

Amesbury Area Board Briefing Note

Summary of consultation response on the Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document, June 2011

Background

An eight week period of consultation on the draft Waste Site Allocations document took place between 13 June and 8 August 2011. During this period, 1168 comments were received from 537 people. In total, seven comments received during the consultation were in relation to the Solstice Business Park site (the only proposed waste site in the Amesbury Community Area). Four of the seven comments received were made by specific/other consultation bodies as set out in the table below:

Solstice Business Park	
Number of comments received:	7
Summary of views expressed:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Environment Agency supports the proposals, providing the appropriate assessments are submitted with a planning application• Natural England considers the measures set out by the councils to address landscape effects are appropriate and adequate• Wessex Water seek to ensure measures are in place to protect public water resources• The Highways Agency note that the site is adjacent to A303 and any development would need to consider the safe and efficient operation of the A303 and the Solstice Business Park Junction• 3 people who responded to a petition against waste proposals at Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall and Pickpit Hill, Tidworth suggested that the Solstice Business Park site would be a better alternative	

Landowner withdrawal of sites during the consultation

During the consultation it was made clear that land promoted at Solstice Park for waste uses would no longer be available due to a change of land ownership. Without landowner consent, a site is generally not considered deliverable, in such circumstances consideration will need to be given to the removal of this site from the draft plan.

What happens next?

Officers are currently analysing all of the comments received during the consultation to assess whether any alterations are needed before the document can be submitted to the Secretary of State. Submission of the document is currently programmed for November 2011, followed by adoption in July 2012. In light of issues raised during the recent consultation there may be a need to postpone submission until Spring-2012 and consult on 'focussed changes' at the end of 2011. The decision to consult on 'focussed changes' will be a matter for Cabinet to consider and a report will be presented for consideration in due course.

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