Landfill space is running out and buried waste releases climate-changing gases. New ways of dealing with waste are needed.

Following last autumn’s consultation on issues and options, potential sites for future waste management facilities have been identified and policies to guide their development have been drafted.

Please get involved and tell us what you think about potential sites and policies.
European and UK legislation requires increasing amounts of waste to be recycled, composted and processed and less waste to be buried in landfill. To support this, new facilities must be provided in all parts of the UK.

Croydon, Kingston, Merton and Sutton are working together to meet this challenge by developing The South London Waste Plan.

Why do we need new facilities to deal with our rubbish?

Approximately 1.1 million tonnes of waste is produced by Croydon, Kingston, Merton and Sutton’s businesses, local services, industry and households every year. Around 60% is buried in the ground in landfill sites. The Plan aims to halve this.

Burying rubbish in the ground is a waste of resources, which with modern treatment facilities, could be re-used, recycled or turned into useful compost or energy. Rotting waste in landfill also releases methane gas, a major contributor to climate change.

In recognition of the harmful environmental effects of landfill, the cost of sending waste to landfill is increasing and councils will be fined if they do not meet landfill reduction targets.

Get involved now before the South London Waste Plan becomes policy

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We now want to hear your views about these potential sites and draft policies.

The consultation period runs from 20th July to 16th October 2009.

During the consultation period, we’ll be seeking views on sites and policies from local people, the waste management industry, potential site owners and occupiers, government and others.

What happens after the consultation?

Not all sites will be needed in the final list. Your views will help develop the final version of the South London Waste Plan which will be published for your comments in February 2010. It will then be submitted to the Secretary of State in July 2010 to be thoroughly examined by an independent planning inspector.
To get involved, find out more, register for a workshop or invite us to talk to your community group, please contact Emma Smyth by:

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- [www.sutton.gov.uk/wasteplan](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/wasteplan)

Register for a workshop near you:

- **Croydon**  7th September, 7pm, Croydon Clocktower
- **Kingston** 16th September, 7pm, The Guildhall, Kingston
- **Merton**  9th September, 7pm, Civic Centre, Morden
- **Sutton**  28th September, 7pm, Civic Offices, Sutton

A light buffet will be provided.

During the consultation period, consultation documents will be available for your comment online, at libraries and main council receptions.

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