

## **SG Safeguarding 8: Areas of search for waste facilities**

### **A. We will approve a waste management facility, subject to other policies, if:**

- 1) it conforms to the National Waste Management Plan and to other area and local waste plans and strategies; AND**
- 2) it meets a clearly established need for the development to serve local and / or regional requirements for the management and disposal of waste; AND**
- 3) it is located in an area of search identified for these purposes, or otherwise minimises transport of waste from its source; AND**
- 4) it is the “best practicable environmental option” for the waste stream; AND**
- 5) It will not compromise public health or safety; AND**
- 6) it will not result in unacceptable adverse cumulative impacts, if the development would increase to three or more the number of landfill or mineral developments within 5km of a settlement; AND**
- 7) the applicant has submitted:-**
  - (i) sufficient information with the application to enable a full assessment to be made of the likely effects of the development, together with proposals for appropriate control, mitigation and monitoring; AND**
  - (ii) a design statement in support of the application, where the development would have more than a local landscape or visual impact; AND**
  - (iii) details of land restoration, after-care and after-use proposals (including the submission of bonds), where required.**

### **B. We will not approve any inappropriate neighbouring developments that may compromise waste-handling operations at an existing waste management site.**

### **Reasoned Justification**

The purpose of this supplementary guidance is to ensure that waste management facilities are directed to appropriate locations and governed by controls that protect public safety and amenity. Policy on waste is governed by European Directives and national and regional policies, targets and standards set out in the National Waste Strategy, National Waste Plan and Area Waste Plan.

Broad areas of search will be identified after the production of supplementary Guidance on waste management facilities that are regionally significant by the Strategic Development Plan Authority.

It is expected that waste management facilities will normally be sited on an existing or planned supply of industrial land. The most appropriate locations would be on Class 5 “general industrial” land, where additional protection can be provided by Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) and through more stringent controls over noise, vibration and hazardous substances. In the case of waste transfer stations and materials recycling facilities, the most appropriate locations would be on Class 6 “storage or distribution” land (where the distinction from Class 5 is on the basis of a higher level of lorry and van movements). Other types of site, such as brownfield land, would each be treated on their merits.