**SOUTH LONDON WASTE PLAN SUBMISSION**

**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND 7**

**BETWEEN**

**THE BOROUGHs OF THE SOUTH LONDON WASTE PLAN**

**AND**

**THE MAYOR OF LONDON**

(GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY)

**Summary:**

In his Letter of Conformity, the Mayor of London stated that the policies of the South London Waste Plan were, on the whole, consistent with the London Plan. However, he set out three strategic issues and one area of clarity which he wished to see addressed. In order to address these issues, the Boroughs of the South London Waste Plan have agreed to (i) refer to the capacity gap and new land take requirements in terms of tonnes rather than hectares predominantly; (ii) address the issue of mitigation in WP5; (iii) clarify the position regarding a replacement site for the Beddington Farmlands throughput. In addition, the Mayor has advised the Boroughs to use the Consolidated Draft Replacement London Plan arisings and apportionment figures.

This Statement of Common Ground does not cover the issue of safeguarding existing waste sites below a 0.2ha threshold.
This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify areas of agreement between the Mayor of London and the Boroughs of the South London Waste Plan on matters relating to the South London Waste Plan Proposed Submission DPD and the issues outlined in the Mayor’s Letter of General Conformity.

Background

This Statement of Common Ground relates to three representations (Nos. 68, 69 and 70) made regarding the South London Waste Plan Proposed Submission DPD.

In summary, the Mayor requested:

- Policy WP4 should refer to tonnes of throughput rather than hectares when expressing the capacity gap;
- Policy WP5 is too restrictive;
- The situation with regard to the Viridor temporary permissions on Beddington Farmlands should be clarified.

Matter of Agreement

The boroughs of the South London Waste Plan agree to refer to the capacity gap in tonnes of throughput rather than hectares. The Boroughs of the South London Waste Plan in collaboration with the Greater London Authority have agreed a form of words which it is proposed to insert into WP5. The boroughs of the South London Waste Plan are proposing to add a paragraph to the document to clarify the situation regarding Beddington Farmlands. In addition, the Mayor advised the boroughs of the South London Waste Plan that it would be advisable, since the Mayor had seen the Inspector’s Report into the Draft Replacement London Plan, that the boroughs should start using the arisings and apportionments figures contained within the Consolidated Draft Replacement London Plan (2011).

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<td>This proposed amendment is in response to a clarification requested in the Mayor’s Letter of General Conformity</td>
<td>Insert after Paragraph 4.44, the following paragraph: “4.44A The boroughs recognise that approximately 380,000 tonnes of capacity, currently landfilled or managed by Viridor at Beddington Farmlands, will not be available following the expiry of temporary planning permissions in 2023. This is beyond the plan period but requires consideration during the</td>
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There are a number of variables which could affect the extent of the future compensatory site provision required, notably the final terms of the South London Waste Partnership contract, new forms of waste collection, new facilities and new waste technology. The boroughs will assess future need through their monitoring processes.”

| PMC93 | The Mayor of London/GLA | Page 43 Policy WP5 | This proposed amendment is in response to an issue of conformity raised by the Mayor of London. The Mayor argued that the policy was too restrictive | Insert at the end of the policy: “Appropriate mitigation measures will also be considered in assessing site suitability.” | To make the policy less restrictive |
Dear Duncan,

Having read through the changes that you have proposed, I can confirm that Andy and I are happy with the minor changes. Andy will be getting in touch with you shortly to discuss the sites issue, which still requires clarification.

I hope that this helps.

Many Thanks,

Sukhi

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Hi Sukhi,

Further to our telephone conversation, the partner boroughs propose to make the following minor changes to the South London Waste Plan:

(i) Refer to the capacity gap and new land take requirements in terms of tonnes rather than hectares in the majority of instances, only using hectares for context or descriptive purposes.

(ii) Add the following sentence to the end of Policy WP5: “Appropriate mitigation measures will also be considered in assessing site suitability.”

(iii) Use the Consolidated Draft Replacement London Plan arisings and apportionment figures rather than the adopted 2008 London Plan figures.

I would be grateful if you agree with this approach, which will bring the South London Waste Plan into greater general conformity with current regional policies. I would be grateful if you could confirm this by return of email.

Regards,

Duncan

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Dear Duncan,

Thank you for your email. I will get back to you tomorrow. I was on annual leave for two weeks and then at the East London EIP last week. I hope to have answers for you by tomorrow having liaised with relevant colleagues in London Plan and Waste teams.

Thanks,

Sukhi

Dear Sukhi and Andrew,

I have not heard anything back from you regarding Points 2, 4 and 6 on the email below.

I am planning to submit the South London Waste Plan next week and would very much like to conclude some agreement on the outstanding issues before then.

I would be most grateful if you could give me a call.

Regards,

Duncan

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Dear Andrew and Sukhpreet,

Further to the meeting between yourselves and myself, Tara Butler (Merton) and Anthony Franklin (Sutton), there are a number of issues arising and I feel it would be useful to set out some actions from the meeting:

1. Safeguarding of sites smaller than 0.2ha
The boroughs will look into the issues to see if we can produce a valid set of criteria which safeguards suitable sites but not poorly located and inappropriate sites.

2. **Policy WP5: The Windfall Sites Policy**
The boroughs will add a sentence to Part (a) which will provide further guidance for developers regarding deliverability, and particularly the availability component of deliverability.
The GLA will report back to the boroughs on which particular aspect(s) of the policy is considered undeliverable.

3. **Expressing the apportionment/arisings in tonnes**
The boroughs will substitute references to landtake in hectares with tonnes in the majority of instances. In a few cases, it may be appropriate to refer to hectares.

4. **Replacement/Compensatory Site for the Viridor Site at Beddington Farmlands**
The boroughs will insert a paragraph into the justification of WP3. It is currently drafted as: *The boroughs recognise that approximately 380,000 tonnes of capacity, currently landfill or managed by Viridor at Beddington Farmlands, will not be available following the expiry of temporary planning permissions in 2023. This is beyond the plan period but requires consideration during the lifetime of the plan. There are number of variables which could affect the extent of the future compensatory site provision required, notably the final terms of the South London Waste Partnership contract, new forms of waste collection, new facilities and new waste technology. The boroughs will assess future need through their monitoring processes.***

5. **How C, D and E waste is measured**
The boroughs will meet Surrey County Council and will inform the GLA of the outcome of the meeting.

6. **How to deliver a positive carbon outcome**
The GLA will look into the WRATE assessment to ascertain whether it can evaluate whether planning applications can deliver a positive carbon outcome.

7. **GLA Interest in Sterecycle and Viridor Representations**
GLA will consider whether to wishes to make a late representation regarding the protection of MOL at Beddington Farmlands.

8. **Inspector’s Report on the London Plan**
The GLA will inform the boroughs of the date of publication of the Inspector’s Report on the London Plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Duncan

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