

Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy Examination

Further Written Statement

on behalf of

New Earth Solutions Group Ltd (543)

In respect of

Issue 2: Whether the statistical basis for the core strategy is robust and justifies the vision and strategic objectives?

Introduction

This further written statement has been prepared in response to the Inspectors issues and questions. Care has been taken in order to avoid repeating previous representations or core reference documents.

Introduction to New Earth Solutions Group Ltd

New Earth Solutions Group Ltd (NESG) is a waste treatment and renewable energy company, whose core business is the diversion of waste away from landfill and the recovery of value from the waste stream.

NESG design, build, finance and operate fully enclosed waste treatment and renewable energy facilities. New Earth has established a network of facilities throughout the UK. NESG has secured numerous contracts with Local Authorities to treat non-hazardous waste arising from households and commercial businesses.

NESG acquired an existing in-vessel composting facility at Sharpness Docks in Gloucestershire in February 2009. The company has invested in the facility, upgrading plant and infrastructure to improve environmental performance. The established facility is capable of treating up to 48,000 tonnes of food and green waste per annum and producing a PAS100 compost.

NESG actively participated in the preparation of the Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy. Representations were submitted at the following stages:

- Call for sites June 2009;
- Consultation on sites November 2009;
- Site Options consultation November 2010; and
- Publication February 2011.

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I am a Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and have in excess of ten years experience gained in Local Government, consultancy and the corporate sector.

I am also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management, having attained full membership in 2009.

I submit this further written statement in my capacity as Group Planning Manager at New Earth Solutions Group Ltd.

Issue (2) Whether the statistical basis for the core strategy is robust and justifies the vision and strategic objectives.

Question 2: Paragraph 2.7

As highlighted in NESG's further written statement on Question 1, NESG is concerned about the ambiguous use of the term 'recovery'. The emerging DPD must be accessible to a non-technical audience and the inconsistent use of the term recovery in paragraphs 2.52, 3.23 and 3.25 is confusing and potentially misleading.

Question 6: Paragraph 2.14

NESG has no particular view on the Gloucestershire County Council's decision to define a strategic facility as one capable of treating 50,000 tonnes or more of residual waste. However, this might be deemed to have a material bearing upon Gloucestershire County Council's setting of the 2ha arbitrary site size threshold. Should this be the case, NESG would respectfully request that the Inspector take into consideration the points raised under NESG's further written statement on Issue 5, Question 5.

Please note that NESG supported Gloucestershire County Council's criteria for considering planning applications non-strategic facilities at the publication stage.

