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22 April 2002
30 May 2002

THE LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

Report of the Director of Environment, Development and Commercial Services

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

The 3 Councils preparing the WLP (Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council) are required to respond to objections and other representations at the earliest opportunity in order to avoid delay in the progress of the Plan. The documents are timetabled to progress through the Cabinet process during April. In parallel with the City Council's decision-making process, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council will also consider the proposed responses in order that a notice of intention to adopt the WLP can be served.

The Plan provides a comprehensive policy framework for waste planning issues in the Plan area up to 2006.

2 Consultation

This report results from the formal deposit of the "Statement of Response to the Inspector's Report and Proposed Modifications" for consultation in October and November 2001. The preparation of the Plan has involved extensive consultation with parish, district and adjoining councils, statutory undertakers, government departments, amenity and conservation groups and the general public at several stages of the plan process. The Inspector's Report and recommendations deal with objections to the Plan and the recent deposit period of the Statement of Response to the Inspector's Report and Proposed Modifications has invited further representations.

In terms of consultation within the City Council a briefing on this report has been offered to Councillors Kavia and Holden as the Waste Local Plan crosses their particular Cabinet responsibilities. An advanced copy of the report has also been sent to members of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny and Arts, Leisure and Environment Triumverates.

3 Financial and Legal Implications

(a) Financial Implications

See Covering Report

(b) Legal Implications

None are seen to arise from this report

(c) Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within this report
Equal Opportunities	NO	No discernible implications.
Policy	YES	The WLP is part of the statutory development plan for the City
Sustainable and Environmental	YES	The essence of the Plan is to achieve a sustainable and environmentally acceptable way of dealing with waste arisings.
Crime and Disorder	NO	Not applicable
Human Rights Act	NO	
Elderly Persons/People on Low Income	NO	

4 Recommendations

As set out in the covering report.

5 Response

- 5.1 A total of 33 further representations were received from 6 organisations and individuals. These comprise 27 objections, 3 representations of support and 3 invalid objections. A full list of all the representations together with suggested responses and consequential changes to the Plan is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. A schedule of 11 additional comments was also received from the Government Office for the East Midlands. Correspondence relating to the health effects of landfill sites, and the New Albion site in particular, has been received from one objector. The issues raised by these additional comments have been taken into account and will result in a few minor corrections, but do not raise any new issues that have not already been covered either during the inquiry or by representations made.
- 5.2 All the representations received, relate to different proposed modifications and do not focus on any one particular proposed change. Three objections do relate however to a change in the terminology used in the criteria based Policy 8, which covers environmental considerations. This is a change that was recommended by the Inspector and is proposed to be carried forward in the WLP. A further 5 objections relate to particular site capacities and statistics. The associated figures were subject to

lengthy debate at the Inquiry and have been endorsed by the Inspector. It is recommended that no change is made in this regard.

- 5.3 Of the 27 objections, it can be seen from the Appendix, that in 19 of these cases no further changes to the WLP are proposed. Of the remaining 8 objections, it is considered that further minor changes should be made, resulting in 5 updates, 2 factual corrections and 1 matter of clarification. These are all minor in nature, and are not considered to alter the principles or necessitate material changes to the Plan.**

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 The 3 Councils are required to respond to all duly made objections and other representations received. Appendix 1 attached to this report sets out the detailed response, and contains recommended suggestions for a further 8 modifications to the Plan. These modifications relate to 5 updates, 2 factual corrections and 1 matter of clarification. The consequential changes resulting from these further modifications are also detailed in the Appendix. The modifications are considered to be minor and not to materially affect the Plan.
- 6.2 The recommendation in this report is to approve the Proposed Responses to objections and other representations to the Statement of Response to the Inspector's Report and Proposed Modifications to the WLP. Such approval would allow the Councils to proceed with a notification of intent to adopt the Plan, and incorporate the minor changes accordingly, subject to concurrent approval from Leicestershire County and Rutland Councils.

7 Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972

1. Inspector's Report into Objections to the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Waste Local Plan, October 2000.
2. Statement of Response to the Inspector's Report and Proposed Modifications, November 2001.
3. Core Documents from the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Waste Local Plan Inquiry.