Dear Mr Cook,

Re: Examination of Proposed Submission document for the South London Waste Plan.

I am writing on behalf of the South London Waste Plan Project Manager, Duncan Clarke. Thank you for your letter of 05 May 2011 requesting clarity as to which document is to be the subject of the examination.

We consider that SLWP1.1 SLWP Proposed Submission Version (January 2011) and associated SLWP 1.2 SLWP Proposed Submission Version Addendum (January 2011) should be the subject of the Examination. These are the South London Waste Plan documents that were published for representations to be received pre-submission (Regulation 30).

We consider that the minor changes proposed by the South London Waste Plan and set out in SLWP 1.11 Schedule of minor changes following the Publication Period (April 2011) and SLWP 1.12 South London Waste Plan with track changes to highlight proposed minor changes following the publication period (April 2011) improve the soundness of the South London Waste Plan. The South London Waste Plan Councils are very likely to be referring to these documents in Statements and as part of the Hearings, and we would like to draw representors attention to it at this early stage in the Examination, so that they have an opportunity to read and consider it.

We propose that this could be done as part of the written notification to inform all representors of the dates of the Hearings or notification of Statements, which will be sent from the Programme Officer to all representors. It is proposed that the following paragraph, or similar, be added to the written notification. It will also be added to the examination website.
"I would like to draw your attention to some changes which the Councils considers necessary for the purpose of clarification, updating and/or to correct typos or other grammatical errors. These have been included in SLWP1.12: "South London Waste Plan with tracked changes to highlight proposed minor changes following the publication period (April 2011)" and SLWP 1.11: "Schedule of proposed minor changes following the publication period (April 2011)", both of which can be viewed or downloaded from

We agree that it is highly likely that we will wish to propose other changes both for soundness and other reasons as part of the examination process, and that SLWP1.11 and associated SLWP 1.12 will be evolving documents which will be associated with any “changes for soundness” schedule that may need to be prepared. We therefore propose that consultation on schedules of proposed changes should be carried out after the Hearings, in the interests of clarity and soundness.

To ensure that the examination website is kept up-to-date and that the same page is reached irrespective of which authority’s home site is used to access it, we propose to host the examination web page on Merton Council’s website and include links from the other authorities websites to it.

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the South London Waste Plan