

GLOUCESTERSHIRE WASTE CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

Inspector's Issue 3: Whether the Core Strategy (CS) is Consistent with National Policy

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Question 1: Green Belt

Q 3.1 - Cory considers that the CS provides appropriate guidance for site allocation and subsequent development management DPD's. The CS acknowledges the location of long term existing waste management facilities in the Green Belt and in accordance with criteria set out in PPS10 (paragraph 20), regarding co-locating facilities together, proposes the allocation of these specific sites as being suitable for strategic waste facilities.

The two sites identified under the Wingmoor Farm West allocation are both suitable for strategic waste management facilities. The Wingmoor Farm West site is located on an existing strategic waste management site, which currently provides for a variety of waste management uses. The Park site is located on an existing industrial estate, which has a history of waste management consents and is currently in use for waste management purposes.

Cory would support the CC in seeking alterations to the existing Green Belt designations within the emerging Local Development Plan Documents to reflect the strategic nature of the two Wingmoor Farm West sites.

Q 3.2 – Policy WCS10 is considered consistent with national guidance. Bullet point one in Policy WCS10 assists in defining the scope of sites within the Green Belt where the test of 'very special circumstances' are considered to apply. In consequence its inclusion is considered suitable within this policy.

The allocation of both the Wingmoor Farm West and The Park sites as strategic waste sites in Policy WCS4 is considered to be in accordance with the locational criteria set out in PPS10 and complies with the policy requirements summarised in CD10.12. However, reference within Strategic Site Schedule (Appendix 5 of CD1.1) to the possible requirement to develop demountable buildings on these sites is not considered consistent with national policy and should be deleted from the CS.

Question 2: PPS10

Q 3.3 – There are a limited number of allocated and existing waste sites in the County. Safeguarding such sites is entirely consistent with PPS10 i.e. paragraph 33.

With respect to environmental performance regard needs to be given to paragraph 27 of PPS10 which clarifies the respective roles of the planning and pollution control regimes. A number of environmental performance measures will be the responsibility of the Environment Agency and should remain separate to planning controls. Policy WCS8 as worded provides for local planning authorities and Waste Planning Authorities to consult on individual proposals. Such an approach is considered appropriate as it will enable the individual aspects of a site and / or applications to be considered on their merits.

Q 3.4 – No comment.

Question 3: Policy WCS9

Q 3.5 – No comment.

Question 4: Policy Omission

Q 3.6 – No comment.