

Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	9th September 2022
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The County and City Councils are preparing a single joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. An initial consultation on the new Local Plan, including a 'Call for Sites' was completed in May 2020 . Underpinning the Plan is a Waste Needs Assessment which assesses the pattern of waste likely to be generated by households, commercial/industrial and construction/demolition sectors over the period to 2036, looks at available capacity and what is needed in terms of future capacity.
- 2.2 The Draft Waste Plan was approved by Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Council in January 2022. The Draft Waste Local Plan was consulted on between the 7th February and 4th April 2022 and included an online "Waste Summit" which was well attended.

3 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Officers from both Councils are analysing the representations we received on the Draft Waste Local Plan and looking at where there is a case to amend the Plan and its policies as a result. We have arranged with AECOM for additional support to help respond to technical comments made in respect of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Needs Assessment and also to update the Assessment by reference to the latest data on waste flows and also existing capacity.
- 3.2 A total of 275 representations were received on the Draft Waste Local Plan from a total of 40 respondents, including statutory bodies, members of the public, environmental groups, other Nottinghamshire Districts and Boroughs and Parish Councils.
- 3.3 In general the Draft Waste Local Plan was well received and many of the Objectives and Policies have been supported. The key issues that arose related to:
- ensuring the Waste Plan is based on the most up to date data on all waste streams

- ensuring the Waste Plan is informed by a Needs Assessment based on accurate capacity information.
- whether our recycling assumptions are realistic given historic trends and whether the Waste Plan should provide for a scenario in which they are not met
- whether our assumptions about expected landfill and recovery to land are realistic, based on the absence of capacity
- whether the forecasts of need for energy recovery facilities (incineration for heat and power) are therefore appropriate

3.4 It is hoped that a revised Plan and Waste Needs Assessment together with a Schedule of Comments and Responses will be available by the end of October.

4 Future Arrangements

4.1 A further Waste Local Plan Member Working Group will be arranged in due course to allow officers to explain the outcome of the consultation and to discuss the Final Draft of the Waste Local Plan. This will be scheduled for Autumn 2022.

4.2 Nottingham City Council are currently drafting their Municipal Waste Management Strategy which is scheduled to go out to consultation by September 2022. This strategy will need to be taken into account when finalising the Waste Local Plan.

4.3 The final Waste Local Plan will need the formal consent of both Councils before being formally published for formal representations to be made. This is expected later in 2022 or early 2023 and in Spring 2023 the Plan will be submitted for independent examination before being adopted by each Council, currently scheduled for later in 2023.

5. Other Matters

5.1 Councillors have expressed an interest in viewing a waste management facility. It proved difficult to obtain convenient dates last year. Officers will explore dates for a future visit to an energy from waste operation and a private sector recycling company.

5.2 A visit to the Amazon Fulfilment Centre at Summit Park in Ashfield District was carried out on the 20th of May 2022. This provided a fascinating insight into the operations of a large warehouse, particularly in connection with the arrangements for packaging products for despatch and the way Amazon has to balance the demands of their vendors with the company's desire to reduce packaging and become net zero in their operation. Councillors were able to question Amazon senior managers closely about how they operate and what more they might do to reduce the level of packaging which needs to be recycled

and assist the Councils in promoting recycling. The whole operation at Sutton Park which only opened in August 2020 showed how a major new employer in Nottinghamshire is managing its waste and becoming “net zero” in its operation. We learnt a great deal and were able to suggest ways in which Amazon might promote better recycling. The company representatives offered further liaison as needed.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Joint Committee note the progress on the production of the Waste Local Plan.
- 5.2 That a joint letter be sent to Amazon on behalf of both Councils to thank them for the visit and set out ways in which Amazon as a leading online retailer might assist waste authorities by reducing the level of packaging used in their shipments and encourage customers to recycle all packaging received.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 6.1 None.

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