

**RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES**

**WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON STRUCTURE PLAN 2016 (APRIL 2006)**

**GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA**

- W4** PROPOSALS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES SHOULD HAVE REGARD TO EFFECTS ON LOCAL AMENITIES, NEARBY LAND USES, LANDSCAPE, THE NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC GENERATION, WATER RESOURCES, POLLUTION AND RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE OF THE SITE.

**POLICY 6**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HUMAN HEALTH, AND AMENITY AND 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.