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Dear Philippa,

Greater Manchester Waste Plan: Cross Boundary Waste Movements

Thank you for your letter of 5th May 2011.

Merseyside EAS is preparing the joint Merseyside and Halton Waste DPD (Waste DPD) on behalf of six Districts of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral. We are due to proceed to Publication stage later in 2011 and the Waste DPD covers the plan period to 2027.

The emerging Waste DPD takes account of the adjacent authority's Waste Plans and the way in which the waste management industry operates within our sub-region, within and between adjacent areas in the North West Region and more widely. I confirm that our evidence base takes account of consented and operational waste management, treatment and disposal capacity for local and regional facilities. Within Merseyside and Halton where this capacity is operational and/or has been contractually committed resulting in waste movements into and out of our sub region we have taken due account of this in our evidence base and in the emerging Waste DPD.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Philippa

Thank you very much for your letter dated the 5 May 2011 relating to issues posed by the Inspector Andy Mead.

As you are aware the adopted Core Strategy of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework is predicated on the principle of the wastes which arise in the Plan area¹ being treated and finally disposed of within its boundaries.

The reality of the situation is, of course, that commercial issues and the market dictates that there are some cross boundary waste movements between Greater Manchester and Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, and vice versa. However, the current situation should not be the determinant of policy. I do not recall that the technical report undertaken by RTAB in 2010 had any status to determine policy, nor that it established any principle relating to cross boundary movements.

In relation to the last paragraph of your letter it is undeniable that there are cross boundary movements and these are likely to continue in the future. However, I would bring to your attention that the existing hazardous waste landfill site at Whitemoss has a planning permission that is due to expire in 2013.

However, a policy is contained in the draft version of the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies DPD, which is due to be submitted on the 31 May 2011.

This provides for the extension of the landfill, and accepts the important regional and national role that Whitemoss Hazardous waste landfill plays.

¹ Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Councils are the Joint Planning Authorities for the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

This draft policy has been worded to ensure that any waste that is landfilled is unable to be treated in any other way, and that any waste which is disposed of at the site is not able to be disposed of at any appropriate site closer to its source. This proposed policy has been very controversial with local residents and will be considered at the future Examination in Public.

I hope that this is useful in helping the consideration of the policies within your development plan document.

If I can help in any other way please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Philippa,

Greater Manchester Waste Plan: Cross Boundary Waste Movements

Thank you for your letter dated 5th May 2011 in relation to the Greater Manchester Waste Plan Examination and issues raised by the Inspector.

Referring to your letter, it is understood that Greater Manchester plans to be net self-sufficient in waste with primary treatment being dealt with within the authority area. It is anticipated that there will be a continued export of specific wastes to specialist hazardous waste facilities and to large-scale regionally significant secondary treatment facilities. It is further understood (from additional correspondence dated 13th May) that such facilities are not located within Cheshire East.

It is accepted that certain waste movements are not restricted by the boundaries of waste planning authorities. It is also a key national planning objective to enable waste to be disposed of in one of the nearest appropriate installations, as outlined in PPS10. It is understood that the issue of cross border waste movements has been addressed when calculating the amount of waste to be managed throughout the planned period and that the Waste Plan, in adherence to PPS10, has sought to identify sites and areas for waste management facilities to meet the needs of Greater Manchester. This includes the principle waste streams of municipal, commercial and industrial, construction and demolition, and hazardous.

Based on this understanding, and that the objectives of the Plan adhere to the principles of national waste planning policy, it is acknowledged that certain wastes, as identified, will be exported to facilities beyond Greater Manchester's boundaries during the Plan's lifetime.

I trust this offers assistance on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Philippa

Greater Manchester Waste Plan: Cross Boundary Waste Movements

Thank you for your initial letter dated the 5th May 2011 relating to issues posed by the Inspector Andy Mead and for the additional supporting correspondence of 12 May.

As you are aware the adopted Plan relating to waste within the Borough of Cheshire West and Chester is the Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan (CRWLP). This Plan was adopted in 2007 and makes provision along with the Borough of Cheshire East for waste arising within Cheshire to 2017. While this Authority is now looking at drafting Core Strategy Policy including the aspect of waste management, the "preferred options" document will not be available until towards the end of the 2011/ beginning of 2012. Extant policy continues to relate to the CRWLP.

Your letter relates to cross boundary movements between Greater Manchester and Cheshire West and Chester. The reality of the situation is, of course, that commercial issues and the market dictate that there are some cross boundary waste movements between Greater Manchester and Cheshire West and Chester. However, the current situation should not be the determinant of policy. I do not recall that the technical report undertaken by RTAB in 2010 had any status to determine policy, nor that it established any principle relating to cross boundary movements. Likewise the RTAB AMR which you refer to has not yet been published.

You however specifically identify and highlight two sites that you believe to be regionally significant sites within Cheshire West and Chester and which are of particular interest to you. Minosus (salt mine) and Veolia (incinerator facility Ellesmere Port). I should however bring to your attention that having viewed the EA interrogator for the last three years it would seem that the Minosus site does not currently take any material from Greater Manchester and that it is currently limited in both the quantity and type of material that it can take. While the EA licence allows for input of 100,000 tonnes per annum the physical constraints at the site have restricted input and this has been approx 20,000pa. Planning permission for this site is due to expire in 2024, prior to the end date of your

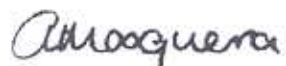


Plan. Veolia again shows no import of wastes into this site from Greater Manchester. I believe the EA licence allows some 100,000t and it currently takes approximately 75,000.

In relation to the last paragraph of your letter it is undeniable that there are cross boundary movements between the two Authority areas, however they do not occur at the sites you specify.

I hope that this is useful in helping the consideration of the policies within your development plan document.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir/Madam

Greater Manchester Waste Plan: Cross Boundary Waste Movements.

Thank you for your letter of 5 May with regard to the above.

As you may know there has been considerable opposition from the public and members of the Council to the presence of three major non hazardous landfill facilities within the Borough, namely Arpley, Risley and Rixton. These long standing sites, whilst meeting the Borough's waste management needs for landfill, have also received substantially greater quantities of wastes from adjoining authorities primarily from Merseyside and Greater Manchester for many years. The environmental implications arising from these sites have been a constant cause of complaints and objections.

As a result of this the Council's emerging Core Strategy is likely to support the reduction in the quantities of imported wastes for deposit at landfill sites. This will be partly achieved at the Risley landfill site, where, in accordance with the current planning permission, the deposit of non hazardous wastes will cease by October 2011 with one further year for the completion of restoration.

The Arpley landfill site planning permission expires in October 2013 with an anticipated remaining void of approximately 6.5 million cubic metres for which the operator, WRG, is expected to submit a planning application shortly for permission to extend the life of the site by a further 12 years. By October 2013 the site would already have been operated as a landfill site for 25 years. The future of this site, due to its environmental impact on local residential areas especially as a result of traffic movements has and will remain a very contentious facility both publicly and politically. The submission of the



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application to extend the life of the site is virtually guaranteed to be an extremely sensitive proposal with significant objection. Until the application is made accompanied by all the required supporting information it remains far from certain at the present time what the Council's decision will be on this particular application.

The Rixton landfill sites have valid planning permissions until at least 2022 and potentially longer subject to mineral extraction.

The remaining voids at the above sites are far in excess of the landfill requirements for wastes arising within the Borough. Recent debates at Committee during consideration of the Rixton applications raised the issues of the importation of wastes and the need for this in order to complete the sites within an acceptable timescale. This debate will no doubt be repeated during consideration of the Arpley application and in particular why Warrington should be seen as a passive recipient of substantial quantities of imported wastes from adjoining authorities. The fact that GM aims to be self sufficient in landfill, whilst being supported in principle, will not overcome the fears and concerns of the public or members that the Borough will continue to be regarded as an easy option in the event that GM is not able to achieve self sufficiency.

Whilst the role of the landfill void in Warrington resulting from historic planning permissions must be understood and appreciated in the regional context it is also important to recognise the desire of the Council to reduce, if not stop, all importation of wastes.

The adopted WBC UDP (January 2006) states that *"the Council's primary objective in establishing a planning strategy for dealing with waste is to reduce the import of waste into Warrington and to promote waste minimisation and recycling so as to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill"....."the Council expects that the neighbouring conurbations of Merseyside and Greater Manchester will apply the same principles to manage their own waste arisings"*

In recent years, because of its location between these major conurbations Warrington has become a major importer of waste. Strategic sites within the Borough have been used for disposal of waste transported by road. This has been detrimental to the quality of life of residents on the Borough and the Council is committed to reducing the volume of imported wastes into Warrington whilst supporting the principles of regional waste management self sufficiency".

It can be said with some certainty that the Council does not accept that the importation of wastes into Warrington should continue and that such deposit of waste should cease at the earliest opportunity. This debate will be an



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important issue for consideration during the forthcoming application for the Arpley landfill site when regional need will have to be balanced against the significant environmental impacts and loss of amenity which local residents have had to endure over the last 23 years.

In conclusion the Council cannot accept that wastes for landfill will continue to be exported from GM into the Borough. At the same time WBC supports GM in its aim to achieve self sufficiency as this will help to minimise the impacts experienced within the Borough from previous importation of wastes from GM and other adjoining authorities.

I trust this will be of assistance and that the Inspector will appreciate the difficulties the Council has to contend with in the debate over importation of wastes and the existence of landfill facilities with either considerable voids remaining or extant planning permissions for long term waste disposal operations.

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