



Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy Hearing

Written Statement for Session 6
Issue 5: Specific Sites – Moreton Valence

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Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd

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1. Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd is a local, independently owned business which is one of the main waste operators in Gloucestershire. Smiths' site at Moreton Valence is a long established site in the county providing a strategic waste management facility which treats commercial, industrial, construction and demolition wastes.
2. The proposed plan put forward in the CS only shows the current permitted footprint of the site at Moreton Valence. This area is fully utilised, but notwithstanding this there are a number of outstanding planning permissions which have not been implemented, with a washing plant for recycling inert wastes and also the revised proposals for an energy from waste (EfW) facility. The footprint in the CS would not accommodate the development of further strategic facilities that policy WCS4 seeks to make additional provision for, without the loss of some of the recycling and treatment capacity the site already provides.
3. The footprint shown in the CS is already fully allocated to a variety of waste uses. This may not be immediately apparent on a site visit, as although the planning consents have been granted, a washing plant and an EfW facility have yet to be commenced. In order to meet the additional provisions of WCS4, a greater footprint, as shown on the plan at the end of this statement, at Moreton Valance must be shown as a preferred area.
4. Smiths are ideally placed with an established and successful waste management operation and wish to expand and invest in further treatment capacity to meet Gloucestershire's needs. However it is not possible to continue to accommodate this within the current area without significant economic implications for revising layouts and losing capacity in other aspects of their established business.
5. The CS should include the agricultural land between the identified site and the M5, (part of which is subject to a current application) and further land to the north which is effectively an isolated field. This provides a



clear and logical boundary to the site. There are no significant constraints to this additional land and none that would represent an overriding constraint to development. Including this land would allow Smiths to bring forward proposals for further facilities under WCS policy 4 without compromising current recycling operations. It would also afford Smiths the opportunity for a comprehensive overview on the whole site activities which would be able to address further operational and environmental benefit which would be considered in the detail of a planning application submission.

6. The plan overleaf details the Moreton Valence site identified in the CS together with the outstanding planning permissions and current application. Smiths would suggest that the boundaries of the Moreton Valence site in the WC should be expanded to include the areas shaded in blue and green to enable to additional strategic facilities to be developed at the site in accordance with policy 4 without losing any existing waste treatment capacity.



