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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Ref: North East Enfield – Area Action Plan (NEEAAP) Proposed Submission Draft
Response from North London Waste Authority**

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the Proposed Submission Draft North East Enfield Area Action Plan (April 2014).

The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) handles all the residual municipal waste collected by the seven north London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest, and the vast majority of their recyclable and compostable wastes. The majority of this waste is currently managed at the Edmonton EcoPark site, situated within Enfield to the south of the NEEAAP area. The EcoPark site currently includes a waste-to-energy incinerator, composting plant, ash metal and wood recycling operations and waste transfer facilities. The site is protected in the Mayor of London's spatial strategy for the capital, the London Plan, for continued waste use and the Authority intends to continue to use the site for waste management purposes into the future.

The NEEAP proposed submission document is relevant to the Authority particularly because it provides details in paragraph 2.11 of proposals for a Lee Valley Heat Network, reiterating Mayoral policy and proposals set out in the wider Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF) document which was published in July 2013. The Upper Lee Valley OAPF identifies the Edmonton EcoPark as the key source of heat for the network.

The Authority is supportive of the NEEAAP and supports the inclusion of text at paragraph 2.11 which references proposals for a Lee Valley Heat Network, specifically:

“ The OAPF identifies the Edmonton Eco Park is the preferred location as the supply hub for the Lee Valley Heat Network, where best use can be made of existing generating facilities.”

The Authority is supportive of continuing to explore the technical and commercial feasibility of connecting both the existing energy from waste facility at the Edmonton EcoPark and any future replacement facility to any new network in the area. At the present time the Authority does not suggest any additions or deletions to the text in this regard.

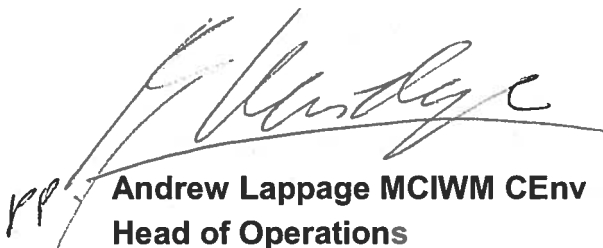
With the regeneration of the NEEAAP area the Authority suggests there is an opportunity to provide improved waste management and recycling facilities for residents and business in the locality. Whilst the NEEAAP recognises (paragraph 2.6.3) that North East Enfield has limited development opportunities for new housing, there may still be opportunities to improve the management of waste in the area as part of the redevelopment plans e.g. to ensure that improved or more visible recycling facilities are included in any redevelopment that takes place. The Authority would therefore suggest that additional wording is included at paragraph 7.3.4 which references the additional infrastructure requirements expected to be needed to support the anticipated 12% increase in Enfield’s population as a whole between 2013 and 2023 and the redevelopment of North East Enfield.

An additional bullet point could usefully be included in this paragraph to the effect that:

“the growth in Enfield’s population over forthcoming years is anticipated to result in increased demand for the handling of increasing amounts of waste being generated. Regeneration development proposals should ensure adequate infrastructure and space is incorporated to facilitate the maximum amount of waste and recycling, including food and garden wastes, in order to maximise the recycling and composting opportunities in the area. Sustainable redevelopment of the area will only be achieved if appropriate priority is given to ensuring that waste and recycling considerations are taken into account in future proposals. Existing waste management sites should also continue to be assured maximum protection in line with requirements set out in the London Plan. “

Apart of these two minor comments on the plan, the Authority has no further comments on the submission document and welcomes the further development of the NEEAAP to adoption. However, if you require clarification on either of the points raised, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully


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