8 Consulting on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (Task A4) and Next Steps

Consultation Arrangements

8.1 In order to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive and procedures for community engagement on DPD and SA documents set out in PPS12 and the individual Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) published by each of the four Boroughs, the SA Scoping Report is being published over a 5-week period from Tuesday 1 July to Tuesday 5 August July 2008 (5 pm) in order to seek the views of the following statutory consultees and a range of other key stakeholders on the proposed scope of the appraisal:

Susan Sheahan,
Planning Liaison,
Environment Agency
9th Floor, Eastbury House,
30 - 34 Albert Embankment,
LONDON SE1 7TL

Claire Craig,
English Heritage,
London Region,
1 Waterhouse Square,
138-142 Holborn,
LONDON EC1N 2ST

David Hammond,
Natural England,
Planning Liaison Team,
South East Regional Office,
Portland House, Stag Place,
LONDON SW1E 5RS

8.2 Copies of the SA Scoping Report have also been sent to the following specific consultation bodies for their comment:

- Government Office for London (GOL);
- Greater London Authority (GLA)
- other specific consultation bodies as identified in the respective SCIs for LB Sutton, LB Merton, LB Wandsworth and the Royal Borough of Kingston-Upon-Thames.

8.3 Feedback has also been sought from a wide range of local stakeholders and groups within the area covered by the Waste Plan concerned with environmental, economic and social issues as identified in the four SCIs and for which details are held on the respective LDF consultation databases.

8.4 Further copies of the SA Scoping Report are available at:

- Electronically via your Council’s webpages at:
  www.croydon.gov.uk/wasteplan
  www.kingston.gov.uk/wasteplan
  www.merton.gov.uk/wasteplan
  www.sutton.gov.uk/wasteplan
8.5 Feedback from the consultation exercise will inform the range of sustainability objectives, targets and indicators to be used as the basis for undertaking SA on the South London Waste Plan ‘Issues and Options’ consultation document, which will be made available for public consultation between September and October 2008. The resulting SA Report will be published alongside the Issues and Options document.

Next Steps

8.6 The process of developing the South London Waste Plan will take approximately another two and a half years. During this time, it will go through a series of developmental stages leading up to producing a final plan by 2011 (see Table 8.1).

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8.7 The next stage will involve public consultation on the South London Waste Plan Issues and Options document for a 6-week period between **Friday 19th September and Friday 31st October 2008**. This consultation exercise will seek views from statutory bodies and the public on the broad issues and possible options identified for the Waste Plan and raise awareness of waste planning and inform the public of the Plan’s preparation process. The SA Report to be published in support of the Issues and Options document will explore the implications of the issues and possible options on each of the sustainability objectives targets and indicators identified in the SA Framework (see Section 6 and Appendix 4).

8.8 Detailed consultation arrangements will be guided by the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and the respective Statements of Community Involvement (SCI)33 adopted by each of the four Boroughs. For the South London Waste Plan, a programme of public consultation and stakeholder engagement has been developed, which meets these requirements.

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33 The SCI sets out each Council’s minimum requirements for involving the community in the preparation and revision of all local development documents, including DPDs