

Matter 5- Provision to be met for Waste Management

Statement by Northamptonshire County Council

Issue W1

Are the predicted quantities of waste arisings (Municipal; Commercial & Industrial; Construction; Hazardous; Radioactive; Waste Water; and Residual wastes) justified, including by reference to forecasts of development growth / minimisation / recovery / management capacity?

1.1 The Council has used the best information available in undertaking the waste forecasts. The permitted capacities were obtained from the planning permissions and other data held by the Council. The Local Waste Needs Assessment details data sources and forecasting methods for each waste stream. A summary of the forecast methods applied is outlined below:

- MSW – Forecasts based on JMWS model (WMA para 2.9)
- C&I – Forecasts based on ADAS model which incorporates economic growth projections (utilising employee growth rates) (WMA para 2.14-15). The model was adjusted to account for the 'DEFRA 2011 Economics of waste and waste policy' paper by amending annual growth rates to -0.2% for the commercial arisings and +0.57% for the industrial arisings over the 2010-2030 period – the adjustment did produce a significant difference from those figures already published.
- CDE – Static forecast adopted as per government guidance (WMA para 2.24).
- Hazardous – Forecast linked to C&I (WMA para 2.40).
- Radioactive – Future arisings derived from LLWR and DECC figures (WMA para 2.59-60).

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Issue W2

Should the Plan make specific provision for the management or disposal of waste from London Boroughs?

- 2.1 Under the previous regional planning regime there was the expectation that waste planning authorities in the East of England and South East regions were to take an element of London's waste. This did not always feed through from the RSSs to the Waste Plans (e.g. Hampshire) but the mechanism was in place. As an authority within the East Midlands and therefore covered by the East Midlands RSS there was no such stance that Northamptonshire should take elements of London's waste. Nevertheless over the years it has done so, particularly in relation to non-inert and hazardous waste landfill, although the former has now declined significantly.
- 2.2 Because of the changed regional situation, paragraph 2.35 of the Plan (former para 4.15 of the Core Strategy) has been amended, although it continues to state that there is no requirement for Northamptonshire to take a proportion of London's waste. Both the Mayor through the London Plan and the waste planning authorities need to continue to take a greater responsibility for the waste they produce within the conurbation.

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Issue W3

Does the Plan identify the need for waste management facilities, including landfill, for each of the main categories of waste over the Plan period?

- 3.1 Provision is set out via Policies 11 and 18. Policy 11 sets out the indicative capacity requirement at both 2021 and 2031 for recycling (non-inert), composting and anaerobic digestion, inert recycling, hazardous recycling, advanced treatment, hazardous treatment and inert fill/recovery. Policy 18 sets out the indicative capacity requirement at both 2021 and 2031 for non-inert landfill, inert fill/recovery and hazardous landfill.
- 3.2 An estimate of the number of facilities required to provide the indicative capacity requirements is set out in para 5.34.
- 3.3 The plan also sets out how the first ten years waste management capacity (up to 2021) could be provided (para 5.36).
- 3.4 More detail on provision/capacity gap matters is contained in the Local Waste Needs Assessment (Exam Library Ref 403).

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Issue W4

Does the Local Plan make provision for those waste management facilities?

- 4.1 The Plan makes provision for those waste management facilities in three ways: firstly, by allocating specific sites (13 sites are allocated including three for an integrated waste management facility); secondly, by designating on the policies map a number of industrial area locations where waste management uses are acceptable in principle (21 such industrial area locations are identified); and thirdly through policies that set out criteria under which proposals for waste management and disposal would be acceptable (including a specific policy on radioactive waste disposal). The combination of which is sufficient to accommodate the estimated facilities / indicative capacity requirements.
- 4.2 An estimate of the number of facilities required to provide the indicative capacity requirements is set out in para 5.34.

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Issue W5

Does the Plan actively promote driving waste up the Waste Hierarchy?

- 5.1 The Plan and its policies support driving waste up the hierarchy and recognises waste as a resource at an adequate level. It plans positively for the delivery of waste management facilities by incorporating relevant targets into forecasts, identifying the indicative capacity requirements (aligned with the hierarchy levels), allocations and the inclusion of enabling policies which allow for sites to come forward.
- 5.2 The development criteria also promotes sustainable waste management practices and the waste hierarchy e.g. ensuring waste has undergone preliminary treatment prior to advanced treatment, ensuring that only residuals are disposed of and that disposal forms the last available option (Policy 13 and 19).