

Public Examination of Lewisham Core Strategy Development Plan Document

London Borough of Lewisham Statement on Matter 9 Waste

Question: Whether the plan contains sufficient encouragement to reduce waste

Introduction

9.1 The Council considers that sufficient encouragement to manage and reduce waste over the plan period is contained in the Core Strategy (**CSD1.1**). The Core Strategy is consistent and implements Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS10) (**CSD5.6**, paragraphs 16 to 21), conforms with the London Plan (**CSD4.1**, Policies 4A21, 4A22, 4A24, 4A25, 4A26) and its draft replacement (**CSD 4.2**, Policy 5.17) including the minor alteration – waste arisings and apportionments (**CSD4.2a**), and reflects the evidence base from the South East London Boroughs Joint Waste Apportionment Paper (**CSD3.20**) and the Lewisham Draft Municipal Waste Management Strategy (**CSD3.21**).

Waste management in the Core Strategy

9.2 The Core Strategy (**CSD1.1**, Section 2) identifies waste management as a key issue to address which it is subsequently included as one of the drivers for change (Section 3). Representations to Core Strategy paragraph 3.7 (**CSD1.9**) make reference to the importance of the waste hierarchy and the importance of composting within that hierarchy, and the Council has recommended an amendment to accommodate this (**CSD1.5**). Core Strategy Objectives 5 and 8 (Section 5) further recognise the importance of waste management. Objective 5 regards the reduction of waste as being important in the adaption to climate change, while Objective 8 is focused on the delivery of sustainable waste management through operating the waste hierarchy and safeguarding sufficient waste sites to meet the London Plan (**CSD4.1**) waste apportionment for Lewisham.

9.3 Core Strategy Policy 13 (CSP13) is the main focus for encouraging more sustainable waste management. The policy and its justification detail support for the overall objective for waste set out in PPS10 (**CSD5.6**), which is to protect human health and the environment by producing less waste and by using it as a resource wherever possible.

9.4 The hierarchy for waste reduction set out in CSP13 and throughout the Core Strategy is prevention, reuse, compost, recycle and use for energy recovery. To address the reduction of waste CSP13 Part 3(a) requires all new major developments to submit and implement a site waste management plan in accordance with the London Plan (**CSD4.1**), part (b) requires development to be designed to meet the needs of waste management and disposal, and part (c) requires development to achieve 95% recycling and reuse levels in construction.

- 9.5 The Core Strategy also refers to information contained in the Lewisham Draft Municipal Waste Management Strategy (**CSD3.21**), which in turn is informed by Rethinking Rubbish in London, Mayor's Municipal Waste Management Strategy (**CSD4.24**) and further contributes towards waste reduction. In this way CSP13 assists in the achievement of the key values of effective partnerships, waste minimisation, and community engagement as set out in the Lewisham Draft Municipal Waste Management Strategy. This is being implemented through initiatives such as the Clean and Green Schools; composting advice; the My Street and Street Leaders programmes; the provision of recycling facilities on estates and the improvement of the residential recycling programmes.
- 9.6 Up to date household waste stream and trend data is reported in the Annual Monitoring Report (**CSD2.8a**).

Apportionment

- 9.7 As outlined in the London Plan (**CSD4.1**, Policy 4A.25 and Table 4A.6) Lewisham is required to deal with 323,000 annual tonnes of waste by 2020. CSP13 safeguards three sites to meet this waste apportionment figure and the South East London Boroughs Joint Waste Apportionment Paper (**CSD3.20**) shows that the three sites have the capacity to deal with 543,253 tonnes of waste annually. The draft replacement London Plan (**CSD4.2, 4.2a**) reduces the borough's waste apportionment figure to 234,000 tonnes by 2021 and therefore the safeguarded sites have a capacity to deal with the apportionment figures.