

Response to Surrey County Council's Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan consultation

Summary

The report sets out the response to Surrey County Council's consultation on the Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan 2019. The consultation began on Monday 14th January and ends on Sunday 10th March.

The Surrey Draft Waste Plan has implications for future waste management infrastructure within Surrey Heath and for air pollution and traffic congestion associated with waste management infrastructure proximal to the Borough's Eastern border. The consultation document and annexes are available online at: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/land-planning-and-development/minerals-and-waste-policies-and-plans/waste-plan-2008/issues-and-options>

Whilst there are no sites allocated within Surrey Heath, the Plan has implications for employment sites in the Borough, as well as implications relating to air quality and traffic congestion from a site allocated in a neighbouring authority.

Portfolio: Environment & Health and Planning & People
Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 4/02/19 and 7/02/19

Wards Affected

ALL

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE that the response set out in the letter at Annex 1 of this report be agreed as the Council's formal response to Surrey County Council consultation on the Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 There are no resource implications beyond that provided for within the agreed budget for 2018/19.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Surrey County Council is consulting on the content of the spatial strategy, policies and allocated sites within the Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan. This follows on from the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultation that closed in February 2018. The content relating to Surrey Heath Borough Council includes the implications for waste related development within established employment sites and the air quality and traffic implications from an allocated site in a neighbouring authority.
- 2.2 The Council previously objected to the Surrey Waste Local Plan making provisions for the possibility to locate waste related development on established employment sites. The Regulation 19 Plan ensures through Policy 14 that proposals for waste related development on established employment sites would only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that the site could be operated without causing significant adverse impacts. It is therefore considered that the objection has been addressed by Surrey County

Council.

2.3 The Council previously raised concerns for the potential traffic congestion and air quality impacts associated with two shortlisted sites (Land at Martyrs Lane, Woking, and Land adjacent to Trumps Farm, Kitsmead Lane, Longcross). The Surrey Waste Local Plan allocates Land adjacent to Trumps Farm in Runneymede Borough Council. These concerns have been addressed by assessment work undertaken by Surrey County Council in relation to air quality and traffic congestion for allocated sites and policy requirements set out in Policy 14.

2.4 It is stated in the Surrey Waste Local Plan at Paragraph 3.10.12.1 that Surrey County Council has in place a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Surrey's 11 district and borough Council's. It is noted in the response that this has not yet been formally agreed and should therefore not be detailed as agreed in the document.

3. Options

3.1 The options for the Executive to consider are:-

(i) To **AGREE** the response on the consultation for the Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan as set out in Annex 1 of this report.

(ii) To **AGREE** the response on the consultation for the Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan as set out in Annex 1 of this report and any additional comments which the Executive may wish to make.

(iii) To **NOT AGREE** the response on the consultation for the Regulation 19 Surrey Waste Local Plan as set out in Annex 1 of this report.

4. Proposals

4.1 It is proposed to submit the consultation response attached at Annex 1 by the 10th March 2019 deadline.

5. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

5.1 The proposals may affect the Council's ability to achieve the Objective for Prosperity, with changes in policy having the potential to affect the Council's capacity to support the local economy.

6. Policy Framework

6.1 The consultation process Surrey Heath is responding to will have implications for planning applications for waste related development in the Borough.

7. Other Matters

7.1 In relation to governance, sustainability, risk management, equalities impact, human rights, community safety, consultation, PR and Marketing there are no matters arising from this consultation by Surrey County Council.

8. Consultation

8.1 The Surrey Draft Waste Plan runs between 14th January 2019 and 10th March 2019.

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| Annexes | Appendix 1 letter to Surrey County Council's Planning and Development Services |
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