

Warminster Area Board 19 May 2011

Chairman's Announcements

Consultation on Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Wiltshire Council is updating its policy framework to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire are for the right types of facilities in the right locations. Consultation on a Proposed Submission Draft – Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) will commence on **13 June 2011** and last for 8 weeks.

This DPD represents the final key document in the policy framework for the provision of waste sites within Wiltshire and Swindon, which includes:

- Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)
- Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies Development Plan Document (adopted September 2009)

The consultation document allocates a range of sites for a variety of potential waste uses to provide a flexible and responsive framework that will enable waste to be driven up the waste hierarchy - i.e. reducing our dependence on landfill, with a greater focus on recycling and composting of waste. The majority of sites identified are on land currently in use by existing waste management facilities or current/proposed industrial areas (illustrative map attached).

Within the Warminster Community Area, the Sites DPD identifies two proposed locations for future waste operations:

Site	Proposed waste uses	Scale
Warminster Business Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials Recovery Facility/Waste Transfer Station • Local Recycling 	Local
Chitterne Waste Management Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials Recovery Facility/Waste Transfer Station • Local Recycling • Inert Waste Recycling/Transfer • Composting • Waste Treatment 	Local

The identified sites conform to the Councils' adopted waste policy framework in terms of location and have been fully appraised by independent consultants. However, should the sites be adopted following the formal examination process, any future planning applications to bring forward development will need to fully address the environmental considerations outlined in the draft Sites DPD. It will be particularly important to ensure that any future application is underpinned by a full Transport Assessment (TA) to investigate traffic movements and identify measures to alleviate impacts (in accordance with adopted policy WDC11¹).

¹ See the Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies Development Plan Document

Extracts of site profiles within the draft Sites DPD for proposed waste sites within the Warminster Community Area are attached.

All of the proposed waste uses within the Warminster Community Area are for local scale only. Local scale waste management facilities will be expected to handle waste sourced from a limited geographical catchment. These facilities are essential in helping to provide local solutions for collecting, sorting, bulking and treating waste as well as complimenting the solutions provided by strategic waste management facilities. A summary of the proposed local scale waste uses is provided below:

Proposed waste use	Summary of proposed waste use
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	Collecting, separating, sorting and bulking a wide range of waste materials prior to transfer received from a limited geographical area.
Waste Transfer Station (WTS)	Where waste is deposited, stored and then transferred in larger loads to a waste treatment or disposal facility.
Local Recycling (LR)	Collecting, storing and bulking particular waste materials prior to transfer (can also include metal recycling, car-depollution and WEEE ² facilities).
Inert Waste Recycling/Transfer (IWR/T)	Sorting, screening or crushing of inert ³ material prior to transfer.
Composting (C)	Where farms or small waste management sites receive inputs from limited sources.
Waste Treatment (T)	Facilities for the treatment of waste which receive waste from a limited geographical area.

The draft Sites DPD will be available from the start of the consultation period (13 June 2011). The Council encourages anyone wishing to view and comment on the consultation document to use the council's consultation website:

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Hard copies of the document will also be available for inspection at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices as well as all libraries throughout the County and Borough.

Once the consultation period has closed, the draft Sites DPD, supporting evidence base and all comments received during the consultation will be presented to Full Council for approval, before being submitted to the Secretary of State in November / December 2011. From that point, the document will be in the independent examination process.

For further information please contact the Minerals and Waste Policy Team (Economy and Enterprise) at Wiltshire Council by telephone (01225 713429) or email: mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Note:

For minerals and waste matters, Wiltshire Council prepares its policy framework jointly with Swindon Borough Council.

² WEEE: Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

³ Waste which, when deposited into a waste disposal site, does not undergo any significant physical, chemical or biological transformations