

BRADFORD WASTE MANAGEMENT DPD - EXAMINATION
MATTER 7: DELIVERY & MONITORING

Key issue:

Does the Waste Management DPD provide a comprehensive, effective and sound framework for delivering and monitoring the implementation of the Plan, including the baseline information, indicators and targets?

7.1 Delivery & Monitoring

- a. **Does the DPD provide sufficient information about the delivery mechanisms, phasing and timescales for implementing the Plan's policies and proposals, including the critical elements of infrastructure required and any further technical work needed on highways, drainage, utilities and other critical infrastructure improvements?**

Council Response

The Council are of the opinion the Waste Management DPD provides sufficient information about the delivery mechanisms, phasing and timescales for implementing the Plan's policies and proposals. Each site allocation statement for the proposed allocated waste management sites includes detail infrastructure requirements tailored to each location, including (where applicable) transport, drainage and utilities. The site allocation statements also make clear where further work may be required to make certain there is sufficient mitigation is in place to ensure any detrimental impacts of any waste management development are minimised. The Council consider the level of detail given within the proposal statements gives a clear indication to an applicant what supporting information will need to accompany any planning application. In doing so, this should allow the planning application process to run efficiently and allow the implementation of the plan and the effective delivery of waste management facilities.

The Waste Management DPD also encourages the early engagement with the Council by any applicant with interest in developing waste management facilities within the Bradford District. The Council run a comprehensive major pre-application process in which discussions are held with various Council officers covering potential issues relating to a proposed waste management facility including (but not exclusively) highways, environmental health, heritage, landscape etc. Results of such discussions are given in a written format, along with guidance on the appropriate policies to address, allowing the applicant to gather sufficient information to submit an application to allow the planning application process to run efficiently.

The Waste Management DPD (Section 6) also makes clear applicants are encouraged to engage with the Council at the earliest opportunity to ensure any issues relating to the development of the site can be identified and resolved promptly and efficiently.

- b. **How will Bradford MDC monitor and report on the take-up of allocated sites, existing stock and changes in the waste management facilities (including capacity), waste arisings and the amounts of waste recycled, recovered or going for disposal?**

Council Response

The Council's monitoring sets out how the Council will report (via the Annual Monitoring Report) the take-up of allocated sites. The Council will monitor planning applications on allocated sites and report what sites have been taken up, including proposed capacity increases as a result of any successful application and actual capacity increases as a result of the delivery of the approved facility. The monitoring framework set out in the Waste Management DPD also states how the Council will report on the proportion of waste arising that is being recycled, reused, recovered, composted and landfilled. The data collected as part of the monitoring framework shall be presented in the Annual Monitoring Report. The data collected shall be subject to further analysis in regular updates to the Waste Needs Assessment, Capacity Gap Analysis and Site/Facility Requirements Study. The Council's commitment to keeping an up to date 'Needs Assessment will ensure information on waste management capacity within Bradford District is readily available and will inform any reviews or updates necessary to the Waste Management DPD. This monitoring and Needs Assessment may be undertaken at some point in the future in formal conjunction with the five WY authorities, co-ordinated by the WYCA/LCR, as continued joint working (including updating of evidence) of the five West Yorkshire Authorities on Minerals and Waste matters has recently been agreed by the 5 WY Heads of Planning at a WYCA/LCR meeting in July 2016.

- c. **Do the policies in the Plan include sufficient flexibility and contingencies to take account of unexpected changes in circumstances, indicate when the plan will need to be reviewed, and identify the remedial actions to be taken if policies are not being successfully implemented?**

Council Response

The Council is of the opinion the policies contained within the plan contain flexibility and contingencies to take account of unexpected changes in circumstances. For example Policy W2 sets out how the plan allows flexibility, contingency and choice by providing additional capacity for LACW and C&I waste over and above that forecast. The total number of hectares of the sites set out in the Waste Management DPD (17.62ha) is greater than the maximum land take required under the capacity gap forecasts. A surplus land take requirement, as put forward in the Waste Management DPD, is advised for the following reasons:

- Providing a choice and mix of potential waste management sites across the District is important to support waste hierarchy objectives;
- It ensures flexibility of the Plan respond to future circumstances and changing approaches to waste management including technological advancement;
- An appropriate mix of sites will help accommodate different waste streams allowing waste operators flexibility to develop the necessary waste management facilities the District needs.

The sequential approach put forward in policies covering other waste streams including CDEW, Agricultural Waste, Hazardous and Residual Waste for Final Disposal also demonstrates flexibility within the plan. Should need be identified, the Policies allow sufficient flexibility to allow for a number of different locations to considered in the sequential approach. The Council are of the opinion the flexibility within the policy allows for a number of contingencies to take account of changes in circumstances.

The Council is aware not all proposed waste management sites may come forward for development and other unidentified sites may be proposed for the development of waste management facilities. The Waste Management DPD contains sufficient flexibility and contingencies to allow for these changes in circumstances. Policy WDM1 allows for unallocated sites to come forward for the development of waste management facilities, should the applicant fulfil the criteria set out in the policy. The Council is aware that development of allocated sites for development other than waste management facilities is also a possibility. Policy WDM4 of the Waste Management DPD puts forward a contingency to take account of changes in circumstances.

It should also be noted the proposed site allocations for waste management facilities are not restricted to a specific technology / management type. This allows a range of waste management uses to be developed on the proposed sites, demonstrating a flexible approach in the delivery of allocated sites in allowing for contingencies.

The Waste Management DPD makes clear the performance will be reported through the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), with the results used, alongside monitoring of any changes to national policy and waste technology improvements, to review the Waste Management DPD policies and update these accordingly over the Plan's lifetime.