

22. Natural Resources

NR1 – Waste

NR1.1 The Council will support sustainable waste management and ensure that Trafford makes an appropriate contribution towards meeting Greater Manchester’s waste management needs.

NR1.2 The Council will support waste management development on the sites, and within the areas, identified through the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document (April 2012) subject to proposals complying with criteria within the Plan.

NR1.3 All developers of new waste management facilities will be required to demonstrate the proposal’s consistency with the principles of the waste hierarchy (prevention, preparing for reuse, recycling, other recovery, and disposing only as a last resort).

NR1.4 In determining planning applications for waste management, the Council will have full regard to the environmental, social and economic impacts of development proposals, including the scope for securing long-term benefits in improving the environment, the regeneration of areas in need of investment, co-location with other employment uses and the sustainable transport of waste by modes such as rail and the Manchester Ship Canal.

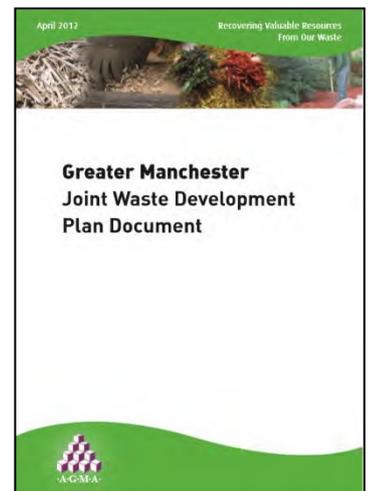
Justification

Greater Manchester as a whole produces a range of waste types which require management using a variety of modern facilities. Waste management needs to move forward from our current dependence on disposal by landfill to reduction, reuse and recycling. Waste management facilities have a range of environmental, social and economic impacts which need to be taken fully into account in the planning decision-making process.

The ten local authorities in Greater Manchester produced a Joint Waste Plan for Greater Manchester in order to enable the most potential for efficient and effective working on detailed waste planning matters.

The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Plan was adopted in April 2012 and is part of the statutory development plan for Trafford. The Plan includes a set of policies which assist in the consideration of waste planning applications and identifies suitable locations for potential new waste management facilities.

Annual monitoring of waste facility and capacity and changes in likely future needs will inform whether and when an update of the Waste Plan is required, including as a result of the growth in development set out in the Local Plan and any sub-regional plan.



NR2 – Minerals

NR2.1 The Council will ensure the sustainable management of mineral resources and make an appropriate contribution towards assisting Greater Manchester to meet its contribution to the regional apportionment for land-won aggregate and the maintenance of an appropriate land bank.

NR2.2 The Council will support minerals extraction, storage, recycling, processing and transfer on the sites, and within the areas, identified through the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (April 2013) subject to proposals complying with criteria within the Plan.

NR2.3 In determining planning applications for minerals development, the Council will have full regard to the environmental, social and economic impacts of development proposals, including the scope for the sustainable transport of minerals by modes such as rail and the Manchester Ship Canal, and the need, where necessary, to ensure the effective restoration and aftercare of sites.

NR2.4 In determining planning applications for all new development, the Council will have full regard to Mineral Safeguarding Areas and Areas of Search as identified through the Minerals Plan to protect mineral resources from needless sterilisation.

Justification

The extraction, storage, recycling, processing and transfer of minerals is an important activity providing materials for the power, construction and manufacturing industries and creating jobs. Minerals development also has a range of environmental, social and economic impacts which need to be taken fully into account in the planning decision-making process.

The ten local authorities in Greater Manchester produced a Joint Minerals Plan for Greater Manchester in order to enable the most potential for efficient and effective working on detailed minerals planning matters.

The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan was adopted in April 2013 and is part of the statutory development plan for Trafford. The Plan includes a set of policies which assist in the consideration of minerals planning applications, safeguards minerals resources which are likely to be required in the future and identifies areas within which new or expanded minerals extraction is likely to be suitable.

Annual monitoring of minerals extraction and changes in likely future needs will inform whether and when an update of the Minerals Plan is required, including as a result of the growth in development set out in the Local Plan and any sub-regional plan.

Q21. Do you agree with the draft Natural Resources policies NR1 and NR2? If not, please explain why (providing supporting evidence where appropriate).