Summary:

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has withdrawn its representation (Sustainability Appraisal No. 2) following a reconsideration of the safeguarded sites and identified areas.
This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify an area of agreement between the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Boroughs of the South London Waste Plan on matters relating to the South London Waste Plan Proposed Submission DPD and the representation by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

**Background**

This Statement of Common Ground relates to one representation (Sustainability Appraisal No. 2) made by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to the South London Waste Plan Proposed Submission DPD.

In summary, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds objected to the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan on the grounds that the development of waste facilities on Beddington Farmlands, Sutton, would harm the bird population and in particular the tree sparrow which a red listed species of high conservation concern.

**Matter of Agreement**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds accepts that the South London Waste Plan does not intend for development to extend beyond existing sites and all but one of those existing sites are subject to temporary permissions.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds withdraws its representation.
25 March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: South London Waste Plan – Submission

Thank you for contacting the RSPB with regard to the above submission.

Following our telephone conversation earlier today, and clarification that there is no current proposal to develop waste management facilities at Beddington Farmlands west of Beddington Lane Road, we have no outstanding concerns regarding the impact of the South London Waste Plan on the tree sparrow population.

As such we would like to withdraw our representation dated 11 February 2011.

I hope that our comments will be of assistance for you in progressing your submissions. If you wish to discuss any of the issues addressed in this letter, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or in my absence Conservation Officer Fay Bouri.

Yours sincerely

Sophie Flax
Conservation Planning Assistant
Hi Duncan,

Further to our conversation earlier today please find attached my letter regarding our submissions.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Sophie

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Hi Sophie,

Further to our telephone conversation today, please find attached a map of the Beddington area. As you can see, the area is bisected north-south by the B272 Beddington Lane (road with a roundabout to the centre-right of the picture). To the east, there is an industrial area with a variety of companies. To the west, there is the Beddington Farmlands area, whose principal current land uses are a sewage works, landfill facility, a recycling and composting centre and a waste transfer station.

The South London Waste Plan identifies six parts of the industrial area which may have sites
suitable for waste management.

The situation as regards Beddington Farmlands is more complicated. The South London Waste Plan safeguards the landfill facility, recycling and composting centre and waste transfer station for their existing uses as it is required to do by the Mayor of London’s London Plan.

The South London Waste Plan also indicates that the recycling and composting centre and waste transfer station could be redeveloped on their existing site areas to increase efficiency. However, the South London Waste Plan also indicates that the planning permissions for the landfill facility and the recycling and composting centre are temporary until 2023. After 2023, the South London Waste Plan notes that most of Beddington Farmlands area is proposed to become part of the Wandle Valley Regional Park, which will provide increased opportunities for nature conservation and recreation. The waste transfer station falls outside this designation.

Therefore, the South London Waste Plan does not propose any new waste facilities on land not currently in waste treatment use, even though it has had representations from waste operators to do so. Instead it identifies one permanent waste site and one temporary waste site for possible redevelopment within their existing site areas.

In light of this information, I was wondering whether you would like to reconsider your representation. You may wish to withdraw the representation completely, comment on possible redevelopment of the existing permanent and temporary sites within the Beddington Farmlands area, comment on the fact that there is no proposed encroachment of waste facilities into the open areas of Beddington Farmlands or feel your representation is still relevant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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