

DRAFT WEST LONDON WASTE PLAN

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HEADLINES

This report describes the West London Waste Plan, which was approved by Cabinet for public consultation in line with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Residents' Services Select Committee

- 1. Notes the contents of the draft report and appendices; and**
- 2. Reviews the draft West London Waste Plan and comments on any matters it would like considered as this Plan is sent for further Cabinet consideration in June.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

It is a statutory requirement for each area to have a 'waste local plan' that sets out how and where waste expected to be produced within the area is to be managed. Policies in waste local plans are used by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) alongside policies contained in other development plan documents, to determine applications for planning permission relating to waste management development.

The West London Waste Plan (WLWP) is a strategic plan that plans for waste management sites in the West London Boroughs (Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Richmond upon Thames, and the Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation).

Key elements of the WLWP include:

- the amount of waste to be managed in West London over the plan period (waste arisings);
- an updated list of safeguarded waste sites across West London with sufficient waste management capacity to manage expected waste arisings; and
- updated policies against which planning applications for waste-related development will be

determined.

The WLWP is part of the Council's development plan and, therefore a policy framework document. The current plan was adopted in 2015 and is considered in many respects to be out-of-date in the context of national and regional planning policy and therefore needs to be replaced. The West London Boroughs with the West London Alliance have commissioned BPA consultants to prepare the new WLWP. Once adopted the updated WLWP will replace the 2015 West London Waste Plan taking account of changes in policy and taking the planning horizon forward for another 15 years.

Work is underway on the new WLWP. The first consultation relating to the updated West London Waste Plan (known formally as the 'Regulation 18 Draft Updated West London Waste Plan') recently completed. The consultation ran from Thursday 11 December 2025 to Thursday 5 February 2026.

Safeguarded sites

A total of 23 sites in the London Borough of Hillingdon is proposed to be safeguarded. These sites are listed in the Draft WLWP (Appendix 2) and maps of the sites are provided in Appendix 3. This is a decrease on the existing number of safeguarded sites in Hillingdon (25) and no new site allocations are proposed.

Next steps

The full timetable is set out in the cabinet report (Appendix 1). The proposed submission version of the WLWP is set for consultation in mid-2026 and examination expected for early to mid-2027.

RESIDENT BENEFIT

Managing waste is a key part of a well-functioning modern society. If waste is not handled in the right facilities or locations, it can harm both the environment and local communities. The WLWP is the key strategic planning tool to manage waste in the Borough.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of the consultation arising from approving the Regulation 18 Consultation are estimated to not exceed £3k and would be funded from the existing Planning Policy Service revenue budget. The costs for the West London Waste Plan have been agreed and are £30k per borough per year over the five-year period 2023/24 to 2027/28, which is met from the Strategic Planning Earmarked Reserve and is reflected within the budget monitoring position.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The legal implications are set out in full in Appendix 1 to this report, the Cabinet report for approval to consult on the regulation 18 West London Waste Plan. The Council will be conducting the consultation in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

APPENDICES

[Appendix 1: Cabinet Report – West London Waste Plan Regulation 18 Consultation](#)

[Appendix 2: West London Waste Plan Regulation 18 Draft](#)

[Appendix 3: Maps of safeguarded waste sites](#)