



Planning Committee

16 November 2011

Report from the Assistant Director, Planning & Development

Wards affected:
All

West London Waste Plan

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report explains progress with the preparation of the Joint West London Waste Plan with particular regard to the latest position on the identification of sites for processing waste in Brent.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Planning Committee recommends to Executive that, on the basis that the sites identified in this report are included in the West London Waste Plan, the Plan be agreed for publication and deposit for 6 weeks consultation in February 2012.

3.0 Detail

Introduction

- 3.1 The 6 London Boroughs which comprise the West London Waste Authority (Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames) agreed to prepare a Joint West London Waste Plan (WLWP). In October 2010 Planning Committee considered a report proposing the draft West London Waste Plan for public consultation. At that time the plan proposed 6 sites within Brent, out of 24 sites in total, for the treatment of waste as follows:

Existing Waste Transfer Sites

Twyford Waste Transfer Station
Veolia Transfer Station, Marsh Road

Proposed New Sites

Asia Sky site, Abbey Road
Rail sidings, Premier Park Road
Alperton Lane industrial area, Marsh Road
Hannah Close / Great Central Way

- 3.2 The Plan, when adopted, will form part of Brent's LDF. 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. Public consultation on the draft Waste Plan ended in March 2011. Since then, consultants acting on behalf of the 6 boroughs have been modifying the Plan in light of comments received, changes to the estimates of the amount of waste to be processed as set out in the new London Plan and an assessment carried out on the deliverability of sites.

Public Consultation

- 3.3 Almost 600 responses from organisations and individuals were received, excluding 2 petitions with 2200 signatures. The overwhelming focus of the consultation responses was on the 24 sites proposed for potential waste management use. The main objections were to a site in Hillingdon (the Tavistock Road former Coal Depot at West Drayton in Hillingdon) and to proposed sites in Park Royal. In addition to individual responses, petitions were submitted regarding the proposals at Tavistock Road and in Park Royal.
- 3.4 One third of total responses to the draft WLWP opposed the sites proposed at Park Royal. Many of these expressed local residents' concerns at the designation of several sites for waste use in such close proximity. A 193-signature petition from Ealing residents was received on this issue. The main concerns raised by the petitioners were: the unfairness of locating so many sites in the area; the cumulative impact of new sites when added to existing waste and industrial facilities; proximity to housing; increased traffic; air pollution and the health impacts of pollution.
- 3.5 In terms of the sites proposed in Brent, objections were received from the owners of new sites proposed for waste treatment at Twyford Tip and Marsh Road Alperton and from some businesses and other land owners in the Brent part of Park Royal.

Revised West London Waste Plan for Submission

- 3.6 Although the final version of the WLWP to be submitted to the Secretary of State has not been finalised, the list of sites to be included in the document has. A full list of the sites in West London is set out as Appendix 1. In Brent the sites proposed for inclusion in the submission document are:
- Twyford Waste Transfer Station
Veolia Transfer Station, Marsh Road
- 3.7 Committee will note that none of the new sites in Brent proposed in the draft plan are included in the revised list. This is in part because the Hannah Close / Great Central Way site is now operational and, therefore, no longer proposed. The remaining three sites are, for one reason or another, considered to be difficult to deliver. This, combined with a need to identify a significantly reduced land area for waste processing than originally set out in the draft plan, has meant that there is no need to designate any proposed new sites in Brent.

Next Steps

- 3.41 Executive, on 12th December, will be asked to approve a revised WLWP for publication. Once the document has been agreed by all 6 boroughs it will be made available for a further 6 week public consultation in February 2012. Authority will then be sought from each borough, i.e. in Brent's case from Executive, to submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public. It is anticipated that an Examination will be held in late 2012 and that the WLWP should be adopted by the 6 boroughs in early 2013.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Brent's financial contribution towards the preparation of a joint WLWP is provided from Planning & Development's existing budget. This varies from year to year but averages out at about £30, 000 pa.
- 4.2 There is an urgent need for West London boroughs to identify land for processing waste through the development plan so that sites can deal with waste locally rather than sending it to landfill, for which there is a tariff which increases year on year.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The drafting of the WLWP has taken into account relevant planning legislation.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1 Full statutory public consultation has been carried out in preparing the Waste DPD. An Equalities Impact Assessment of the Waste DPD has also been carried out.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

- 7.1 There are no staffing or accommodation implications arising from this report.

8.0 Environmental Implications

- 8.1 The Waste DPD may potentially give rise to a significant impact upon the local environment close to waste management sites. However, the identification and use of appropriate sites will mean that the environmental impact is controlled and minimised, particularly upon residential areas, and managing waste locally rather than it being sent to landfill will help mitigate the effects of climate change. Sustainability appraisal has been undertaken at all stages of developing the Waste DPD.

9.0 Background Papers

West London Waste Plan, Proposed Sites and Policies, Feb 2011

Contact Officers

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Ken Hullock, Planning & Development 020 8937 5309

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Appendix 1 Existing and Proposed Sites to be included in the WLWP

Table i: The proposed sites allocated for redevelopment

Site Number	Site Area (ha)	Borough	Description	Site Type
352	1.46	Brent	Twyford Waste Transfer Station	Existing
1261	2.71	Brent	Veolia Transfer Station, Marsh Road	Existing
309	1.15	Ealing	Greenford Reuse & Recycling Site, Greenford	Existing
310	0.94	Ealing	Greenford Depot, Greenford Road, Greenford	Existing
328	2.10	Ealing	Quattro, Victoria Road, Park Royal	Existing
303	4.25	Hillingdon	Victoria Road Transfer Station	Existing
353	3.11	Hounslow	Transport Avenue Waste Transfer Station	Existing
342	3.67	Richmond	Twickenham Depot	Existing
182	0.3	Ealing	Park Royal 1 (GLA – combine with adjacent site and renumber)	Proposed
191	0.65	Ealing	Atlas Road, Park Royal	Proposed
222	2.83	Harrow	Council depot, Forward Drive	Proposed
244	3.12	Hillingdon	Yeading Brook, Bulls Bridge	Proposed
2861	3.20	Hounslow	Western International Market	Proposed
Total	29.49	Ha		