

Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document

GMGU Response to Inspector's Questions in NOTE 1

1. The existing saved UDP Policies relating to Waste are set out in Appendix 1. Bolton MBC and Stockport MBC have adopted Core Strategies and relevant extracts from these are set out in Appendix 2.
2. Appendix 3 sets out a list of superseded policies in accordance with Regulation 13 (5), which is submitted as a Proposed Minor Change.

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**Bolton
W1**

The Council will permit development proposals for waste management facilities that result in reductions in waste arisings that need to be disposed, as well as the re-use and recycling of waste. Proposals will be assessed against the following principles:

- i) the best practicable environmental option for each waste stream;
- ii) regional self sufficiency
- iii) the proximity principle; and
- iv) the waste hierarchy.

Rochdale

W1 Proposals which locate waste management facilities as close to the source of waste as possible and accord with the objective of the North West region to be self sufficient in managing its own waste will be permitted. Proposals for the provision of waste treatment and disposal facilities and methods of waste treatment that reduce the volume and pollution potential of waste will be permitted provided that:

- A) such proposals demonstrate that they are the best practicable option for a particular waste stream;
- B) they will not have unacceptable environmental effects; and
- C) they will not conflict with other policies within the plan.

Tameside

1.13 Meeting Obligations on Minerals, Waste and Energy

The Borough will make an appropriate contribution to regional requirements for the working of minerals, allow sustainable waste management facilities to be developed as part of an integrated waste management strategy for Greater Manchester, and facilitate the supply of energy from renewable sources, subject to satisfying environmental criteria for the surrounding area.

Bury

MW3 Waste Disposal Facilities

In considering new waste disposal sites and facilities, and the extension of existing provisions, the Council will have regard to waste disposal needs and to the need to comply with other policies and proposals of this plan.

MW4 – Environmental Considerations for Waste Disposal Sites.

The Council will ensure that new or extended waste disposal sites or facilities will not have an unacceptable detrimental effect on the local environment and that sites are adequately and, where appropriate, progressively restored.

Salford

ST16 Sustainable Waste Management

Waste management development will be required to:

- 1) Constitute the best practicable environmental option;
- 2) Contribute towards a move up the waste hierarchy;
- 3) Assist in securing regional self-sufficiency in waste management; and
- 4) Be consistent with the proximity principle.

Trafford

WD1 Sites For Waste Disposal

In considering applications for the development of sites and facilities for waste disposal the Council will have regard to:-

- i. the need for Trafford to make an appropriate contribution towards the maintenance at all times of sufficient provision of waste disposal facilities within Greater Manchester;
- ii. the need to encourage recycling of waste, thereby reducing the use of limited natural resources and minimizing the need for use of scarce landfill sites;
- iii. the scope for securing long-term benefits in improving the environment;
- iv. the impact of the proposal on the physical environment;
- v. the impact of the proposal on existing or proposed development;
- vi. the adequacy of the road network to accommodate traffic generated;
- vii. the need to avoid prejudicing other Policies and Proposals of this Plan.

WD2 Civic Amenity Sites. The Council will support the development of Civic Amenity sites in appropriate locations within a reasonable distance of all households in the Borough.

WD3 Waste Treatment And Recycling. The Council will support the development of plant for the treatment and recycling of waste in appropriate locations within the Borough.

Manchester

E1.2 To foster a cleaner and less polluted city

In providing for waste disposal the Council will adopt the following principles:-

- a) it will provide household waste recycling facilities in District and local centres consistent with the need to protect residential amenity;
- b) it will provide convenient facilities for people to dispose of uncollected household/garden waste. These will be of an appropriate standard of design and will not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity;
- c) it will carefully control the siting and design of new incinerators, landfill sites and waste treatment and storage facilities (including such operations as waste transfer stations, scrap yards etc) in order to prevent any unacceptable impact on local communities and the quality of the physical and visual environment;
- d) it will ensure whenever possible that waste treatment and storage facilities are located where they can be served by rail.

Oldham

W1

The council is committed to ensuring that all forms of development are carried out in a way which minimises their environmental and health impacts and maximises sustainability. These objectives apply equally in the field of waste management, to this end it will:

A. over the period of the plan, apply policies and practices, both in respect of proposals submitted to it and in its own activities, which recognise the potential of waste as a valuable resource and which reduce the present reliance on landfill as a preferred waste management option; and
B. ensure that all new waste management, treatment and disposal facilities are appropriately located in relation to residential and other environmentally sensitive areas of the borough.

Stockport

MW2 Waste Management and Disposal

In considering proposals for new or extensions to existing waste disposal or management facilities, the Council will have regard to the need for the development, how it relates to the sustainability criteria set out in Policy MW1.2, and to the land use and environmental implications in terms of the criteria set out in Policy MW1.1.

In considering development proposals of all kinds the Council will have regard to the potential for the sustainable management of waste to be considered as an integral part of the design of the scheme.

Wigan

WM1 Waste Management

The Council will approve applications for waste management facilities in appropriate locations which are the best practicable environmental option for that waste stream. Decisions will be consistent with the following hierarchy of waste management options, in which A. is the most preferred and D. is the least preferred:-

- 1) Waste reduction;
- 2) Re-use of waste;
- 3) Recovery of waste (recycling, composting or energy recovery);
- 4) Waste disposal to landfill.

BOLTON UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

W2. Determination of planning applications

The Council will permit development proposals for new, or extended, waste management facilities - provided that they reflect the principles set out in Policy W1. Proposals will also be subject to an overall assessment of the following:

- (i) the availability of rail or water access;
- (ii) whether the access to the site, taking into account the traffic generated by the proposal, would adversely affect the safety of highway users in its vicinity - including pedestrians;
- (iii) whether the traffic generated by the proposal would adversely affect the safety of highway users - including pedestrians - on links between the site and the strategic route network;
- (iv) whether the proposal would protect and retain existing transport routes;
- (v) whether the proposal would adversely affect the amenities of the occupiers of properties;
- (vi) whether provision is made for screening and landscaping while work is in progress;
- (vii) whether provision is made for a scheme of working, landscaping, restoration and aftercare, including progressive working and restoration; and
- (viii) whether provision is made for leachate and landfill gas control, and dispersal, during and after tipping on the site.

W3. Conditions to be applied/Legal Agreements

The Council will impose the following controls on proposals which it considers acceptable in principle to:

- (i) limit the period of operations;
- (ii) control levels of noise;
- (iii) control the hours of working and maintenance;
- (iv) ensure satisfactory access to the site;
- (v) limit the visual impact of the development;
- (vi) limit the impact of polluted water and windblown materials;
- (vii) ensure the stability of surrounding land;
- (viii) ensure that the site is satisfactorily restored through the imposition of appropriate conditions so that an optimum restoration can be achieved;
- (ix) ensure that provision for the safe control, monitoring and disposal of any leachate and landfill gas is made and where economically viable, land fill gas is used as an energy source;
- (x) protect groundwater, water supply and other public service infrastructure;
- (xi) ensure that where public rights of way are affected, they are only temporarily diverted and fully restored following the completion of operations.

BURY UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

MW3/1 - Derelict or Degraded Land (Waste)

In considering proposals for new, or extensions to existing waste disposal sites, the Council will, without prejudice to other policies and proposals of the UDP, give favourable consideration to proposals which result in the reclamation of derelict or degraded land.

MW3/2 - Waste Recycling and Bulk Reduction

The Council will, without prejudice to other policies and proposals of the UDP, give favourable consideration to proposals which facilitate the economic recycling and reclamation of waste materials and the bulk reduction of waste.

MW4/2 - Development Control Conditions (Waste)

Where proposals for new, or extensions to existing waste disposal sites or facilities are acceptable in principle, the Council will, by condition or by planning agreement as appropriate:

- _ control the physical nature of waste to be tipped;
- _ ensure satisfactory provision of screening, mounding, fencing and landscaping (e.g. on the site boundary);
- _ ensure satisfactory access to and egress from the site;
- _ limit the period of operations and hours of working;
- _ control levels of noise and dust;
- _ control the disposal of leachate and the disposal or utilisation of landfill gas;
- _ ensure the satisfactory restoration of the site and, where appropriate, aftercare;
- _ agree a suitable after-use.

MW4/5 - Land Contamination

In considering proposals for new, or extensions to existing waste disposal sites, the Council will ensure that developers include the necessary measures to reduce the risks presented by landfill gas and other forms of ground contamination.

MW4/1 - Assessing Waste Disposal Proposals

A proposal for new, or extensions to existing waste disposal sites or facilities, will be accepted in principle when the following criteria are satisfied:

- _ it will not have an unacceptable impact on dwellings or on other environmentally sensitive properties in terms of visual amenity, noise, dust, air pollution, surface water or groundwater pollution, smell, vibration or other nuisance;
- _ it will not have an unacceptable effect on land drainage, water supply or the water resources of the area;
- _ it is acceptable in terms of access, traffic generation and road safety;
- _ it will not have a detrimental impact on the viability of agricultural holdings or lead to an unacceptable loss of agricultural land, taking into account the quality of restoration likely to be achieved following the cessation of waste disposal;
- _ it will not have an unacceptable effect on the setting of listed buildings, ancient monuments or conservation areas;
- _ it will not have a detrimental impact on areas of recreational use or potential, areas of special landscape, archaeological or geological value, river valleys, areas of ecological or biological importance or any other area of a similar nature protected by other policies of the UDP;
- _ it would not sterilise land with mineral deposits, if mineral extraction is considered to be a viable and appropriate use of the land;
- _ it includes a satisfactory scheme of restoration and, where appropriate, aftercare;
- _ it makes satisfactory provision for screening and landscaping of the site whilst works are in progress;
- _ in the case of extensive sites, it includes provision for progressive working of the site in order to minimise the area of working at any particular time;
- _ it includes a satisfactory scheme of aftercare in the case of restoration to agriculture, forestry or amenity use;
- _ it makes satisfactory provision for leachate and landfill gas controls and dispersal during and after the completion of tipping operations.

MW4/3 - Household Waste Disposal Sites (Civic Amenity Sites)

The Council will, without prejudice to other policies and proposals of the UDP, give favourable consideration to proposals for the establishment of household waste disposal sites in appropriate locations.

MW4/4 - Transport Routes for Waste Disposal Sites

The Council will, where appropriate, seek to control the routing of vehicles to and from waste disposal sites and facilities.

MW4/6 - Standards of Restoration (Waste)

Where restoration of a refuse or waste disposal site to agriculture, forestry or amenity use is proposed, the Council, in consultation with either the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Forestry Commission, as appropriate, will seek the standard of restoration required by current legislation and will impose appropriate aftercare conditions.

MANCHESTER UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

DC27.1

In determining planning applications for development involving the incineration, disposal or recycling of waste materials and reclamation activities, the Council will have regard to:

- a) the general location of the proposed development;
- b) the effect on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers, including the effect of traffic movements and the generation of noise, dust, fumes and litter;
- c) the adequacy of the local traffic circulation system;
- d) the need for safe and convenient arrangements for access, internal circulation, and egress;
- e) the appearance of any structures;
- f) the quality of the boundary treatment such as fences and screening

DC27.2

The Council will permit developments of this kind only in locations:

- a) where development would not adversely affect occupiers of nearby properties, or passers-by in the general vicinity;
- b) which are of no ecological, environmental or recreational value;
- c) which are unobtrusive.

DC27.3

Development of this kind will not be permitted unless:

- a) it is within the general locations mentioned above, and which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include any of the main radial routes;
- b) the Council is satisfied that there will be no hazard to public health or safety;
- c) the road network in the vicinity of the site is appropriate to the type and number of delivery vehicles associated with the proposed development
- d) the Council is satisfied that the proposal would not inhibit the opportunity for permanent redevelopment, or desirable environmental improvements.

DC27.4

Where, having regard to the preceding policies, the Council considers the proposed development to be acceptable in principle, conditions may be imposed in order to protect the amenity of nearby occupiers. These conditions may cover, amongst other things:

- a) limited period planning permission;
- b) restrictions on the nature, scale and location of vehicular movements to and within the site;
- c) the disposition of uses about the site, including the location of structures, storage and sorting areas, and hard surface parking;
- d) the appearance of all structures, especially the nature of fencing and screening
- e) hours of operation of the development as a whole or in part;
- f) controls over burning of waste materials;
- g) details of dust and litter suppression measures including sheeting of vehicles and wheel washing facilities where appropriate;
- h) limitations about the type of materials involved, and the height to which they can be stored.

W1.1 Waste Management Options

The Council will give preference to the establishment of facilities which will result in the management of a greatly increased proportion of waste by methods which utilise waste as a resource and which reduce reliance on less sustainable methods.

In considering individual proposals for waste management facilities, the Council will assess the extent to which the proposal accords with:

- a. the Best Practicable Environmental Option for dealing with the waste stream(s) involved;
- b. the proximity principle – i.e. the desirability of treating or disposing of waste as close as possible to its point of origin;
- c. the waste management hierarchy, i.e. the desirability of prioritising firstly the minimisation of waste, followed by: re-use; recovery (including recycling and composting); energy recovery; over incineration without energy and landfill;

and will favour proposals which reflect these objectives.

OLDHAM UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

W1.2 Provision of Sites for Waste Management Facilities

The existing landfill site at High Moor quarry, Scouthead, is likely to remain operational throughout the period of this Plan. As a previously consented facility, this site is not identified on the Proposals Map.

The only other site-specific allocation shown is at Arkwright Street, Lansdown Road, Chadderton, which incorporates and existing waste compactor plant and civic amenity (or household waste recycling and disposal) facility, together with other, currently unused, land. The Council wishes to safeguard this site for possible future redevelopment for waste management purposes.

If further provision for waste management capacity in the form of treatment plants is required during the period of this Plan, the Primary Employment Zones as defined in other policies set out in this Plan will be considered as offering the greatest potential in any site-search exercise.

W1.4 Provision of Civic Amenity and other 'Bring' Recycling Sites

The Council will, through discussions with the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, seek to achieve an upgrading of the existing civic amenity facilities at Arkwright Street, Chadderton and Beal Hey, Shaw. It will also seek to identify a site within Saddleworth for the establishment of an additional household waste recycling centre and will press the GMWDA to provide such a facility to serve this area of the Borough.

In addition to such fully serviced and comprehensive sites, the Council will promote and support the establishment of smaller-scale 'bring' recovery and recycling facilities, in convenient and accessible locations, provided that these can be accommodated without causing harm to residential amenity. In particular, locations where the use of a recycling facility would naturally coincide with another activity, such as a shopping trip or library visit, will be favoured, if locational considerations allow.

W1.3 Criteria for Assessing Proposals for Waste Management, Treatment and Disposal Facilities

The Council will only permit an application for the establishment of a new waste management, treatment or disposal facility where the applicant is able to demonstrate a clear shortfall in existing treatment or disposal capacity at the time of the submission of the proposal, or that a particular need exists which cannot be met by existing facilities. Where this requirement is met, the Council will permit such an application provided that the applicant is able to show that the proposal:

- a. will not result in the sterilisation of significant quantities of any workable reserves of minerals either within or adjacent to the site;
- b. in the case of landfill or landraising proposals, will result in the restoration of despoiled land or otherwise improve or have a neutral effect on the landscape or agricultural quality of land;
- c. will not prejudice the stability of surrounding land or adversely affect existing land drainage systems, surface water systems or groundwater levels or supplies;
- d. will not harm the character or appearance of a Listed Building together with its setting, an Ancient Monument, a Conservation Area, or a Park or Garden of Special Historic Interest;
- e. will not harm the character or appearance of:
 - i) areas of recreational use or potential,
 - ii) local countryside character, as defined in other policies of this Plan,
 - iii) woodlands,
 - iv) designated wildlife sites,
 - v) species protected by law and their habitats,
 - vi) areas covered by Tree Preservation Orders,
 - vii) other land and features of historical, archaeological or geological interest, or
 - viii) other sites which make a significant contribution to the Borough's biodiversity;
- f. will not have such an impact in terms of visual prominence from places to which the public have access or residential areas as to outweigh any benefits which the proposal is perceived to bring;
- g. will not harm the amenity of environmentally-sensitive development, including residential properties, schools, healthcare facilities and certain sensitive industrial processes by reason of noise, vibration, odour, atmospheric pollution, or other nuisance;
- h. will not harm the character or appearance of the surrounding area, or road safety, by reason of access or the impact of traffic, including the routing of heavy goods vehicles to and from the site;
- i. makes provision for:
 - i) site security and public safety;
 - ii) in the case of landfill or landraising sites where biodegradable waste is to be deposited, the management of leachate and landfill gas and, if feasible, the utilisation of landfill gas for electricity generation;
 - iii) in the case of extensive landfill or landraising sites, progressive working and restoration of the site;
 - iv) screening and/or landscaping of the site whilst it is being used for waste treatment, processing or disposal, together with any further mitigation measures required in order to minimise the impact which the development will have on the surrounding area; and
 - v) in the case of landfill or landraising sites, final site restoration to an agreed afteruse, such as agriculture, woodland planting (amenity or coppice cropping), recreational use(s), habitat creation, or a combination of these, together with the appropriate level of aftercare;
- j. retains and protects existing transport routes;
- k. makes provision, if suitable rail connection or wharfage facilities are available, or can be provided, for rail- or water-based transportation of untreated waste materials and recovered products.

ROCHDALE UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

W2 Existing Waste Facilities

The following sites will be retained in their present uses for waste handling, treatment, transfer or disposal:

- a) Waithlands, Rochdale – Civic Amenity Site
- b) Peel Lane, Heywood - Civic Amenity site;
- c) Spring Vale, Middleton - Civic Amenity site;
- d) Regent Street site, Rochdale - transfer;
- e) Rugby Road site, Rochdale - transfer;
- f) Corporation Road site, Rochdale - transfer;
- g) Prettywood site, Heywood - transfer;
- h) Hooley Bridge site, Heywood - transfer;
- i) Entwistle Road site, Rochdale - transfer;
- j) Whittle Quarry, Heywood - disposal; and
- k) Wilderness Quarry, Heywood - disposal.

Any proposed changes in the nature of the operations taking place on the above sites will be assessed in relation to criteria set out in Policy W/4

W4 Operation and Restoration of Waste Disposal Sites

Where proposals are acceptable under Policy W/3, the Council will, as appropriate:

- a) Limit the duration of operations;
- b) Control the level of noise and vibration;
- c) Control hours of working, vehicle movement and maintenance of plant and equipment;
- d) Ensure satisfactory access to the site;
- e) Limit the visual impact of the development;
- f) Safeguard conservation, ecological and archaeological interests within the site;
- g) Ensure the site is satisfactorily restored, preferably with a scheme of phased working and restoration;
- h) Ensure that suitable provisions for aftercare are made in the case of restoration to agriculture, forestry or amenity use;
- i) Limit the area of operations;
- j) Ensure the protection of soil resources and their replacement at restoration stage;
- k) Ensure final levels are not exceeded, making appropriate allowance for settlement; and
- l) Establish the general nature of the wastes acceptable on, or to be excluded from, the site where there are valid planning reasons for such restrictions.

W3 Criteria for Location of Waste Disposal Facilities

An application for a waste transfer, treatment or disposal facility will only be permitted, where the proposal:

- a) Will not result in the sterilisation of significant quantities of any minerals either within or adjacent to the site;
- b) Will not adversely affect natural, recreational, ecological, archaeological or historic interests;
- c) Will not lead to an unacceptable permanent loss of best and most versatile agricultural land (Grades 1 to 3a), taking into account the quality of restoration likely to be achieved, or a loss of viability of agricultural holdings;
- d) Will not have an unacceptable impact on the stability of underlying or adjacent land, drainage, water supply or ground water resources, including on or under adjoining land;
- e) Will not have an unacceptable impact on the character or appearance of a Listed Building together with its setting, an Ancient Monument, or a Conservation Area;
- f) Will not have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of dwellings or other environmentally sensitive properties by reason of visual prominence, noise, vibration, dust, smells, litter vermin, air pollution, water pollution, landfill gas migration or other nuisance;
- g) Incorporates satisfactory access arrangements and the traffic generated will not have an unacceptable effect on properties adjoining routes used by site traffic or on road safety anywhere between the site and the Strategic Highway Network;
- h) Retains and protects existing and proposed routes, footpaths and other rights of way or secures appropriate diversions; and
- i) There is a satisfactory scheme of screening, landscaping and restoration.

W5 Energy from Waste

Proposals to recover energy from waste will be permitted provided that they demonstrate BPEO, are consistent with the principles of the waste hierarchy, the proximity principle, the need for regional self-sufficiency, and meet the provisions of Policies W/3 and W/4 above.

W6 Civic Amenity Sites

The Council will permit civic amenity sites that are suitably located for use by the public for the disposal of household and related wastes and are provided with storage facilities for recyclable materials. Sites must be sited, designed and landscaped so that there are no adverse effects on the amenity of residential areas by way of pollution, visual intrusion or traffic generation.

W7 Arrangements for Spoil Disposal

Where major development proposals, including new highways and road improvements, involve the generation of spoil which cannot be disposed of within the boundaries of a site, the Council will require details of the volume and type of excess waste material to be disposed of and the methods by which it is proposed to dispose of the material. Encouragement will be given to schemes for waste disposal which bring significant community benefits e.g. reclamation of derelict land, subject to compliance with other policies within the Plan.

W8 Transport of Waste

The development of rail or water linked waste management facilities will be permitted where these have good access to the Strategic Highway Network. Where planning permission is granted, planning agreements to secure highway improvements required as a result of such developments will be sought.

SALFORD UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

WASTE MANAGEMENT

W1 Planning permission will be granted for development involving waste management unless it would:

- i) Be inconsistent with the waste hierarchy, regional self sufficiency, the proximity principle, and the best practicable environmental option, as set out in Policy ST16;
- ii) Have an unacceptable impact on health, residential amenity or the amenity of other environmentally sensitive uses (such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes and similar institutions, or open space used frequently for recreational purposes), in terms of visual impact, noise, smell, vermin, dust, vibration, traffic, access arrangements, air pollution, hours of operation, or other nuisance;
- iii) Have an unacceptable impact or would cause unacceptable harm to, the water environment, water resources, surface or groundwater levels or flows;
- iv) Result in an unacceptable risk of flooding;
- v) Have an unacceptable impact on the stability of surrounding land
- vi) Have an unacceptable impact on the highway network, in terms of access, traffic generation, safety, or the free flow of traffic;
- vii) Have an unacceptable impact on public rights of way;
- viii) Have an unacceptable impact on the operational safety of Barton Aerodrome;
- ix) Have an unacceptable impact on agricultural land or the viability of agricultural holdings;
- x) Have an unacceptable impact on any listed building or its setting, ancient monument, or conservation area;
- xi) Have an unacceptable impact on sites or features of archaeological, ecological, geological, landscape or recreational value, or on protected species or their habitats;
- xii) Sterilise land with mineral deposits, if mineral extraction is considered to be a viable and appropriate use of the land;
- xiii) Not make satisfactory provision for screening and landscaping of the site whilst it is being used for waste management;
- xiv) Have an unacceptable impact on wider regeneration objectives; or
- xv) Be inconsistent with other policies and proposals of the UDP.

In addition, applications for landfill and landraising will only be granted where satisfactory provision is made for:

- a) The progressive working of the site in order to minimise the area of working at any particular time;
- b) Site restoration, management and maintenance, and, in appropriate cases, for progressive restoration whilst the site is being used for waste disposal;
- c) The utilisation of landfill gas for electricity generation or heating, where gas would be produced in marketable quantities, or its venting in other circumstances; and
- d) The management of leachate.

STOCKPORT UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

MW1.1 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CRITERIA FOR MINERALS OR WASTE DEVELOPMENT

Mineral working, exploration or mineral depot development or development for the purposes of waste management or disposal, where acceptable in principle, will be permitted only when the following criteria are satisfied:

- (i) it will not have an unacceptable impact on dwellings or other environmentally sensitive properties in terms of visual amenity, pollution or other nuisance;
- (ii) it will not have an unacceptable adverse effect on land drainage, water supply or groundwater resources;
- (iii) the access arrangements are satisfactory and traffic generated will not have an unacceptable effect on properties adjoining routes used by mineral or waste traffic or on road safety;
- (iv) it will not have an unacceptable effect on the viability of agricultural holdings or lead to an unacceptable loss of agricultural land taking into account the quality of restoration likely to be achieved;. Where development of agricultural land is unavoidable, proposals should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of higher quality, except where sustainability considerations suggest otherwise;
- (v) it will not have an unacceptable effect on Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings or their settings, ancient monuments or other important archaeological sites;
- (vi) local features of landscape, ecological, archaeological or geological interest within the site are protected as far as possible;
- (vii) no significant harm would be caused to the Landscape Character Areas and it will not have an unacceptable impact on areas of recreational use or potential or areas of ecological importance. New or extended sites will not be permitted where these interests would be adversely affected, unless the Council is satisfied that there is a need which cannot reasonably be met elsewhere, or that the proposal would contribute to the improvement of the area;
- (viii) the proposal does not sterilise or prevent the potential working of significant mineral deposits or increase the extent of active workings in a particular locality to an unacceptable degree;
- (ix) no unreasonable inconvenience or danger would be created for visitors, local residents or those working nearby;
- (x) existing transport routes and rights of way should be retained and protected or suitable alternatives provided;
- (xi) the proposal provides for satisfactory restoration and aftercare of land disturbed by working, or exploration, or operations;
- (xii) where applicable, applicants can demonstrate that the proposal will meet current Government guidelines with regard to possible health impacts.

MW1.4 MINERAL AND WASTE SITES: CONTROL OVER OPERATIONS

Where mineral or waste development is acceptable in principle, the Council will as appropriate:-

- (i) restrict the nature of wastes to be tipped or processed;
- (ii) limit the period of operations and hours of working;
- (iii) control levels of noise and vibration;
- (iv) control hours of working and maintenance;
- (v) ensure satisfactory access to the site;
- (vi) prevent or control the production of leachate, polluted water, dust, litter, landfill gas or other nuisance;
- (vii) control the impact of blasting;
- (viii) ensure the satisfactory disposal of waste materials arising from mineral working;
- (ix) limit the visual impact of the development;
- (x) ensure the stability of surrounding land;
- (xi) ensure satisfactory restoration and aftercare.

MW1.2 SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

In assessing waste proposals under the terms of Policy MW1.1, including as regards the need for them, the Council will have regard to:

- (i) the desirability, where reasonably practicable, of giving priority to firstly reduction, secondly re-use and thirdly recovery (including recycling) over disposal and the extent to which the proposal would reduce reliance on simple disposal without recovery;
- (ii) the desirability of encouraging proposals which accord with the proximity principle and the extent to which the proposal accords with this principle;
- (iii) the best practicable environmental option (BPEO) for the waste stream concerned.

Proposals which are in significant conflict with these principles of sustainable waste management will be refused

MW1.3 MINERAL AND WASTE SITES: SCHEMES OF WORKING, RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE

Applications for mineral workings or waste disposal, treatment or management sites will not be approved unless:

- (i) they include a satisfactory scheme of working;
- (ii) they include satisfactory provision for screening and landscaping;
- (iii) in the case of mineral sites, they make satisfactory provision for the processing and disposal of the mineral and mineral waste;
- (iv) they include a satisfactory scheme of restoration and aftercare (where appropriate).

MW1.5 CONTROL OF WASTE FROM DEVELOPMENT

In considering development proposals the Council will require that adequate provision is made for the storage, handling and removal from the site of waste, including effluent, arising from the development and the use of land. The design of development should make appropriate provision for the recycling of waste, including the provision of on-site facilities where justified by the scale of the proposal.

TAMESIDE UDP PART 2 WASTE POLICIES

MW5 Movement of Minerals and Waste

The Council will permit the development of rail or water linked minerals or waste management facilities where these have good access to the network of major roads, subject to compliance with policy MW9.

Where appropriate, planning agreements will be sought to control the routing of vehicles to and from mineral workings, aggregate depots and waste management sites, and to secure highway improvements required as a result of such developments.

MW6 Waste Management Facilities

The Council will only permit proposals for new, modified or extended waste management facilities which are consistent with the following criteria, and subject to compliance with policy MW9:

- (a) the best practicable environmental option for the waste materials involved, and
- (b) the objective of moving up the waste hierarchy, and
- (c) the proximity principle, and
- (d) the desirability of regional self sufficiency, and
- (e) the sustainable integrated waste management strategy for Greater Manchester, so far as this has been agreed at the time.

MW7 Recycling, Collection and Ancillary Waste Management

The Council will permit the development of new or extended waste management facilities which result in sustainable recycling of waste materials, including suitably designed and managed local facilities for the bringing of waste materials which are not handled or separated by the refuse collection service, subject to compliance with policy MW9.

The Council will permit the incorporation of ancillary waste management facilities within new developments, subject to compliance with policy MW9.

MW9 Control of Minerals and Waste Developments

Proposals for new or extended mineral workings, aggregate depots, mineral waste disposal points, mineral exploration, waste management sites and facilities, and transfer loading stations, will only be granted planning permission where each of the following criteria which are relevant to the type of development proposed can be satisfied, taking into account any mitigation or compensation measures that may be included:

- (a) no unacceptable impact on dwellings or other environmentally sensitive properties, in terms of visual amenity, noise, smell, dust, vermin, vibration, blasting, air quality, ground contamination, hours of operation or other nuisance (including that which may be caused by traffic generation),
 - (b) no unacceptable harm to the water environment, water resources, groundwater levels or groundwater flows,
 - (c) stability of surrounding land not affected,
 - (d) satisfactory access arrangements and no unacceptable impact on surrounding highways or the safety or free flow of traffic,
 - (e) where development of agricultural land is unavoidable, poorer quality land should be used in preference to higher quality land, except where other sustainability considerations suggest otherwise, and taking account of the quality of restoration likely to be achieved following completion of the operations.
 - (f) no unacceptable impact on any Listed Building or its setting, Ancient Monuments or Conservation Areas,
 - (g) no unacceptable impact on any site or area designated internationally, nationally or locally for protection of nature conservation interests, and no adverse impact on protected species,
 - (h) local features of landscape, archaeological, woodland or geological interest, and areas with recreational use or potential, protected from unacceptable harm or replaced or relocated to a suitable quality where feasible,
 - (i) other mineral deposits of significant value not sterilised,
 - (j) a satisfactory scheme of working, incorporating provision for site security and containment and management within the site boundaries of materials which are deposited or generated from the site, and providing where appropriate for progressive working to minimise the area of working at any particular time,
 - (k) satisfactory provision for screening and landscaping whilst working is in progress,
 - (l) a suitably high quality scheme of restoration and aftercare for agriculture, woodland, nature conservation, recreation, amenity or other uses, including in appropriate cases progressive restoration undertaken whilst the site is being used.
- The following criteria apply to mineral workings only
- (n) the presence of adequate reserves of the mineral in terms of both quality and quantity,
 - (o) satisfactory provision for the processing and disposal of the mineral and mineral waste,
 - (p) in the case of proposals for the working of opencast coal, sandstone and gritstone, the extraction and storage of mineral or overburden not taking place within 200 metres of a significant number of dwellings or other environmentally sensitive properties, taking into account local circumstances,
 - (q) in the case of coal mining, opencasting or colliery spoil disposal, meeting the sequential tests outlined in MPG3 (1999) or any subsequent revision

MW10 Development on or near Landfill Sites

When development is proposed on or within 250 metres of a known former or existing landfill waste disposal site, the Council will require to be satisfied that:

- (a) the effects of decomposition have finished, or
- (b) landfill gas will be safely dispersed or removed before development takes place, or
- (c) appropriate measures will be incorporated during construction work and within the development itself to avoid any potential hazard.

MW8 Energy from Waste

The Council will permit proposals to collect and utilise methane from either existing landfill sites, or new composting plants, within the context of policy MW6 and subject to compliance with policy MW9.

Proposals for energy recovery through the burning of waste will be considered in the context of policy MW6, and will be subject to policy MW9 and the particular need to demonstrate protection of the local environment from possible hazards associated with these processes.

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WD4 Disposal Sites And Treatment Facilities

Proposals for new, or extensions to existing, waste disposal sites and treatment facilities will be permitted only where it can be shown that:-the site or facilities will contribute towards meeting the waste disposal needs of the Borough and surrounding areas;

- i. the proposal will provide, where feasible and practical, for the bulk reduction, or recycling, of waste thereby reducing the amount which will be disposed of finally by landfill;
- ii. where feasible and practical, long-term benefits in terms of reducing pollution, up-grading derelict or unsightly land or improving the quality of the environment in some other way will be secured, and
- iii. (iv) use of the site for waste treatment or disposal will not jeopardize the implementation of other policies and proposals of this Plan by prejudicing existing uses or proposed development.

WD6 Civic Amenity Sites

The Council will support the development of new, or extensions to existing, Civic Amenity sites subject to provisions (i) to (xi) of Proposal WD5. Such sites should be within easy reach of main built-up areas, well-related to the highway network, have adequate space for car parking and servicing, and be well screened.

WD7 Waste Recycling Facilities

The Council will support the development of facilities for the recycling of wastes, including facilities at Civic Amenity sites, subject to environmental safeguards. In the case of proposals involving specialized processes for the recovery of materials the Council will require details of likely levels of noise, emissions, traffic generation and other effects before granting planning permission.

WD5 Waste Disposal And Environmental Protection

Proposals for waste disposal sites and treatment facilities will be assessed against their effects on the following criteria:-

- i. main residential areas or other environmentally sensitive property, in terms of amenity, noise, smell, dust, vibration, ground or water contamination, or other nuisance;
- ii. their impact on land drainage or groundwater supply, including the capacity of flood storage areas on the flood plain;
- iii. areas of high quality agricultural land or areas of significant landscape or recreational value;
- iv. the setting of listed buildings, ancient monuments, conservation areas, nature conservation and features of archaeological, geological or amenity value.

Where proposals are acceptable against the above criteria they will be expected to:-

- v. provide for the appropriate treatment of any river banks to ensure that tipped material is not exposed to erosion;
- vi. have no adverse impact on highway safety and provide any necessary on-site wheel washing facilities;
- vii. include, where appropriate, a satisfactory scheme of working which includes provision for site security and for the containment or management of materials which are deposited within the site boundaries; in the case of large sites, the scheme of working should also include provision for progressive working in order to minimize the area being worked at any one time;
- viii. include, where appropriate, provision for screening and landscaping of the site;
- ix. avoid sterilizing land with mineral deposits where mineral extraction would be a viable and appropriate use of the land;

Landfill:

In the case of landfill schemes, proposals will also be expected to make satisfactory provision for:-

- x. site restoration, either after completion of operations or, in appropriate cases, on a progressive basis while landfill is taking place;
- xi. the aftercare of the land, including safe disposal of any landfill gas or leachate.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) may be required in order to clarify the matters referred to in (i) to (xi) above. In deciding whether an EA is required the Council will have regard to the Town and Country Planning (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1988, as amended, and the guidance in Circular 15/88 on Environmental Assessment.

Incineration:

In the case of any proposals for waste incinerators, the Council will normally seek to ensure that these:-

- xii. are located within industrial areas well away from any main residential areas;
- xiii. are not unduly prominent or out of scale, having regard to the nature of their surroundings, their visibility from public viewpoints and the extent of possible screening measures;
- xiv. do not prejudice the regeneration of an area identified by the Council as being in need of investment, and,
- xv. do not prejudice existing industries, particularly food manufacturing and high technology activities.

In considering applications for waste incinerators the Council will require an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposal. This EA should include details of the design, operation, management and monitoring of the plant and the degree of risk which it represents to the health and safety of local residents.

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WM1A Waste Management Facilities

Proposals for the development of waste management facilities must comply with the following criteria:-

- a) There is a clearly established need for the development which outweighs any adverse environmental or other impact that it would be likely to cause;
- b) It will not have an unacceptable effect on land drainage and water supply and will not cause groundwater or surface water pollution;
- c) Where feasible, rail or water transport links are provided so as to minimise the use of road transport;
- d) It deals with waste as close as possible to where it is generated so as to minimise travel distances, traffic generation and pollution;
- e) In exceptional circumstances the Council will require that waste management applications be accompanied by a bond or other financial guarantee to cover the cost of site restoration and after-care;
- f) Other relevant environmental information is provided, particularly where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required.

WM1B Operation and Restoration of Waste Management Facilities

Applications for Waste Management Facilities of a temporary nature will not be approved unless they include satisfactory schemes to provide:-

- a) For screening, landscaping and restoration (preferably with phased working and restoration in appropriate cases);
- b) For aftercare in the case of restoration to agriculture, forestry or amenity use, including nature conservation;

In exceptional circumstances the Council will require the submission of a financial guarantee or bond to cover the cost of site restoration and after care.

WM1C Control of Waste Management Facilities

Where waste management is acceptable in principle, the Council will, as appropriate:-

- a) Limit the period of operations;
- b) Control levels of noise and vibration;
- c) Control hours of working and maintenance;
- d) Ensure satisfactory access to the site;
- e) Limit the impact of polluted water and windblown materials;
- f) Limit the visual impact of the development;
- g) Ensure that the site is satisfactorily restored and maintained.

APPENDIX 2 – Relevant Extracts (Waste Policies) from Bolton Core Strategy and Stockport Core Strategy

Bolton's Core Strategy Adopted 2nd March 2011

Relevant policy is Sustainable Waste Management Policy P3:

Policy P3

The council and its partners will:

- 1. Keep to the principles of the waste hierarchy, giving priority to waste minimization, and re-use and recycling of waste materials.**
- 2. Locate facilities for waste management primarily concentrated in regeneration areas and along key transport corridors.**

Stockport's Core Strategy Adopted 17th March 2011

Relevant Policy is Core Policy CS8, specifically the following extract:

Waste

The Council will promote sustainable waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy, working with other Greater Manchester authorities (through preparation of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document (GMJWDPD)) to:

- Identify and safeguard waste management sites in appropriate locations;
- Ensure that the Council, as waste planning authority, makes its contribution towards meeting sub-regional waste management needs and towards delivering the Greater Manchester Municipal Waste Management Strategy;
- Encourage good design in order to minimise waste and promote the use of recycled materials; and
- Encourage the sustainable transport of waste and promote use of site waste management plans.

3.303 The GMJWDPD will allocate specific sites for future waste management facilities and will identify wider areas within which waste management facilities would likely be considered acceptable if sites were to become available. This allocation/identification will be based on the broad principle that built waste management facilities are often akin to many other industrial processes and, therefore, allocated sites and other acceptable locations will generally be within existing industrial or economic development areas.

3.304 Sites allocated by the GMJWDPD and other existing waste management sites will be safeguarded from other uses so as to ensure that Greater Manchester's future waste management needs can be met.

APPENDIX 3 – List of Superseded Policies

Bolton's Unitary Development Plan – replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
W1	Waste	Replaced with Bolton's Core Strategy Policy P3 and Waste Plan Policies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
W2	Determination of planning applications	Replaced with Bolton's Core Strategy Policy CG4 and Waste Plan Policies Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
W3	Conditions to be applied/ legal agreements	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Bury's Unitary Development Plan – replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
MW3	Waste Disposal Facilities	Replace with Core Strategy Policy SDS11 and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5, 6 and 7
MW4	Environmental Considerations for Waste Disposal Sites	Replaced with Waste Plan policies 4 and 10
MW3/1	Derelict or Degraded Land (Waste)	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10
MW3/2	Waste Recycling and Bulk Reduction	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10
MW4/1	Assessing Waste Disposal Proposals	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
MW4/2	Development Control Conditions	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
MW 4/3	Household Waste Disposal Sites (Civic Amenity Sites)	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 11
MW 4/4	Transport Routes for Waste Disposal Sites	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4 and 5
MW 4/5	Land Contamination	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 4 and 5.
MW 4/6	Standards of Restoration (Waste)	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 9

Manchester's Unitary Development Plan – replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
E1.2	To foster a cleaner and less polluted city	Replaced with Waste plan Policies 4, 5 and 10
DC 27.1	Waste Disposal, Recycling and Reclamation Activities	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10.
DC 27.2	Waste Disposal, Recycling and Reclamation Activities	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10.
DC 27.3	Waste Disposal, Recycling and Reclamation Activities	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10.
DC 27.4	Waste Disposal, Recycling and Reclamation Activities	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10.

Oldham Replacement Unitary Development Plan - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
W1	Waste	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
W1.1	Waste management options	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
W1.2	Provision of Sites for Waste Management Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 4, 5, 6 and 7
W1.3	Criteria for Assessing Proposals for Waste Management, Treatment and Disposal Facilities	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
W1.4	Provision of Civic Amenity and other 'Bring' Recycling Sites	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 11

Rochdale Unitary Development Plan - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
W1	Waste Management	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
W2	Existing Waste Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 11
W3	Criteria for Location of Waste Disposal Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10.
W4	Operation and Restoration of Waste Disposal Sites	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 9 and generic Development Management policies in the LDF documents.
W5	Energy from Waste	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 8
W6	Civic Amenity Sites	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 11
W7	Arrangements for Spoil Disposal	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 6
W8	Transport of Waste	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 4, 5, 6 and 7

Salford City Council Unitary Development Plan - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
ST16	Sustainable Waste Management	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
W1	Waste Management	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in LDF and Waste Plan Policy 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10

Stockport Unitary Development Plan Review - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
MW2	Waste Management and Disposal	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
MW1.1	Development Control Criteria for Minerals or Waste Development	Replaced with generic Development Management policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
MW1.2	Sustainable Waste Management	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
MW1.3	Mineral and Waste Sites: Schemes or Working, Restoration and Aftercare	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 9
MW1.5	Control of Waste from	Falls under Site Waste Management

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Tameside Unitary Development Plan - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
1.13	Meeting Obligations on Minerals, Waste and Energy	Replace with Tameside's Core Strategy and Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
MW5	Movement of Minerals and Waste	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10
MW6	Waste Management Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7
MW7	Recycling, Collection and Ancillary Waste Management	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 4, 5 and 10
MW8	Energy from Waste	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 8
MW9	Control of Minerals and Waste Developments	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
MW10	Development on or near Landfill Sites	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 12

Trafford Unitary Development Plan - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
WD1	Sites for Waste Disposal	Replaced with Core Strategy L6 and Waste Plan Policies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9
WD2	Civic Amenity Sites	Replaced with Core Strategy L6 and Waste Plan Policy 11
WD3	Waste Treatment and Recycling	Replaced with Core Strategy L6 and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5, 6 and 7
WD4	Disposal Sites and Treatment Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3.
WD 5	Waste Disposal and Environmental Protection	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5, 8, 9, 10.
WD 6	Civic Amenity Sites	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 11
Wd 7	Waste Recycling Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 4 and 5.

Replacement Wigan Unitary Development Plan - replacement of saved policies

Policy Number	Title	Comment
WM1	Waste Management	Replaced with Wigan's Core Strategy and Waste Plan Policies 1, 2 and 3
WM1A	Waste Management Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policies 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10
WM1B	Operation and Restoration of Waste Management Facilities	Replaced with Waste Plan Policy 9
WM1C	Control of Waste Management Facilities	Replaced with generic Development Management Policies in the LDF and Waste Plan Policies 4, 5, 8, 9, 10.