

**RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES**

**ADOPTED WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON WASTE LOCAL PLAN 2011**  
**JANUARY 2005**

**POLICY 1**  
**SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND BPEO**

TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE BPEO, PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS MUST DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE WPAS THAT THEY HAVE HAD REGARD AS APPROPRIATE TO THE NEED TO:

- (A) CONTRIBUTE TO AN ADEQUATE AND INTEGRATED NETWORK OF WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES;
- (B) MEET LOCAL AND NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT TARGETS AND TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE PLAN'S WASTE HIERARCHY BY MAXIMISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WASTE ELIMINATION, REDUCTION, RE-USE, RECYCLING/COMPOSTING AND ENERGY RECOVERY IN THAT ORDER OF PRIORITY;
- (C) REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF, AND EFFICIENTLY USE, PRIMARY RESOURCES;
- (D) MINIMISE THE DISTANCE WASTE HAS TO BE TRANSPORTED;
- (E) MAXIMISE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRANSPORTING WASTE BY RAIL OR WATER;
- (F) PROTECT AND WHERE REQUIRED ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ASSETS;
- (G) OPTIMISE THE USE OF PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED OR USED LAND OR BUILDINGS; AND
- (H) CONFORM TO THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE.

**POLICY 2**  
**THE NEED FOR WASTE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL SELF SUFFICIENCY**

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE:

- (A) THERE IS A DEMONSTRATED NEED TO CATER FOR WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON'S WASTE ARISING; OR
- (B) THERE IS A NEED TO MEET A DEMONSTRATED CROSS BOUNDARY REQUIREMENT, WHICH ACCORDS WITH THE PROXIMITY PRINCIPLE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WASTE ARISING WITHIN THE PLAN AREA; OR

- (C) IN THE CASE OF LANDFILL, THE DEVELOPMENT IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONAL OR RESTORATION PURPOSES

AND WHERE THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OUTWEIGHS ANY MATERIAL PLANNING OBJECTIONS.

**POLICY 5**  
**SAFEGUARDING PREFERRED AREAS AND WASTE SITES**

THE WASTE PLANNING AUTHORITIES WILL SEEK TO SAFEGUARD THE FOLLOWING SITES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES:

- (A) THE PREFERRED AREAS LISTED IN SCHEDULES 1 AND 2 (POLICIES 3 AND 4);
- (B) EXISTING WASTE FACILITIES LISTED IN APPENDICES 6, 7, 8 AND 9, WHERE THESE ARE APPROPRIATE FOR CONTINUED USE; AND
- (C) OTHER SITES WHERE PLANNING PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.

THE WASTE PLANNING AUTHORITIES WILL OPPOSE PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THESE SITES, WHERE IT IS DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY WOULD PREVENT OR UNREASONABLY RESTRICT USE OF THE SITES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.

WHERE SITES ARE ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIAL ESTATES OR BUSINESS PARKS OR ARE IDENTIFIED FOR EMPLOYMENT USES IN DISTRICT LOCAL PLANS, THE WASTE PLANNING AUTHORITIES WILL ONLY OPPOSE PROPOSALS FOR EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT WHERE THEY WOULD PREVENT OR UNREASONABLY RESTRICT WASTE DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS PLANNING PERMISSION. SUCH SAFEGUARDING WILL APPLY ONLY TO THE SITE THAT HAS PLANNING PERMISSION FOR WASTE DEVELOPMENT, AND ANY LAND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THAT SITE WHERE SAFEGUARDING IS CLEARLY NECESSARY.

**POLICY 6**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HUMAN HEALTH, AND AMENITY & TRANSPORT**

PROPOSALS FOR NEW AND/OR EXTENDED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN HEALTH OR AMENITY. A HIGH STANDARD OF DESIGN WILL BE REQUIRED AND APPLICANTS WILL NEED TO DEMONSTRATE IN THEIR APPLICATION THAT THEIR PROPOSALS FULFIL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- (A) SAFEGUARDING THE AMENITY AND CHARACTER OF ANY NEARBY DWELLINGS, SETTLEMENTS AND OTHER NEARBY, SENSITIVE LAND USES, INCLUDING URBAN GREEN SPACES, AND THE COUNTRYSIDE. IN ADDITION, WASTE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT IMPEDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF ADJOINING AREAS OF DEGRADED ENVIRONMENT;

- (B) HIGH QUALITY DESIGN OF THE SITE, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND ACCESS ROADS, TO ACHIEVE AN ACCEPTABLE VISUAL IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING AREA;
- (C) THE CONTROL OF NOISE AND LIGHT EMISSIONS AND THEIR IMPACT ON EXISTING OR COMMITTED NOISE OR LIGHT SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OR AREAS;
- (D) THE CONTROL OF AIR EMISSIONS, INCLUDING SMELL AND DUST;
- (E) THE NEED TO AVOID THE CREATION OF CONTAMINATED LAND;
- (F) CONTROL OF THE IMPACTS OF TRAFFIC MOVEMENT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, SENSITIVE AREAS AND THE HIGHWAY NETWORK, INCLUDING MAKING THE BEST AND MOST EFFICIENT USE OF STRATEGIC AND LOCAL LORRY ROUTES. WHERE APPROPRIATE, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT WHICH ADDRESSES THE IMPACT ON THE ROAD NETWORK OF TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT;
- (G) PROTECTION OF THE BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND;
- (H) PROTECTION AND WHERE APPROPRIATE ENHANCEMENT OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER, WATERCOURSES AND OTHER SURFACE WATER, THE AVOIDANCE OF FLOOD RISK AND THE EFFICIENT USE OF WATER;
- (I) PROTECTION AND WHERE APPROPRIATE ENHANCEMENT OF ANY AFFECTED DESIGNATED SITES OF NATURE CONSERVATION, HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY, LANDSCAPE, COUNTRYSIDE, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND/OR CULTURAL HERITAGE IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DESIGNATIONS;
- (J) PROTECTION OF OTHER FEATURES IDENTIFIED AS BEING IMPORTANT FOR BIODIVERSITY, AND ANY RARE AND PROTECTED SPECIES;
- (K) PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT LOCAL LANDSCAPES;
- (L) PROTECTION OF THE SETTINGS OF LISTED BUILDINGS, CONSERVATION AREAS AND SCHEDULED MONUMENTS;
- (M) PROTECTION OF OTHER IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS, PARKS AND GARDENS OF HISTORIC INTEREST AND THE ROUNDWAY DOWN BATTLEFIELD;
- (N) PROTECTION OF OTHER RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND TOURISM ASSETS;
- (O) THE SAFEGUARDING OF RIGHTS OF WAY;
- (P) THE SAFEGUARDING OF CANAL AND RAILWAY ROUTES WHERE THEIR RE-USE MAY BE ACHIEVABLE; AND
- (Q) THE REQUIREMENT TO SAFEGUARD AIRFIELDS.

## **POLICY 24**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

THE WPAS WILL PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING SITES FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PROVIDED THE APPLICATION COMPLIES WITH POLICIES 1, 2 AND 5 TO 10 OF THIS PLAN.

THE WPAS WILL PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GREENFIELD SITES FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, WHERE THE APPLICATION DEMONSTRATES TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE WPA THAT THE PROPOSAL:

- (A) CANNOT FEASIBLY BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CAPACITY OF EXISTING SITES AND BUILDINGS;
- (B) CANNOT FEASIBLY BE CARRIED OUT ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND;
- (C) CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AS AN EXTENSION TO EXISTING SITES;
- (D) COMPLIES WITH POLICIES 1, 2 AND 5 TO 10 OF THIS PLAN.

### **WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT PLAN 1<sup>ST</sup> ALTERATION, REVISED DEPOSIT**

#### **COUNTRYSIDE PROTECTION**

- C1 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY AND VARIETY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE WATER ENVIRONMENT, THE RURAL LANDSCAPE AND WILDLIFE, WILL BE PROTECTED, CONSERVED AND ENHANCED THROUGH THE CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT AND POSITIVE PLANNING MEASURES.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH ENCOURAGE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY AND RURAL RECREATION, UNLESS THERE IS AN AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY OR OTHER OVERRIDING JUSTIFICATION SUCH AS ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS, SCHEMES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OR OVERRIDING BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. ACCEPTABLE MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WHERE APPROPRIATE.

#### **AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

- C2 THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE IMPORTANCE OF THE COTSWOLDS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY AND THE CRANBORNE CHASE AND WEST WILTSHIRE DOWNS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY, SHOWN ON THE PROPOSALS MAP, WILL BE CONSERVED AND ENHANCED.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LANDSCAPE OVER OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS LIKELY TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPECIAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. PROPOSALS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT ESSENTIAL TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY WILL BE PERMITTED, HAVING REGARD TO HIGHWAYS, ACCESS, SCALE, DESIGN,

MATERIALS, LOCATION, SITING, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, HAVING TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IN TERMS OF NATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE COST AND SCOPE OF DEVELOPING ELSEWHERE AND ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE.

## **LANDSCAPING**

- C32 PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING THE PROTECTION OF EXISTING TREES, HEDGES AND OTHER NATURAL FEATURES OF THE SITE, FOR NEW PLANTING AND FOR APPROPRIATE EARTH MOUNDING AND HARD FEATURES INCLUDING SURFACE TREATMENT AND BOUNDARY ENCLOSURES. WHERE APPROPRIATE, CONSIDERATION OF WILDLIFE INTEREST SHOULD FORM PART OF THE PROPOSALS FOR LANDSCAPING.