



Session 4, Issue 3 - Whether the Core Strategy is consistent with national policy

We are again largely in accord with the submission made on behalf of Gloucestershire FoE and SWARD. Hence we have not produced our own detailed submissions on this issue.

We would, however, add that the WCS makes no provision for implementing the government's localism agenda because the single site approach denies the collecting authorities the opportunity to develop waste ownership and treatment within their own boundaries using technologies suited to the characteristics of their individual Districts and available sites.

In this context, we refer to the government's advocacy of AD (anaerobic digestion), see <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/business/anaerobic-digestion/> which says: The work that will be undertaken to develop this framework for AD will be informed by, and will inform other existing Government initiatives. These include: "The Government's vision of localism where power is decentralised **to the lowest possible level,** ."

As an example, Stroud District Council wishes to install an AD plant to provide heat and power to both Stratford Park Leisure Centre and Stroud College, using food waste collected locally within Stroud District. However, because Gloucestershire County Council is defined by the prevailing legal red tape as the "disposal authority", Stroud's local initiative remains blocked.