

## Public Examination of Development Management Local Plan

### London Borough of Lewisham response on the Inspector's Omission issue: Waste

*Waste issues are dealt with by CS policy 13 and by the safeguarding of sites in the SALP, as well as by the London Plan. Does soundness require further coverage of these topics as sought by the GLA?*

(Note a complete list of all the Inspector's initial questions are on the Examination website and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/LDF/development-policies/Documents/DMLPInitialQueries.pdf>)

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#### Council response

##### **1. Background information**

- 1.1 The Inspector's question relates to DMREP 11.13, from the GLA. The relevant part of DMREP 11.13 reads: "The development policies document has no policies which deal specifically with waste. Importantly the local plan needs to identify criteria to evaluate proposals for waste management as stated in London Plan Policy 5.17. The document should apply all the criteria as set out in London Plan Policy 5.17."

##### **2. Policy context**

- 2.1 Upon adoption of the submitted plan, the Development Plan for Lewisham will include the London Plan (LP), the Core Strategy, the Site Allocations Local Plan and the Development Management Local Plan (DMLP).

##### *Determination of waste management planning applications*

- 2.2 London Plan 2011 Policy 5.17 Waste Capacity (sections B-E Planning Decisions) contains criteria for assessing waste management proposals. The Council considers the criteria to be appropriate and sufficient for the purposes of assessing such proposals.
- 2.3 The London Plan 2011 forms part of the Development Plan for Lewisham, therefore LP Policy 5.17 would apply to any waste management planning application received by the Council. The Council considers it unnecessary to duplicate the contents of LP Policy 5.17, and considers that no amendments are required to the submitted DMLP in regards to this issue.

##### *Meeting apportionments*

- 2.4 The London Plan sets waste apportionments for the Borough. London Plan Policy 5.17 (F) requires the LPA to allocate sufficient land to meet this apportionments. Retained

National Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS 10) also places the same requirement on the LPA.

- 2.5 The Borough has complied with the London Plan and PPS 10 by allocating sufficient and suitable land through Core Strategy Policies 3 Strategic Industrial Locations and Local Employment Locations and 13 Addressing Lewisham's waste management requirements, and through the Site Allocations Local Plan allocations. The three allocated sites meet the apportionments in the London Plan 2011.
- 2.6 The three sites are all within the Surrey Canal Strategic Industrial Location. The sites are:
- South East London Combined Heat and Power (SELCHP) plant,
  - Hinkcroft Transport Ltd recycling centre, and
  - Landmann Way recycling centre.
- 2.7 The South East London Boroughs' Joint Waste Apportionment Paper contains further information regarding the three allocated sites, and sets out how Boroughs within the sub-region work together to ensure waste apportionments are met on a sub-regional scale. The Joint Waste Apportionment Paper was produced in 2010 (CSD2.20), and has recently been updated in November 2013.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 The Council considers the plan to be sound in regards to waste issues.
- 3.2 The London Plan contains criteria based policy for assessing waste management applications. This does not need to be duplicated in the submitted DMLP.
- 3.3 The Core Strategy and Site Allocations Local Plan meet the London Plan waste apportionments for the Borough. These plans have been found sound and have been adopted. The submitted DMLP does not need to replicate the policies found in these plans.