

3.4 **Conclusions**

- 3.4.1 The Inspector's Report on the Waste Local Plan is broadly supportive of the Plan. Each recommendation in the report will be considered and reported to Members of both Councils. The Councils' response to the Report and Proposed Modification to the WLP will subsequently be published for public consultation in 2005.

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of municipal waste. Addition of a minimum 75% recovery target for commercial and industrial waste.

2. Policy WLP 8: Site-specific allocations for material recovery facilities/waste transfer facilities

- Hangleton Bottom, Hove
- Hollingdean Depot/ Abattoir, Brighton
- Bellbrook Industrial Estate, Uckfield
- Land at Tutts Barn, Eastbourne

The Inspector recommended that these sites be retained in the Plan.

3. Policy WLP 9: Site specific allocations for energy from waste facilities

- North Quay, Newhaven

The Inspector recommended that this site be retained in the Plan.

- Mountfield Mine, Robertsbridge

The Inspector recommended that this site be deleted from the Plan.

4. Policy WLP 9/1: Reserve site-specific allocations for a materials recovery facility/waste transfer station for the eastern area (Pebsham)

The Inspector recommended that this site be retained and, in view of his recommendation regarding Mountfield, should form a substantive allocation for a materials recovery facility/waste transfer station under policy WLP8. In addition the Inspector recommends the proposed uses for this site be broadened out to include composting, mechanical biological treatment, anaerobic digestion and thermal treatment. The Inspector does not recommend that the site be used for a conventional incinerator.

5. Policy WLP 10: Site specific allocations for waste disposal to land

- Beddingham Landfill site

The Inspector recommended that the extension to non-inert land disposal on this site proposed in the Plan be retained.

- Ashdown Brickworks, Bexhill

The Inspector recommended that this site be retained in the Plan.

The Inspector was concerned that the Plan does not identify sites for inert land disposal, and suggested that this policy should safeguard specific sites for this use, pending a review of their suitability.

6. Policy WLP19: Energy from Waste Facilities

The Inspector accepted the overall principle in the Plan of recovering energy from waste (including incineration), subject to certain caveats.

7. Policy WLP21: Landraising – Non-Inert Waste

The Inspector accepted the principle of disposing of non-inert waste (eg. household waste) by landraising. He recommends amending the policy to prefer the use of mineral working areas or existing land disposal sites or other suitable previously developed land. Landraising on greenfield sites will only be acceptable if all other sites have been investigated and eliminated.

8. Policy WLP30: Waste Water and Sewage Sludge

The Inspector accepted WLP30, with some minor modifications, and added another policy identifying a broad area of search for a new Waste Water Treatment Works for Brighton & Hove/ Peacehaven (defined by the Plan boundary to the west, the Downs east of the River Ouse to the east, the A27 to the north and the sea to the south).

General comment about allocation of sites

While he does not formally recommend it, the Inspector feels that a wider range of sites ought to be identified in the Plan. He leaves it to the Councils to consider when it would be most appropriate to do this but advises that this should be done no later than at the first review of the Plan.

Appendix Two

Inspector's Conclusions Regarding Sites Referred to by Onyx in the Joint Integrated Waste Management Services Contract

Onyx's Preferred Location	Contract Facility Description	Inspector's Conclusions
North Quay, Newhaven	Mass burn, conventional, proven incineration system	This site should be retained in the Plan for waste management uses including incineration.
Hollingdean, Brighton	Materials separation, sorting and bulking facility for dry recyclable materials (predominantly paper, cans, plastics, card and glass).	This site should be retained in the Plan for waste management uses, waste transfer and materials recycling.
Golden Cross, Hailsham	Enclosed composting facility	This site was not put forward in the Plan nor was it proposed by objectors, therefore the site was not considered by the Inspector.
Maresfield Camp, Maresfield	Enclosed transfer facility including new Household Waste Recycling Site.	This site was not put forward in the Plan but was put forward by objectors and therefore considered by the Inspector. His conclusions on this site are that, subject to existing planning approvals not precluding its use, the site should be safeguarded for waste uses including materials recycling, composting, mechanical biological treatment, anaerobic digestion and thermal treatment,
Hollingdean, Brighton	Enclosed transfer facility.	This site should be retained in the Plan for waste management uses including waste transfer and materials recycling.
RDF Site, Pebsham	Enclosed transfer facility including new Household Waste Recycling Site.	This site should be formally allocated in the Plan for waste management uses including waste transfer and materials recycling.
North Quay Newhaven	Capacity and type of facility to be determined. Temporary waste transfer when landfill at Beddingham is closed.	This site should be retained in the Plan for waste management uses including waste transfer and materials recycling, composting, mechanical-biological treatment, anaerobic digestion and thermal treatment.
RDF Site, Pebsham	There is flexibility for location, capacity and type of facility. The reference facility is a proven, anaerobic digestion technology.	This site should be formally allocated in the Plan for waste management uses including materials recycling, composting, mechanical-biological treatment, anaerobic digestion and thermal treatment.

Appendix Four

Waste Local Plan Timetable

Members of the County Council and City Council consider response to the Inspector's Report at meetings of Full Council.				December/January 2004	
Councils' response to the Plan published for statutory six-week period of consultation. (Sets out which recommendations are accepted and which rejected.)				Spring 2005	
Comments received during consultation published for inspection				August 2005	
Members of the County Council and City Council to consider comments on consultation and decide to adopt Plan or make further modifications or hold a second Public Inquiry.				October 2005	
1. Plan adopted		2. Further modifications		3. Public Inquiry	
Publish notice to adopt	Nov 2005	Modifications published for consultation	Nov 2005	Pre – Inquiry meeting	March 2006
Plan adopted	Dec 2005	Consultation comments published	Jan 2006	Inquiry	June 2006
		Members consider comments and decide to adopt	March 2006	Inspector's Report received	Dec 2006
		Plan adopted	April 2006	Response to report published	March 2007
				Plan adopted ?	Sept 2007