

Report to Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth and Economy

Subject: Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft August 2023

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Wards Affected

All

Purpose

To seek approval for the representations set out in the Appendix of this report to be sent to Nottinghamshire County Council by their deadline of 11th October 2023.

Key Decision

No

Recommendation(s)

THAT: The Portfolio Holder:

- 1) approves the proposed response to the consultation set out in the Appendix.**

1 Background

- 1.1 Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council are preparing a new joint Waste Local Plan. This will replace the existing Waste Core Strategy (2013) and the “saved” policies from the Waste Local Plan (2002). The two Councils have prepared a Pre-Submission draft Local Plan for consultation purposes prior to the formal submission of the document to the Planning Inspectorate for independent

examination. The Pre-Submission Draft is being made available for consultation from 30th August 2023 to 11th October 2023.

- 1.2 The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Draft Waste Local Plan will form the land use planning strategy for waste development within Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City up to 2038. It will provide the basis for the determination of waste planning applications within the Plan Area. Its over-arching theme is the promotion of sustainable development and achieving the highest quality waste management facilities.
- 1.3 The Pre-Submission draft Waste Local Plan emphasises that waste is a resource to be re-used, recycled and recovered and no longer something to be buried in the ground. It refers to waste as a resource within a “circular” economy with reuse and recovery being key.
- 1.4 The two Councils previously consulted on a draft version of the Waste Local Plan during February and April 2022 in respect of which Gedling Borough Council sent representations.

Future Waste arising and future Waste Management Provision

- 1.5 The Local Plan sets out a summary of the likely need for future waste facilities which updates the forecasts contained in the earlier draft Waste Local Plan using a model that estimates future waste arising based on scenarios about the amount of waste produced for different waste streams. The next steps are to assess the level of existing waste management capacity available and to consider how waste is managed in future i.e. the proportion of each waste stream that are likely to be recycled, recovered or disposed of. This helps to identify the types of facilities needed and whether any new capacity will be required over the plan period. The preferred option chosen by the two Councils is the high recycling rate for each waste stream reflecting the most desirable target and taking account of proposed recycling measures.
- 1.6 The key findings are that there should be sufficient capacity for the recycling / composting capacity to manage household, commercial & industrial waste and construction and demolition waste over the plan period. However, there is insufficient energy recovery capacity to manage household and commercial and industrial waste stream during the first part of the Plan period although this reduces over the plan period if the higher recycling scenario is achieved. Planning permission has been granted for up to 892,000 tonnes per annum of further energy recovery capacity yet to come forward which if implemented could help to reduce landfill disposal requirements.

- 1.7 Turning to landfill forecasts – the existing capacity for household, industrial & commercial waste to landfill is effectively exhausted at present and the assessment estimates that 2.5 million tonnes of waste could require land filling over the plan period, depending on future recycling and recovery rates. Opportunities for future non-hazardous landfill to manage household waste and commercial & industrial waste are limited due to geology and groundwater constraints. There may be opportunities for construction and demolition waste to be used as backfill to restore future quarry sites. If waste is handled higher up the waste hierarchy then there would be less requirement for landfill and the two Councils will monitor the situation.
- 1.8 In summary, the Local Plan needs to consider how to make provision for additional energy recovery and disposal capacity where required. Very few sites were put forward during the “call for sites” exercise at the previous Issues and Options stage. Given this context, the Plan includes a criteria based policy to judge future waste management proposals.
- 1.9 Gedling Borough Council made representations on the previous draft of the Plan and it is pleasing to report that these comments seeking a clarification to SP3 (Broad Locations) in respect of the application of Green Belt policy; and the inclusion of the minimum national target of 10% biodiversity net gain being sought again for the purposes of clarification have been addressed. Consequently, no issues have been identified of potential concern for Gedling Borough and the recommended comments are of a supportive nature.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The Local Plan contains several strategic planning policies and a suite of development management policies. These are summarised in the **Appendix** followed by comments which would form Gedling Borough Council’s response to the current consultation exercise. It is proposed that the Council responds to the consultation as set out in the **Appendix**.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 The only alternative is for Gedling Borough Council not to make any representations on the Waste Local Plan Consultation in which case its views would not be made known to the two Councils.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None

5 Legal Implications

5.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations provide for consultation on pre-publication draft local plans under Regulation 19. The two Councils are required to consider comments made.

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 None direct. This is an opportunity to comment on a consultation document prepared by the two Councils who will then proceed to submit the Plan for examination. The two Councils have undertaken an Equalities Impact Assessment published alongside the Pre-Submission Draft.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

7.1 None direct. This is an opportunity to comment on a consultation document prepared by the two Councils who will then proceed to submit the plan for independent examination. Policies within the Local Plan address carbon reduction and environmental sustainability.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Comments by Gedling Borough Council on the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham draft Waste Local Plan (regulation 19)

9 Background Papers

9.1 None

10 Reasons for Recommendations

10.1 In order to submit the representations by Gedling Borough Council on the draft Waste Local Plan Consultation Regulation 19 by the deadline of 11th October 2023.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Monitoring Officer