Consultation on moving away from landfill

20th July to 16th October 2009

Consultation leaflet

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

Further investigation and your feedback on sites is now needed before the final selection is made. Please comment on the potential sites and draft policies using the enclosed questionnaire.
Why should we plan for new waste facilities?

European, UK legislation and the Mayor’s London Plan require increasing amounts of waste to be recycled, composted and processed in facilities closer to the source of waste and less to be buried in landfill.

To support this, new facilities must be provided.

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

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 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.

What is the South London Waste Plan?

• The South London Waste Plan will form part of each borough’s strategic planning framework (the Local Development Framework).
• It will allocate land for the potential development of future waste management across all partner boroughs, to guide the future development of waste management facilities.
• It will contain policies to govern and control the development of future waste facilities and help decide future planning applications in all partner boroughs.
• The treatment of waste collected and disposed of by the four councils is being decided through a separate procurement process.
• The Waste Plan will not affect your recycling and waste collections.

When will we know what is going to be built?

Because the Waste Plan will set the planning framework for a period of at least 10 years, it won’t specify exactly what should be built on each site.

Technology is changing. Identifying what we think we need now, may limit our ability to make use of even better technologies in the future. Instead, the Plan’s policies will focus on what we want to achieve e.g. more recycling, more composting, low impacts from traffic for example and ensuring facilities are built to high design standards. Your input is needed on the draft policies to ensure that we achieve the right outcomes for our communities and the protection of the environment.

All proposals for waste facilities will be the subject of a planning and licence application. At that stage, specific details will be required about the type and size of any new facility and how impacts e.g. traffic would be dealt with. Local residents and businesses will be notified about all
new planning applications for waste facilities in their area which will be the subject of full public consultation.

The Mayor’s London Plan (Table 4A.7) indicates that most of the new facilities likely to be needed in London will be for recycling and composting.

All partner boroughs are firmly against poor performing, outdated technologies such as old fashioned, mass burn incineration, which is poorly designed, visually intrusive and releases high levels of noxious emissions.

Get involved now before the South London Waste Plan becomes policy

Following last year’s consultation on issues and options, potential future sites for waste management facilities have been identified and policies to guide their development have been drafted. Your comments are needed on these sites which we consider to have potential and which are now being fully investigated before the final selection is made.

Please comment on potential sites and draft policies using the enclosed questionnaire. This is an opportunity for you to make your voice heard about where the most appropriate sites are.

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 due to be published in February 2010. It will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an independent planning inspector.

Ways to get involved

Complete a questionnaire

Complete the questionnaire in this leaflet or online at:
www.croydon.gov.uk/wasteplan
www.kingston.gov.uk/wasteplan
www.merton.gov.uk/wasteplan
www.sutton.gov.uk/wasteplan

This leaflet seeks your comments on:
• Potential sites for developing new and/or enhanced waste management facilities.
• The focus of the draft policies.

If you would like to get involved further, a more detailed consultation document has also been produced which seeks your comments on the following additional issues including:
• Feedback on all sites which have been assessed as part of the Plan’s development;
• The full draft policies and how these will be monitored

The consultation document is available online and in hard copy from the Project Manager.
Potential sites

Consultation in 2008 sought feedback on the issues to consider when deciding where to locate waste management facilities. Comments received confirmed the draft criteria we consulted on and also identified a number of additional issues which have been considered in the assessment of sites.

A wide range of factors have been considered in identifying the potential sites listed within this leaflet. Factors include proximity to residents, proximity to nature conservation areas, flood risk, potential traffic impacts on the local road network and many more. A full list is available in an accompanying technical report available online and from the Project Manager.

Following last year’s consultation, 28 locations have been identified across the four boroughs as potentially suitable locations for waste management facilities over the next 10 years. Further investigation and your comment on these sites is now needed before the final selection is made.

Register for a workshop near you

Public workshops will be held in each borough. Please contact the Project Manager to register. This is your opportunity to find out more about the Waste Plan, ask questions and discuss the key issues.

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

A light buffet will be provided.

Invite us to come and talk to you

If you represent a local group or organisation and want to know more, please invite us to attend your meeting before 2nd October. Contact the Project Manager early to avoid disappointment.

Phone: 020 8547 5375
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Write: Emma Smyth
The Project Manager
The South London Waste Plan
The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
High Street, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU

Please ensure your responses are received by midnight on the 16th October 2009. We cannot guarantee late responses will be considered in the development of the Waste Plan.
Map of the South London Waste Plan area showing the distribution of potential sites
Croydon

Sites being investigated as potentially suitable for future waste management facilities in Croydon are:

- The existing waste site and an adjoining site at Factory Lane
- Parts of the industrial area across the road from the existing site at Factory Lane
- The Council’s Highways depot at Purley Oaks
- Areas within the industrial area at Purley Way, Lysander Road and Imperial Way

These potential sites are shown in more detail overleaf.
Your comments are sought on the potential sites identified above. Please provide your feedback using the pull out questionnaire which appears in the centre of this leaflet.

Kingston

Sites being investigated as potentially suitable for future waste management facilities in Kingston are:

- The existing waste site at Villiers Road
- Land at the junction of Kingston Road / Jubilee Way, Tolworth
- The coal depot lying adjacent to the eastern edge of Barwell Business Park
- Chessington Industrial Estate (split into smaller areas for consultation purposes)
These potential sites are shown in more detail opposite.

Questionnaire

Please complete the following, pull out and return to the freepost address at the end of this questionnaire.

Q1 Do you have any comments about any of the potential sites identified in the Consultation Leaflet in Croydon?

Please provide the site number and describe your reasons why this/these are particularly suitable or unsuitable.

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Q2 Do you have any comments about any of the potential sites identified in the Consultation Leaflet in Kingston?

Please provide the site number and describe your reasons why this/these are particularly suitable or unsuitable.

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Q3. Do you have any comments about any of the potential sites identified in the Consultation Leaflet in Merton?

Please provide the site number and describe your reasons why this/these are particularly suitable or unsuitable.

Q4. Do you have any comments about any of the potential sites identified in the Consultation Leaflet in Sutton?

Please provide the site number and describe your reasons why this/these are particularly suitable or unsuitable.

Q5. Do you have any comments about any of the Proposed Policies identified in the Consultation Leaflet?

Please identify the Policy Number (1-7) and detail your comments. Please provide your reasons for any suggested changes.
Almost 140 sites have been assessed, but only those considered to have the most potential have been presented in this leaflet. The assessment for all sites is available online and in the accompanying Technical Report. We welcome your views on all sites. If you would like to comment on these other sites, please visit www.southlondonwasteplan.limehouse.co.uk or contact the Project Manager, whose details appear in this document.

Q6  Do you have any comments about any other site assessed for the South London Waste Plan?

Please provide the site number and describe your reasons why this / these are particularly suitable or unsuitable.

Q7  Are there any other sites, not already identified that you think would be suitable for waste management facilities?

Please describe the site location and the reasons why you think this is suitable for a waste management facility. Please include a site map if possible.
Q8 Do you have any other comments about any other aspect of the South London Waste Plan?

Please provide your contact details:

Your name: ____________________________

Name of company/group/organisation you represent (if any): ____________________________

Contact address: ____________________________

Contact telephone: ____________________________

Contact Email address: ____________________________

Please help us to check that we are reaching all sections of the community by providing the optional details.

Data Protection All information is confidential and will only be used under the strict controls of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Male/Female

Age  10-15  16-25  26-35  36-55  56-65  66+

Do you consider that you have a disability? Yes/No if yes what is the nature of your disability?

Please circle the ethnic group that best applies to you:

White, British | White, Irish | White, Other | Black Caribbean | Black African | Black, British, Other | Black, Other | Mixed, White and Black Caribbean | Mixed, White and Black African | Mixed, White and Asian | Mixed, Other | Asian or Asian British, Indian | Asian or Asian | British, Pakistani | Asian or Asian British, Bangladeshi | Chinese

Other (please specify)

Don't know / Don't want to answer
Please complete and return to:
The Project Manager
The South London Waste Plan
Planning Policy Department
Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames
FREEPOST KT644
Kingston upon Thames KT1 1BR

We will use your details to contact you when we consult further on the development of the South London Waste Plan. If you do not wish to be contacted about future consultations please tick this box.

Your comments are sought on the potential sites identified above. Please provide your feedback using the pull out questionnaire which appears in the centre of this leaflet.
Merton

Sites being investigated as potentially suitable for future waste management facilities in Merton are:

- The existing civic amenity site Garth Road
- An extension to the existing site at Garth Road, covering a larger area of the industrial area
- The existing waste site at Benedict’s Wharf
- An existing waste site within Willow Lane industrial area
- Areas within the Durnsford Road industrial area
- Site at Deer Park Road, within Morden Industrial Area
- Site near Plough Lane, part of the Durnsford Road industrial area
- The Rainbow Park industrial area
- Areas within the Willow Lane industrial area

These potential sites are shown in more detail overleaf.
Your comments are sought on the potential sites identified above. Please provide your feedback using the pull out questionnaire which appears in the centre of this leaflet.
Sutton

Sites being investigated as potentially suitable for future waste management facilities in Sutton are:

• Existing waste sites, Beddington Industrial Area and Beddington Farmlands
• Area of open land adjacent to existing waste facility, Beddington Lane
• Areas within the Beddington Industrial Area (split into smaller areas for consultation purposes)
• Area within the Kimpton industrial estate and the existing reuse and recycling centre

These potential sites are shown in more detail overleaf.
Your comments are sought on the potential sites identified above. Please provide your feedback using the pull out questionnaire which appears in the centre of this leaflet.
Draft policies

In considering all issues identified in the Plan’s development, including feedback from consultation in 2008, 7 policies have been identified for inclusion in the South London Waste Plan.

Your feedback is sought on Policies 1 to 7 identified on the following pages. Please provide your feedback using the pull out questionnaire which appears in the centre of this leaflet.

POLICY 1 The strategic approach

The policy identifies that:

• the partner boroughs look to allow the development of enough facilities to help them manage the amount of rubbish they produce, within their own boundaries.
• any new waste facilities should recycle and compost waste before considering other forms of treatment.
• any new waste facilities will not harm local people or the environment.
• development of new facilities will be encouraged on the proposed sites which will eventually be identified under Policy 4.

POLICY 2 Waste Minimisation

The policy identifies that:

• development needs to meet best practice guidance on sustainable design, construction and drainage
• waste must be minimised and recycled wherever possible during construction

POLICY 3 Safeguarding existing waste sites

• The policy safeguards existing waste sites for their existing, permitted level of use which is required by the Mayor’s London Plan.

POLICY 4 Proposed sites for new waste management facilities

• In the final Waste Plan, this policy will identify the proposed sites for waste management facilities. The proposed sites will be identified following this consultation and will be included in the final South London Waste Plan due to be published in February 2010.
• Where re-development takes place on existing waste sites, the policy will require the new or enhanced facility to manage the same amount, or more waste than the original facility.
POLICY 5 Waste related development on unallocated sites

The policy identifies that:

• Developers will need to show that the proposed sites identified in Policy 4 are not feasible to develop, before bringing forward other sites.

• In identifying new sites, developers will need to have considered a wide range of factors including the risk of flooding on a site and whether the road network is suitable.

POLICY 6 Development criteria

The policy identifies that:

• Developers will need to show that any proposed waste facility has no significant impacts on local people or the environment.

• Developers will need to consider a comprehensive list of issues including traffic impact, visual intrusion, impact on open land, air quality, dust, noise, the impact on nature conservation areas, archaeological sites, conservation areas, ground and surface water and the impact of any climate-changing gases produced.

• Developers will need to ensure high standards of building design.

POLICY 7 Sustainable, modern energy recovery

The policy identifies that:

• All boroughs are firmly against poor performing, outdated technologies such as old-fashioned mass-burn incineration which is poorly designed, visually intrusive and released high levels of noxious emissions.

• Waste should be recycled and composted before other treatments are considered.

• Any thermal treatment proposal must generate electricity and heat for use locally.
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