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Dear Consultee

RE: Waste Management Plan for England

This letter seeks your views on a draft Waste Management Plan for England.

The revised Waste Framework Directive 2008 (Directive 2008/98/EC) requires Member States to produce one or more waste management plans which cover, alone or in combination, the geographical territory of the Member State concerned.

This consultation is on a Waste Management Plan for England. The content of the Plan is determined by the requirements of Article 28 of the Directive (which are attached to this letter). The Plan is a compilation of existing waste management information and policies. In particular, it reflects the conclusions of the Government Review of Waste Policy in 2011 and developments since the Review was published.

The Plan is complemented by the updated waste planning policy from the Department for Communities and Local Government [Planning for Sustainable Waste Management] which sets out considerations relating to the location of waste infrastructure.

The Plan does not introduce new waste management measures. The purpose of this consultation, therefore, is to seek views on whether the Plan – when combined with the updated waste planning policy – will fulfil the obligations of Article 28 of the revised Waste Framework Directive as far as England is concerned.

The Plan and the updated waste planning policy will be used by planning authorities who must have regard to these documents when deciding waste planning applications under the Town and Country Planning Act 2004. Local waste authorities must also have regard



to the plan when producing local waste plans that establish how they will manage waste within their areas.

The Plan is supported by an Environmental Report produced as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment. 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 costs and benefits arising from the Plan itself (though there are of course costs and benefits associated with the policies referred to in the Plan).

The devolved administrations and Gibraltar are producing their own waste management plans which together with the Plan for England are needed to meet the requirements of the Directive.

We should be grateful for your views on the following questions:-

Question 1: Will the Waste Management Plan for England – when combined with the location specific guidance in the updated waste planning policy- meet the requirements of article 28 of the revised Waste Framework Directive? If not, what else is, in your view, needed?

Question 2: Do you agree with the conclusions of the Environmental Report? If not, please provide appropriate evidence to support your view.

Question 3: Do you agree that there are likely to be no additional burdens for businesses, consumers and local authorities from adoption of the Plan? If not, please provide appropriate evidence to support your view.

The following documents relating to this consultation can be found on Defra's website at: www.gov.uk/defra

- a copy of this letter
- the Waste Management Plan for England document
- An Environmental Report on the Plan
- a list of those organisations/individuals invited to comment (comments are also welcome from any others who may inadvertently been omitted from the list)

Please let us know if you feel there are others who should be offered the opportunity to comment.

This consultation is in line with the Code of Practice on Consultations. This can be found at www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance

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We will summarise all responses and notify you when this is available.

The consultation closes on the **Friday 9th August 2013** and we would welcome responses to this consultation which should be sent to: wasteplanning@zeus.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Revised Waste Framework Directive: Requirements of Waste Management Plans

(1) Mandatory Requirements

- (a) the type, quantity and source of waste generated within the territory, the waste likely to be shipped from or to the national territory, and an evaluation of the development of waste streams in the future;
- (b) existing waste collection schemes and major disposal and recovery installations, including any special arrangements for waste oils, hazardous waste or waste streams addressed by specific Community legislation;
- (c) an assessment of the need for new collection schemes, the closure of existing waste installations, additional waste installation infrastructure in accordance with Article 16, and, if necessary, the investments related thereto;
- (d) sufficient information on the location criteria for site identification and on the capacity of future disposal or major recovery installations, if necessary;
- (e) general waste management policies, including planned waste management technologies and methods, or policies for waste posing specific management problems.