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Issue 1

3.2 Policy WP8 sets out particular criteria to be met by ‘waste to energy’ developments (but see Issue 7 below). However, given the above definition and PMCs 96 to 99 inclusive, is it correct that in principle any thermal treatment facility could be located on any site that is subject to WP3 and WP4 or, indeed, anywhere else subject to the criteria in WP5 being met?

Our reading of the plan is that it is correct that in principle a thermal treatment facility could be located on existing waste management and waste transfer sites (WP3), industrial sites suitable for waste management facilities (WP4) or windfall sites (WP5), subject to the requirements of those policies and the criteria and other policies in the plan. This is also subject to site size, although thermal treatment facilities of various sizes using various technologies are possible. Waste to energy facilities are dealt with specifically by WP8. It is possible to have thermal treatment without energy recovery, but WP8 requires all thermal treatment facilities to allow for recovery of renewable heat and power, which Viridor supports.
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**Issue 7: Policy WP8**

3.17 Is the terminology used in this policy clear? The Glossary includes ‘Energy from Waste’ but not ‘waste to energy’. Are they different? Why are thermal treatment facilities specifically differentiated? And, having done so, to which ‘waste to energy’ facilities are criteria (a) to (d) inclusive directed?

Viridor agrees that terminology should be clear and consistent between all parts of the plan.
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**Issue 2: Policy WP3**

3.4 Once planning permission is granted for a waste management or waste transfer site does it then come within the scope of this policy? In which case, is there not a tension between this policy and other aspirations with respect to Viridor’s non-landfill facilities at Beddington Farmlands (both existing and prospective)?

Viridor agrees that planning permission for a waste management/transfer use on a site not in the list accompanying the policy should mean that the site then becomes an existing waste management/transfer site and should then be added to the list, for safeguarding in accordance with WP3.

Viridor is satisfied that existing waste management (non-landfill) facilities at Beddington are covered by site 18, following revision to the site boundary in PMC111.

Viridor may wish to locate other waste management (non-landfill) facilities at Beddington, largely within the area covered by site 18.

The potential for tension lies mainly regarding the expiration of temporary permissions and commitments for site restoration.

Any new permission for redevelopment of site 18 to accommodate new facilities to maximise its potential (in line with WP3) would need to address the existing time limit and the impact on current site restoration plans.

It is pertinent that site 18 comprises a relatively small part of the 96ha landfill site that is to be restored, and that the restoration to date is making good progress.

Viridor is confident that a way can be found to address the above through the submission of a planning application seeking permission that would not be time limited, and with appropriate revisions to the site restoration plan that would mitigate the impact of a small loss to the overall restored area.
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**Issue 5: Policy WP6**

3.14 *Will the requirement for all proposals to meet a sustainability rating of ‘excellent’ render this policy ineffective?*

A requirement for BREEAM Excellent will have a potential impact on viability of some schemes. It should be made clear that such ratings need only apply to office/admin and similar areas, since it is extremely prohibitive to have such requirements applied to, for example, tipping halls and other similar operational areas.

An alternative requirement, such as ‘buildings should incorporate measures consistent with the principles of sustainable design and construction’, would be more appropriate.
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**Issue 2: policy WP3**

3.7 From the evidence in SLWP2.8 and other sources, what additional waste management capacity is expected to come forward on these sites?

Viridor is one of two companies invited to submit final tenders for the SLWP waste management contract, which is looking to procure a residual waste solution for a 25 year period. The proposed solution will make use of one or more of these sites to deliver the contract.