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Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON THE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ENGLAND: LETTER TO STATUTORY CONSULTATION BODIES AND PUBLIC CONSULTTEES

I am writing to invite views on a revised Waste Management Plan for England ('the Plan'). Under the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 the government is required to review the Plan every 6 years.

Background

The content of the Plan is determined by the requirements of Schedule 1 to the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011¹. The Plan is a compilation of existing waste management information and policies. It reflects the policies included in the government's Resources and Waste Strategy, published in 2018.

The Plan is complemented by the National Planning Policy for Waste from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government which sets out considerations relating to the location of waste infrastructure.

The Plan and the National Planning Policy for Waste will be used by local planning authorities. They must have regard to these documents when deciding waste planning applications under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. They must also have regard to the Plan when producing waste local plans that establish how they will manage waste within their areas.

Why we are consulting

The Plan does not introduce new waste management measures. This consultation seeks views on whether the Plan – when combined with waste planning policy – will fulfil the

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2011/988/schedule/1/made>



obligations of the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 as far as England is concerned, and allows consultees to comment on the proposed Plan.

The Plan is supported by an Environmental Report produced as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Report includes a non-technical summary of the report. The non-technical summary and the Environmental Report form part of this consultation.

We estimate that – because there are no new policies in the Plan – there are no additional burdens arising from the Plan itself. There are of course costs and benefits associated with the policies referred to in the Plan, which have been or will be assessed separately.

The Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as well as Gibraltar are responsible for producing their own waste management plans. Together with the Plan for England, these will provide waste management plans which cover the UK.

The following documents may be found alongside the consultation on Citizen Space:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-management-plan-for-england>

- Waste Management Plan for England
- Environmental Report, including non-technical summary, and Technical Appendix.

We welcome your views and comments.

If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact the Residual Waste Team by email to wmpeconsultation@defra.gov.uk or by writing to the:

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Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space - <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-management-plan-for-england> (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).

The consultation will run over an 8 week period. Responses should be received by 15th October 2020.

Confidentiality and data protection

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office “Consultation Principles” and be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Yours faithfully

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