

Barnet Local Plan EIP – Note on Waste Policy

Reason for producing this note

On Day 5 (Wednesday 5th October) at the hearing session's, consideration of Matter 5 – Climate Change, Environmental Considerations and Green Belt, Inspector Philpott requested a note in respect of Policy ECC03 – Dealing with Waste.

The note, including any resultant proposed modifications, to encompass the following:

- Cross-references to the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) and London Plan; signposting to the Council's waste standards.
- Updating of the text to reflect that the NLWP has been adopted.
- Providing explanation and justification for the inclusion of Scratchwood Quarry in part (f) of the policy given the relatively recent adoption of the NLWP, including the signposting/ summary of relevant evidence.

Background

Setting out the planning framework for waste management in North London until 2036, the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) has been prepared jointly by the seven North London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. It identifies existing waste sites and capacity, priority areas for new waste management facilities and sets out policies for determining waste planning applications.

The NLWP (Core_Gen_09) was found sound by an Inspector in October 2021 and has now been formally adopted by each of the seven north London Boroughs; Barnet Council formally adopted the NLWP on 1st March 2022. The NLWP therefore forms part of Barnet's Development Plan and is a key planning policy document for the determination of relevant planning applications in the borough.

The following format has been used in this Note to denote further proposed modifications to the submission version of plan as revised by the proposed modifications listed in EXAM 4.

~~Strikethrough text~~ to indicate text proposed for removal.

Underlined text to indicate additional text.

Consideration

Through MM267 (Exam 4) the Council has already proposed modifications to para 10.16.2, amending and updating the existing text to reflect the Council's adoption of the NLWP in March 2022. The Council acknowledges that a cross-reference to London Plan Policy SI 7 Reducing waste and supporting the circular economy is merited.

With regards to Proposal Site 29 - Scratchwood Quarry, at the hearing session the Inspector queried why the policy at part f) needs to make specific reference to Scratchwood Quarry given that the NLWP has so recently been adopted. This site (London Gateway Service Area, M1 Motorway, Mill Hill) lies within a former quarry and is identified as providing for waste generated from construction, demolition and excavation; being currently used for

waste processing with the recycling of concretes and aggregate materials for highways maintenance and utilities industries. As such, the site is listed as an existing safeguarded waste site (Site BAR 2) in the NLWP Appendix 1. The London Plan includes a target of 95% reuse/recycling/recovery of construction and demolition waste and 95% beneficial use of excavation waste. Where existing sites need to be relocated or redeveloped, compensatory capacity will be required in order to comply with the London Plan, Local Plans and the NLWP. Therefore, where there is a gap between projected waste arisings and existing capacity the NLWP (para 4.31) recognises that, in order to meet any capacity gaps identified, boroughs will need to seek opportunities for new capacity through intensification of existing sites and/or new facilities.

Within Barnet, (as noted in NLWP para 4.27 with further detail in Appendix 1, it is known that some waste sites will be redeveloped for other uses as part of the Brent Cross Growth Area with replacement capacity needing to be found within the Borough. NLWP (para 4.28) explains that it is planned that capacity at the waste facilities of BAR4 – Hendon Waste Station, BAR6 – McGovern and BAR7 – Cripps Skips and part of the capacity of BAR3 – PB Donoghue would be replaced by the new Waste Transfer Station (WTS) delivered as part of the regeneration of Brent Cross. The NLWP highlights that the balance of replacement capacity for BAR3 would need to be identified within Barnet prior to redevelopment as part of Phase 4 of regeneration at Brent Cross. In line with the NLWP the Local Plan has identified Scratchwood Quarry (Site 29) to meet the capacity gap. At Scratchwood Quarry the potential has been identified to increase the volume of waste processed through more efficient and intensive use. Hence, its inclusion as Proposal Site 29 in Annex 1 of the Local Plan.

The Council therefore invites the Inspectors to consider further modifications to the wording of Policy ECC03 as follows:

The Council will, in accordance with London Plan policy SI 7 and the North London Waste Plan (NLWP), encourage sustainable waste management by:

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- b. requiring developers to submit a Circular Economy Statement. ~~in accordance with London Plan Policy SI 7 and the North London Waste Plan~~
- c. ensuring development is designed to provide appropriate space for storage and collection of waste and recycling facilities¹. ~~which fit current and future collection practices and targets~~
- d. designating sites ~~through the North London Waste Plan (NLWP)~~ to meet an aggregated apportionment target
- f. seeking to utilise additional waste capacity at Scratchwood Quarry (NLWP Site BAR 2) as set out in the Schedule of Proposals (Annex 1 site number 29).

Also, a modification adding to the end of paragraph 10.16.4 the following sentences so as to provide further justification for the inclusion of the reference to Scratchwood Quarry in part f) of the policy.

Site 29 – Scratchwood Quarry currently handles waste generated from construction, demolition and excavation and is listed as an existing safeguarded waste site (Site BAR 2) in Appendix 1 of the NLWP. Where existing sites need to be relocated or

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redeveloped, compensatory capacity is required. The NLWP states that, in order to meet any capacity gaps identified, boroughs will need to seek opportunities for new capacity through the intensification of existing sites and/or new facilities.

Within Barnet it is known that some waste sites will be redeveloped for other uses as part of regeneration of the Brent Cross Growth Area with, therefore, replacement capacity needing to be found elsewhere within the Borough. At Site 29 - Scratchwood Quarry the potential has been identified to increase the volume of waste processed on this site through more efficient and intensive use.

Conclusion

The matters raised relating to Policy ECC03 can be resolved with appropriate amendments to the text. These will ensure consistency between Policy ECC03, Policy SI 7 in the London Plan and the recently adopted NLWP.