

WAS 01

Landscape. Concur with NCC assessment that development of this site is likely to have a negative effect on the area. The proposed site is on the top and side of a hill. The proposed processes are industrial and involve large buildings, some with tall chimney stacks. This location is recognised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) as being “tranquil”. The proposed processes are completely inappropriate and would have a hugely detrimental effect on the landscape and would be industrialisation of the countryside.

Highways/Transport. Concur with NCC assessment that development of this site is likely to have a negative effect on the area. All the proposed processes would involve an increase in large and heavy goods vehicles. Issue 17 “Road Safety and Casualty Reduction” highlights the need to avoid waste development adversely impacting on road safety. This site is immediately adjacent to the Sustrans National Cycle Route 13 with the access road following the same route for a short distance. Increasing HGV traffic must increase the danger to cyclists.

Ecology. Concur with NCC assessment that development of this site is likely to have a negative effect on the area. Preferred Option CS7 “Local Nature Conservation Designations and Protection and endorsement of Habitats and Species in Non-Designated Areas” states that minerals and waste development will not be permitted in or near sites of local importance such as County Wildlife Sites. The proposed sites are on the side of a hill within 250m of County Wildlife site 2137 which contains the River Blackwater which feeds into the River Wensum which has SAC/SSSI status. Many of the processes have the potential to cause pollution to these important areas.

Amenity. Concur with NCC assessment that development of this site is likely to have a negative effect on the area. The immediate area around this proposed site is recognised by the CPRE as being “tranquil”. All of the proposed processes are industrial. In particular the processing of recyclables and mixed waste processing are recognised as “bad neighbour” activities due to the impact of the noise, dust, litter etc. Increased traffic in the local area would also have a detrimental effect on the ability of local people to enjoy walking, horse riding and cycling in the immediate vicinity as there are no pavements along the roadsides. Cyclists using the Sustrans Route 13 which runs alongside the proposed site would also be adversely affected.

Location. Concur with NCC assessment that development of this site is likely to have a negative effect on the area. According to Preferred Option CS2 “Spatial Distribution of Development” the processes proposed for this site are considered to be “strategic”. Such strategic processes should only be located within 10 miles of the settlements of Norwich, Kings Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Thetford. As this site is well beyond 10 miles from the major settlements it should not be considered for these activities and should be removed from the next round of consultation.

Cumulative Impact. Concur with NCC assessment that development of this site is likely to have a negative effect on the area. Planning Policy Statement 10 requires the planning authority to consider “the cumulative effects of previous waste disposal facilities on the well-being of the local community”. The site proposed as WAS 83 is a recently closed landfill site that was endured by the community for over 40 years. As a result of the impact of that landfill no sites within this parish should be considered as suitable for any waste processing.

SA13 To encourage employment opportunities and promote economic growth. The parish of Beetley has 10 businesses employing between them in excess of 100 people. East Bilney Coachworks and East Bilney Garage are both likely to be affected by dust and any other particles released into the air by industrial processes. The care home residents are vulnerable people who are obviously particularly susceptible to any air pollution which could cause breathing difficulties. They would also be affected by noise and vibration. Any detrimental effect on these businesses could affect their viability and therefore have a direct affect on employment opportunities. It is likely that overall outcome would be job losses if this site were to be developed for waste processes. The assessment at SA13 should be registered as negative.

WAS 83

Landscape. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. It is on the top and side of a hill. The proposed processes are industrial and involve large buildings, some with tall chimney stacks. This location is recognised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) as being “tranquil”. The proposed processes are completely inappropriate and would have a hugely detrimental effect on the landscape.

Highways/Transport. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. All the proposed processes would involve an increase in large and heavy goods vehicles. Issue 17 “Road Safety and Casualty Reduction” highlights the need to avoid waste development adversely impacting on road safety. This site is immediately adjacent to the Sustrans National Cycle Route 13 with the access road following the same route for a short distance. Increasing HGV traffic must increase the danger to cyclists.

Ecology. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. Preferred Option CS7 “Local Nature Conservation Designations and Protection and endorsement of Habitats and Species in Non-Designated Areas” states that minerals and waste development will not be permitted in or near sites of local importance such as County Wildlife Sites. The proposed site is on the side of a hill within 250m of County Wildlife site 2137 which contains the River Blackwater which feeds into the River Wensum which has SAC/SSSI status. Many of the processes have the potential to cause pollution to these important areas.

Amenity. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. The immediate area around these proposed sites are recognised by the CPRE as being “tranquil”. All of the proposed processes are industrial. In particular the processing of recyclables and mixed waste processing are recognised as “bad neighbour” activities due to the impact of the noise, dust, litter etc. Increased traffic in the local area would also have a detrimental effect on the ability of local people to enjoy walking in the immediate vicinity as there are no pavements along the roadsides. Cyclists using the Sustrans Route 13 which runs alongside both proposed sites would also be adversely affected.

Location. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. According to Preferred Option CS2 “Spatial Distribution of Development” the processes proposed for this site are considered to be “strategic”. Such strategic processes should only be located within 10 miles of the settlements of Norwich, Kings Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Thetford. As this site is well beyond 10 miles from the major settlements it should not be considered for these activities and should be removed from the next round of consultation.

Cumulative Impact. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. Planning Policy Statement 10 requires the planning authority to consider “the cumulative effects of previous waste disposal facilities on the well-being of the local community”. The many years of operation of a landfill site within this parish means this site should not be considered for further waste processing.

Other factors Endorse NCC assessment of this site as not acceptable. Due to the fact that it has been a landfill site WAS83 is still emitting methane gas and the structure of the surface is unstable. Due to the amount of methane within the site it will not be possible to develop it in any way during the life of this framework. It should therefore not be considered for any waste activity and should be removed from the next round of the consultation.

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WAS87

Landscape. Disagree with NCC assessment. This site is unacceptable. The proposed site is on the side of a gently sloping hill. The proposed process is industrial and will involve noise, dust and vibration. This location is recognised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) as being “tranquil”. The proposed process is completely inappropriate and would have a hugely detrimental effect on the landscape which the council recognises has some good internal features which are rare in this part of Norfolk.

Highways/Transport. Disagree with NCC assessment. This site is unacceptable. The proposed process would involve an increase in large and heavy goods vehicles. Issue 17 “Road Safety and Casualty Reduction” highlights the need to avoid waste development adversely impacting on road safety. This site is immediately adjacent to the Sustrans National Cycle Route 13 with the access road following the same route for approx 400m. Increasing HGV traffic must increase the danger to cyclists. Small businesses and private customers will be purchasing the recycled aggregate. There will be no restrictions on their chosen routes resulting in an increase in traffic on the surrounding roads and through the villages.

Ecology. Disagree with NCC assessment. This site is unacceptable. Preferred Option CS7 “Local Nature Conservation Designations and Protection and endorsement of Habitats and Species in Non-Designated Areas” states that minerals and waste development will not be permitted in or near sites of local importance such as County Wildlife Sites. This proposed site is close to County Wildlife site 2068.

Amenity. Disagree with NCC assessment. This site is unacceptable. The immediate area around this proposed site is recognised by the CPRE as being “tranquil”. The proposed process is industrial. It will create noise, dust and vibration. The increase in traffic will affect users of Sustrans Route 13. The roads in this area are within easy walking distance of Gressenhall and are used by many walkers, cyclists and horse riders. This road is used by local people visiting the Post Office and shop. Their ability to enjoy walking, cycling and riding in the countryside will be diminished.

Location. Disagree with NCC assessment. This site is unacceptable. This is a totally inappropriate use of a site which will have been used for mineral extraction and should then have been restored to agricultural use.

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Overall Conclusion. Disagree with NCC assessment. We are concerned that the overall assessment of this site looks too positively towards potential mitigation/enhancement that may not be delivered.