

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL MINUTES

9 NOVEMBER 2010

Chairman: * Councillor Keith Ferry

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RECOMMENDED ITEM

21. Draft West London Waste Plan Proposed Sites and Policies Document

The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director Place Shaping on the context and the work that had been carried out in the preparation of the Proposed Sites and Policies Consultation Document, which was the latest stage in the preparation of the joint West London Waste Plan.

It was noted that the West London Waste Plan (WLWP) was being prepared jointly by the six west London boroughs of Harrow, Brent, Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond. When finally adopted, the Plan would provide the planning framework for the management of all waste produced in the six boroughs over the next 15 years.

Public consultation had been undertaken in January and February 2009 on the West London Waste Plan Issues and Options document. Since then the consultants and officer steering group had undertaken work to:

- determine the amount of land that was required to accommodate the range of facilities needed to manage west London's waste;
- assess existing and potential sites to determine their suitability to accommodate future waste management provision; and
- respond to the comments received to the Issues and Option consultation in preparing the current draft of the WLWP.

During the discussion on the report Members asked a number of questions which were responded to as follows:

- the Greater London Authority (GLA) had reduced the projections and apportionment targets by 19% across West London and 20% for Harrow. This also reduced the amount of additional land that the west London boroughs needed to identify and allocate from 56 to 37 hectares;
- the criteria and scoring methods had previously been discussed by the Panel and considered by the previous Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Enterprise, prior to a legal agreement being signed by the Consortium;
- each site had been assessed against the agreed criteria. This weighted certain elements, for example sustainable transport and close proximity to residential development, and also took into account deliverability such as the existing use and whether the site was currently in single ownership;
- having taken into account the 16.10 hectares of existing sites, sites amounting to 66 hectares had been initially identified for further consideration for waste management use. The methodology for sites would be developed once sites were chosen;
- suitability according to ranking had identified a score of 92 as a cut-off point. On this basis the Council Depot was the only Harrow site to proceed to the next stage. If agreed as a waste management site the civic amenity site at the Council Depot would continue to operate;
- the public consultation was specifically directed at industry, with the aim of making it attractive for companies to develop the facilities. The WLWP was a development plan document and would be part of the material considerations for the appropriate Council;
- the sites chosen would be safeguarded for future waste management use but their present use would continue until development. Civic amenity sites would continue in operation and there would be no impact on Harrow's arrangements for refuse collection;
- any proposal to amend the sites chosen would need to be exceptionally robust and need to show no bias at the examination in public;

- the scoring had been agreed December 2009 and revisited again subsequent to the May 2010 elections.

Members suggested that a coloured plan that indicated the current and proposed use of land would clarify the consultation.

It was agreed that the technical report, together with a list of the criteria and scoring methods, would be circulated to Members of the Panel. It was agreed that information on the previous deliberations of the Panel regarding the criteria and scoring would be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That the Draft West London Waste Plan: Proposed Sites and Policies Consultation Document and the associated Sustainability Appraisal for public consultation be approved.

Reason for Decision: It is a corporate priority to prepare a series of statutory planning policy documents which together comprise the Local Development Framework (LDF) for the Borough that will eventually replace the existing Unitary Development Plan (adopted in July 2004). The West London Waste Plan (WLWP) is being prepared in order to meet targets set out in the current London Plan (consolidated with Alterations 2008), the draft replacement London Plan 2009, and the requirements of Planning Policy Statements 10 and 12.