

Joint Waste Development Plan Document

Building the Evidence Base and Identifying Issues and Options

Consultation Summary April 2007

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Who is preparing the Joint Waste DPD?

The Joint Waste Development Plan Document (DPD) for East London is being developed by the four East London Waste Authority (ELWA) boroughs of LB Newham, Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. The decision to work together was established through the boroughs' Local Development Schemes and is intended to build on the positive working relationship between these boroughs as part of ELWA.



Why do we need a Joint Waste DPD?

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local authorities to replace their existing Unitary Development Plan with the Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF is made up of a portfolio of Local DPDs, which must include specific waste policies. The Joint Waste DPD will form part of each boroughs LDF and help deliver the key elements of the Community Strategy for each of the boroughs.

What are the over-arching aims of the Joint Waste DPD?

In developing the Joint Waste DPD we are aiming to:

- Encourage communities to take more responsibility for their own waste;
- Reverse the historical trend of east London being the dumping ground for London's waste;
- Promote sustainable waste management in accordance with the 'Proximity Principle';
- Integrate waste planning with other spatial concerns, including regeneration plans; and
- Work towards meeting targets set out in the National Waste Strategy and the London Plan.

What wastes are to be managed within the Joint Waste DPD?

The Joint Waste DPD has to deal with all waste types - Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Commercial and Industrial Waste (C&I), Construction and Demolition Waste (C&D) and Hazardous Waste.

Key steps in developing the Issues & Options

STEP 1

How much waste will we need to be managed in 2020?

STEP 2

What facilities will we need to manage this amount of waste?

STEP 3

How much land will be needed for the required waste facilities?

STEP 4

Where should new waste facilities be located?

What factors were considered at each step?

In 2004/2005 there was approximately 2million tonnes of waste generated in the ELWA boroughs. To plan for the management of waste in the future, we need to predict how much waste will be produced. These **forecasts** are developed from looking at what has happened in the past and thinking about what may happen in the future.

Factors that could influence the amount of waste at 2020 include:

- development of the Thames Gateway
- 2012 Olympic Games
- Changes to UK and EU legislation
- the amount of other London boroughs waste that is managed by the ELWA boroughs.

Our waste forecast to 2020 is 3.2million tonnes.

There are currently facilities in the ELWA boroughs for the recycling, composting, recovery and disposal of wastes, as well as a number of transfer stations. However, there is not enough capacity within these facilities to manage the amount of waste forecast to 2020.

The types of extra facilities that might be needed will depend on how we plan to manage the waste - how much waste will we recycle, compost and recover?

This is discussed as the **Target Options** in the Issues & Options Consultation Document.

The London Plan (as amended December 2006) requires all boroughs to safeguard enough land to accommodate the facilities required for future waste management.

Different types of waste facilities will require different amounts of land for their building and operations. To estimate how much land the ELWA boroughs may need to safeguard a standard site area requirement based on facility type and proposed capacity is used.

Detail of how many hectares of land could be required across the ELWA boroughs is discussed in the Issues & Options Consultation Document.

We need to consider where in the ELWA boroughs we may be able to locate new waste facilities needed. The Issues & Options Consultation Document identifies and maps broad **opportunity areas** to focus on for facility requirements:

- expansion or intensification of operations on existing waste management sites
- land currently allocated as employment/industrial areas in planning frameworks.

It is recognised that there may be reasons as to why specific sites may not be suitable for waste management facilities. These **constraints** may include how close the site is to sensitive uses, environmental impacts, competition for the use of the site.

A detailed investigation of potential sites is to be carried out.

Consultation on Issues & Options

The Issues and Options document provides the evidence base for the development of a Joint Waste DPD for East London, and includes potential options for how we might deal with the issues identified. These options have not been endorsed by any of the boroughs and are not policy, but an opportunity for you to give us your views on future planning for waste.

We welcome your comments on the evidence base used, including our baseline data, projections and reasons, and your thoughts on the options identified. The Consultation Document includes a number of 'key questions' and a Consultation Response Form. Please return all comments to us by **4th June 2007**.

What happens next?

The comments received during consultation on the Issues and Options, together with further investigations and discussions with various stakeholders, will be used in the development of the draft Preferred Options for the Joint Waste DPD, on which we will consult with you again.

The Issues and Options identifies a number of opportunity areas across the ELWA boroughs. These areas will be investigated in more detail when preparing the draft Preferred Option to assess their potential suitability for accommodating a new waste management facility.

For further information

The Issues and Options consultation document is available at libraries and service centres of the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham and Redbridge, or can be downloaded from your Council's website:

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