, the Plan will be expanded to provide brief detail about the mechanics of how the safeguarding policy will work based on paragraphs 4 and 5 above (additional text in red):
- Paragraph 4.26 “This policy relates to applications for non-waste development, which could be considered as “sensitive receptors” on completion, on or adjacent to a site allocated for waste management facilities or sites required for the delivery of the Municipal Waste Management Strategies. Sensitive receptors include residential development, schools, hospitals and business uses that could be affected by dust, for example, food processing plants or pharmaceutical manufacturing. **The term ‘adjacent’ is set out in relation to sites identified for Open Air Waste Management Facilities, Advanced Thermal Treatment (ATT), Conventional Thermal Treatment (CTT), Gasification and Pyrolysis and refers to a waste consultation area of 250m from the allocated site or facility required for the delivery of the Municipal Waste Management Strategies. In the case of ATT, CTT, Gasification and Pyrolysis, although housing or sensitive uses in such proximity should generally be avoided, this would depend on the scale and environmental performance standards of any facility, particularly when part of a combined heat and power district heating scheme.**”
- New paragraph to be added after 4.27 **“With regards to sites required or allocated for all other uses, there will be no waste consultation area. This is because potential impacts can be contained within the site boundary and so no waste consultation area.”**
- 12 Both the Map and additional text will be submitted as an additional proposed minor change to the Waste Plan.