

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

CABINET – 20 JUNE 2012

RECOMMENDATION FROM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL - 11 JUNE 2012

Chairman: * Councillor Keith Ferry

Councillors: * Marilyn Ashton * Bill Phillips
* Stephen Greek * Navin Shah
* Thaya Idaikkadar * Simon Williams

In attendance: * Joyce Nickolay All Items
(Councillors)

* Denotes Member present

74. Revised Proposed West London Waste Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation Document

The Panel received the report of officers outlining with regard to the proposed West London Waste Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation document, the outcome of the consideration of the previously agreed proposed amendments in relation to:

1. That WLWP Policy 1 was split into two policies, with the intention that the first policy address the safeguarding of existing waste sites and the second policy address the allocation of new sites for development for waste management facilities by providing for their continued contribution as contingency waste sites to be set alongside their appropriate and continued existing use; and
2. That WLWP Policy 2 was amended to direct proposals for waste facilities to existing waste sites in the first instance before consideration was given to provision on identified new sites.

A meeting of the West London Waste Plan Steering Group, where the above were considered, had resulted in the other five local authorities indicating they were unable to support the changes for the following reasons:

- that the changes were considered more than minor, and therefore unable to be dealt with through delegated authority;
- that to allocate rather than safeguard the three new proposed waste sites could result in an under-provision of land required to meet West London's waste appointment target, and therefore could impact on the soundness of the Plan.

Given that the Plan cannot proceed to the public consultation unless the same version was agreed by all the boroughs, discussions continued to take place between the Councils. A further meeting of the WLWP Steering Group proposed that an amendment to the Harrow Depot site designation would overcome Harrow's outstanding concerns and avoid the need to amend the policy. Members were therefore asked to consider a revision to the site boundary of the Council Depot site at Forward Drive to reduce the area to be safeguarded for waste management.

The outcome of the revision would result in a reduced site area being proposed for waste management of 1.83 hectares. Overall, this would reduce the total site area identified in the WLWP to 27.54 hectares. Whilst this demonstrated that the proposed West London Waste Plan still provided for a surplus in the land required to meet West London's appointment target, more importantly from Harrow's point of view, it would enable the Council to bring forward proposals on the undesignated portion of the Depot site to improve, enhance or intensify depot functions and uses without these being considered as a departure from the West London Waste Plan.

Officers reported that the other five West London boroughs were all in the process of securing the requisite formal approvals to ensure that the approved versions of the Pre-Submission Consultation document were identical in order to go out to public consultation. Once all six boroughs had approved the revised document, the remaining timetable for the preparation of the Plan would involve:

- a) An eight-week public consultation on the Pre-Submission Consultation document to be held across the six boroughs during July - August 2012. This had been extended beyond the six-week period originally approved to allow for the summer holiday period.
- b) The consultation responses would then be assessed and any further evidence base research undertaken before officers report to Cabinet and Council on the Proposed Submission stage consultation and to seek approval to submit the draft WLWP with any further proposed changes to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

Officers anticipated that an Examination in Public would be held during the spring of 2013 and that the WLWP would be adopted by the six boroughs as part of their respective Local Plans during autumn 2013.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet) that:

- (1) the revised Harrow Council Depot site designation be approved;
- (2) the revised West London Waste Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation document including the revision to the Harrow Council depot site designation be agreed;
- (3) the revised West London Waste Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation document and the associated Sustainability Appraisal be approved for an eight-week public consultation in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement,
- (4) officers report to a future meeting of Cabinet on the outcome of the public consultation and any further proposed changes to the Plan, prior to its formal submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Reason: (for recommendation)

To enable the Council to make meaningful progress on the West London Waste Plan (WLWP) in order to meet targets set out in the London Plan 2011 and Planning Policy Statement 10, which is still extant.

The WLWP will in due course provide an up-to-date policy framework to assess planning applications for waste management facilities across the six West London boroughs: Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames. Planning applications for waste management facilities will also be assessed by each borough against their individual Local Plans, including local development management policies and any other material considerations.

Background Documents:

Report submitted to Local Development Framework Panel on 11 June 2012

Draft minutes of the Local Development Framework Panel - 11 June 2012

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