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Response to East London Joint Waste Plan Regulation 19 Consultation

Dear Development Planning Team at the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, and Redbridge,

The West London Waste Planning Authorities (WLWPA): Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon Hounslow, Richmond and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC), adopted the current waste plan in 2015 and the West London Alliance (WLA) is now project managing the development of a new WLWP. This is a joint Officer response on behalf of the WLWP authorities.

The authorities have begun to undertake an initial capacity assessment for our waste plan area and are in the process of refining these calculations with input from Officers, the West London Waste Authority and Operators. Within the West London Plan area there are a number of competing land uses, and therefore the WLWPA recognise the need to identify appropriate waste sites for safeguarding and to optimise these to allow for the waste area's responsibilities to be delivered for current and future emerging waste streams. Work is also ongoing towards consultation on a draft WLWP (Regulation 18) and we are on a time critical path, aiming to meet the December 2026 deadline to submit local plans under the current planning system.

We are conscious that a new London Plan is being developed which will have updated apportionment targets. Given the early stage of the WLWP and future uncertainties including updated new London Plan targets, if it transpires that we are not able to secure sufficient site capacity within the WLWP area then we would like to engage with you at a future stage with regards to your potential surplus capacity. This could be when the ELJWP reaches submission and/or examination or post adoption, and at a point when the WLWP evidence is further progressed and figures can be shared to ensure that strategic cross-boundary waste management is co-ordinated and meets the collective ambition reflected in the London Plan Policy SI 8 A, for London to be self-sufficient in waste by 2026.

The WLWPA look forward to continuing to engage with the ELJWP and welcome any questions or items that the ELJWP would like to discuss.

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Lastly, we recognise work you and your colleagues do for the London Waste Planning Forum and thank you for your efforts. We have found this forum to be very helpful.

Regards,

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On behalf of the West London Waste Planning Authorities

