

Agenda Item No:

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE:

PINKHAM WAY AND NORTH LONDON WASTE PLAN

REPORT OF:

HEAD OF WASTE STRATEGY AND CONTRACTS

FOR SUBMISSION TO:

AUTHORITY MEETING

DATE:

22nd September 2011

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report brings Members up to date on the Authority's joint planning application with LB Barnet for the development of the Pinkham Way site, and the current planning policy context.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Managing Director and/or the Planning Adviser are given delegated authority to approve written representations in relation to the remaining stages of the North London Waste Plan process, in consultation with the Chair, and to participate or approve arrangements for others to participate on the Authority's behalf in the Examination in Public.

**Signed by Head of Waste Strategy
and Contracts**

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Date: 12th September 2011

1. BACKGROUND & CURRENT STATUS

- 1.1 Members were advised of the general background to the proposed waste facility at Pinkham Way at the last Authority Meeting when it was noted that a planning application had been submitted to Haringey Council but that it had not yet been validated.
- 1.2 Further dialogue is on-going with Haringey Council in order to determine the precise next steps that are necessary in order to take the matter forwards. The full and final list of issues to be addressed for validation, and the Authority's position in relation to these, is still emerging however, so it is not yet possible to provide a clear and definitive picture. The need of the Haringey Council planning team to suddenly re-locate offices as a result of the disturbances in Tottenham has added to the timescales, but it is currently expected that validation may be possible within six to eight weeks.
- 1.3 As part of this process the application is being developed into a "hybrid" application such that parts of the development will be in outline (principally the buildings) and other parts will be in detail.
- 1.4 Members will be kept up-to-date at future Authority meetings as matters progress.

2. POLICY CONTEXT

- 2.1 The London Plan has recently been finalised, so the London-wide, regional policy context is now settled.
- 2.2 At the sub-regional level, the Pinkham Way site has been identified as suitable for waste use within the proposed submission version of the North London Waste Plan (NLWP), the development plan document for waste in north London. The NLWP is being developed by the seven borough councils in the Authority's area in their separate capacity as local planning authority for their respective areas.
- 2.3 The final round of NLWP public consultation has recently been completed; of particular note within this was the London Mayor's acceptance of the principle of the use of Pinkham Way for a waste use. The seven boroughs are now finalising the final submission version that will be submitted to the Secretary of State so that a Planning Inspector can conduct an Examination in Public to determine if the NLWP is legally compliant and 'sound'. Given that the NLWP is due to be submitted to the Secretary of State at the end of October 2011, this will mean that the Examination in Public will be held in February/March 2012, with publication of the Inspector's Report in May 2012.

- 2.4 Haringey Council has expressed concern that determining the Authority's planning application for Pinkham Way before the NLWP process is complete may lead to claims of prematurity, so the Authority has agreed to a delay in the determination of its application until after May 2012, when the Planning Inspector's report is due to be published.
- 2.5 The Authority has previously made representations to the NLWP consultations and expects to be invited to make written and oral contributions to assist the Examination in Public process and in order to present its views. This is likely to be necessary against deadlines that are not compatible with the normal Authority meeting cycle, so it is recommended that delegated authority is given for this purpose.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Managing Director and/or the Planning Adviser are given delegated authority to approve written representations in relation to the remaining stages of the North London Waste Plan process, in consultation with the Chair, and to participate or approve arrangements for others to participate on the Authority's behalf in the Examination in Public.

4. COMMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

- 4.1 The Financial Adviser has been consulted on this report and has notes that the approved budget provides for these activities. However, the budget for the Authority's planning activities will be reviewed (along with all other financial needs) within the more detailed third budget review that takes place as part of the December Authority cycle.

5. COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

- 5.1 The Legal Adviser has been consulted on this report and has no legal comments to add.

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