

Statement of Common Ground on Strategic Waste Matters
between
Westminster City Council,
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
and
Wokingham Borough Council

1. Parties involved

1.1 The parties involved are

- Westminster City Council
- Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
- Wokingham Borough Council

2. Strategic geography

Westminster City Council

2.1 The City of Westminster is in Central London and covers over eight square miles and is home to many of the landmarks synonymous with 'tourist London'. Much of Westminster is within the Central Activities Zone (CAZ) which is a designation set by the Mayor of London to guide planning policies. The City of Westminster has some of the most affluent residential areas in the country, but a diverse demographic means also some of the most deprived. It is a densely populated borough which continues to grow, and space is at a premium.

Wokingham Borough Council

2.2 Wokingham Borough Council lies to the west of London in the county of Berkshire. Wokingham is working with Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (collectively referred to as 'Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities') to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the area.

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

2.3 The Borough lies to the west of London providing a predominantly countryside setting for the three main settlements of Maidenhead, Windsor and Ascot, and a number of neighbouring villages. Pressure for development comes from a number of sources including a changing and growing population with a shifting demand for different types of housing and infrastructure.

3. Strategic waste issues

3.1 The City of Westminster has no waste facilities within its borders and no designated industrial land in which to locate new facilities. Westminster exports all of its waste with the exception of a small amount of composting in the Royal Parks. Westminster is contributing towards London's net self-sufficiency target for Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) and Commercial and Industrial (C&I) waste by meeting its London Plan apportionment targets. This will be achieved through an arrangement with one of the London Boroughs with sufficient spare capacity to take on Westminster's apportionment targets. Construction, demolition and excavation waste will continue to be exported, but developers are required to recycle 95% of C&D waste and put 95% of excavation waste to beneficial use to divert this waste stream from landfill. Hazardous waste, which forms part of these waste streams, will also continue to be exported to specialist facilities.

3.2 Planning Practice Guidance for Waste states "Given the unique waste needs of London, there is likely to be a need for waste planning authorities surrounding London to take some of London's waste. The Mayor and waste planning authorities in London should engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with other authorities, under the duty to cooperate, to help manage London's waste."

3.3 Westminster needs help to manage CD&E and hazardous waste.

3.4 All parties agree the following thresholds to indicate 'strategic' waste movements:

- CD&E: 5,000 tonnes per annum
- LACW/C&I: 2,500 tonnes per annum
- Hazardous: 100 tonnes per annum

3.5 Both Windsor & Maidenhead and Wokingham receive strategic amounts of hazardous waste exports from Westminster.

3.6 All parties agree the following figures from the Waste Data Interrogator.

Table 1: Waste exports from Westminster 2014-2018 (tonnes)

Destination	Site name	Site type	Waste	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Windsor & Maidenhead	Kingsmead Landfill	Landfill	CDE	0	0	0	0	8,172
Windsor & Maidenhead	Other	All	All	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Waste Data Interrogator 2014-2018

3.7 All parties agree there are no known planning reasons why exports of similar amounts of CD&E waste exports cannot continue to Kingsmead landfill site.

3.8 All parties agree the following figures from the Hazardous Waste Data Interrogator.

Table 2: Hazardous waste exports from Westminster 2014-2018 (tonnes)

Destination	Type of waste	Fate	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Windsor & Maidenhead (Wokingham)	Healthcare	Transfer	91	91	96	91	91
		Treatment	399	425	455	446	482
	All other	All other	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Hazardous Waste Data Interrogator 2014-2018

3.9 All parties agree that the clinical waste facility (Star Works treatment facility) which receives Westminster’s healthcare waste is located in Wokingham, but the site entrance is within Windsor & Maidenhead and the Hazardous Waste Data Interrogator therefore records the waste as being received in Windsor & Maidenhead.

3.10 The Star Works site includes landfill and waste treatment operations.

3.11 The landfill operation has planning permission until 2020 with restoration completed in 2021. The operator has submitted an application to extend the operational time period to January 2022 with restoration to January 2023. The application is currently pending, and has attracted significant levels of objection. All parties agree that the landfill operation will cease in the near future and cannot be relied on to receive future waste exports.

3.12 'A separate part of the site has a B2 use classification and this part of the site has been in use for the treatment of clinical waste by steam since 2004. No party is aware of any reason why the site cannot be relied on to continue to receive waste for treatment.'

4. Governance arrangements

4.1 All parties agree to monitor waste movements through Authority Monitoring Reports and engage again if these change significantly from the current trend.

4.2 All parties agree to engage again if there are any significant operational changes to facilities receiving waste exports from Westminster.

5. Signatories

5.1 All parties agree that this statement is an accurate representation of matters discussed and issues agreed upon.

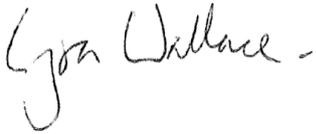
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