

**MINUTES of a meeting of the WASTE PLANNING PANEL on
Friday, 6 February 2004**

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Panel: S Batson, M Green, S Mills, S Pile,
S Quilty (Chairman)
Additional Member: D Clayton
Officers: S Davidson, J Reeve, C Foxwell
Administrator: Joyce Brooks

MINUTES

1. **Apologies** – there were none.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December were agreed as a true record.**
3. **Matters Arising** - The site visit to Norwich will be rescheduled as soon as their system is up and running.

4. **Presentation by Shanks**

A presentation was given by Daryl Hill and Phillip Cozens of Shanks on an innovative way of treating municipal solid waste through an intelligent transfer station designed in Italy by Sistema Ecodeco.

A copy of the presentation will be circulated to Members of the Panel when available.

[At this point, Cllr Quilty had to leave to attend another meeting and the Panel continued under the Chairmanship of Cllr Pile.]

5. **Feedback from Officer Meeting**

The Panel was advised that this meeting had been cancelled due to the recent snow and would be re-arranged in March.

6. **Changes to the Planning System – Implications for the Waste Local Plan Review**

This paper updated the Panel on the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill due to be enacted in June/July 2004 and its impact on the timescale in taking the review of the Waste Local Plan forward.

Guidance from Go-East advises that any consultation on Key Issues and Options carried out prior to the Bill being enacted could not be considered as part of the process for preparing Local Development Documents. Any consultation would therefore have to be redone following Royal Assent of the Bill. Go-East therefore recommends that

work on Issues and Options, the site selection process, Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Schemes is progressed but with the consultation put on hold until the Bill is enacted. There is a lot of work that can be done in the intervening period, and once clear guidance is issued, we can move towards the first deposit draft of the Plan. The report was noted.

7. Draft Issues and Options Paper

This paper set out, for the Panel's consideration, the approach Land Use Consultants are taking to appraise Issues and Options in the adopted Waste Local Plan as part of their work on the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal of the Waste Local Plan Review.

As part of the scoping exercise, the Consultants are looking at the existing Plan to see if there are any gaps, and consider the issues and options that need to be taken into account. This includes evaluating the issues and scope of new technologies.

Once the Bill has been enacted, the Issues and Options paper will be completed and put out to consultation.

The Panel agreed the approach set out in the paper.

8. Site Selection Methodology

This paper informed the Panel of the development of a site selection methodology for identifying possible Areas of Search for sites for permanent facilities for the re-use, recovery, transfer and recycling of waste.

The Adopted Plan used a set of criteria to select sites and, if the sites met the criteria, they were included in the Plan as an Area of Search and listed under Waste Policy 12. The same criteria are included in Policy 13 to evaluate proposals that come forward outside the areas of search.

Many of the sites identified have not come forward. A survey has now been commissioned to establish which sites are still available and could be used for waste management purposes.

Work on Identification of sites for waste management facilities will be carried out jointly with districts and boroughs. It was also noted that developing the methodology will be an iterative process as a number of the draft Issues and Options will impact on the site selection process (e.g. use of brownfield sites, number and size of sites)

The Panel endorsed the approach taken for identification of sites, including the five recommendations set out in the paper, together with the additional recommendation for consulting with the industry.

9. **A.O.B.**

There was none.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 21 April at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room A.