

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Independent Examination, April 2014.

Additional Statement: Matter 5 – Provision to be met for waste management and Matter 7 – Allocated Sites.

W4 – Does the Plan make provision for waste management facilities?

In representation GPP/6, reference is made to the potential usefulness of extra information in the table of planning permissions within Appendix 4 Commitments for Waste Management and Disposal. It is acknowledged that the Final Draft Local Plan has a note which states that

The identification of a site as a commitment does not necessarily mean that the permission has been implemented or that the site is currently operational.

This table is used as the basis for calculating the waste management/waste disposal capacity within the county, as considered in the 'Final waste needs assessment report'. In paragraph 3.8 of this report it states that

For the purpose of determining the capacity gap the permitted waste management capacity will be taken as the most up-to-date and accurate dataset .

Therefore, it is particularly important that the information in Table Appendix 4 is as up to date as possible.

I am aware of many commitments that for one reason or another should not be counted as available capacity. These commitments should be removed from the table, so that the amalgamated data can be reworked, and the capacity figures adjusted if necessary.

Some examples of facilities that should be deleted:

Appendix 4a

Page 133 – Deer Park Nursery, Crick – this facility is now closed with no prospect of it being re-opened as the landowner has intentions for alternative development at the site

Page 134 - Kislingbury composting site- closed and replaced with a carpet recycling facility
- Sidegate Lane composting site – closed as the landfill site is closed

Page 135 - Gretton Brook Road, Westminster building – site to close this month as operations move to Heritage Way, to make way for the development authorized in a separate consent for a Renewable Energy Generation Facility

- Old Sewage Works, Blisworth – inert recycling; consent not implemented so has now lapsed.

- Sandy Hill, Moulton – operations moved to Earls Barton and site being redeveloped for housing.

- Wincanton Site, Mitchell Road – consent not implemented, so now lapsed.

- Westminster Building – double counting of Gretton Brook Road Westminster building

(see above).

Appendix 4b

Page 138 - Corby Landfill Site is closed.

Appendix 4c

Page 138 - Boughton Quarry – now closed and restored

- Churchfield Farm, Oundle – now closed and being restored

- The Piggeries, Cranford – permission not implemented, now expired.

In the absence of up to date data, the Local Plan cannot be found to be sound.