

Waste Sites in East London subject to Environmental Permits not Proposed to be Safeguarded by the East London Joint Waste Plan (ELJWP)

The following note summarises capacity offered by the existing waste sites subject to environmental permits that are not proposed to be safeguarded under the East London Joint Waste Plan (ELJWP). The note has been prepared in response to a query made by the Inspectors examining the ELJWP during public hearings in June 2026.

Five sites subject to a permit at the time the original Capacity Assessment (July 2024) was undertaken are no longer listed as being subject to one in the current Environment Agency public register of environmental permits. This illustrates the dynamic nature of environmental permitting.

As shown in the Table below, total assessed capacity provided by the remaining 24 sites subject to permits which are not safeguarded is as follows:

- HIC waste 4 tpa;
- Hazardous waste 426tpa; and,
- C,D&E waste 553,077tpa.

This capacity is provided by only 11 of the 24 sites identified (i.e. 13 sites have been inactive for 3 years or more from 2023), with a single site (Barking Riverside Recycling Centre (Choats Road)) accounting for 500,000tpa of the C,D&E waste management capacity. This site was not safeguarded as its planning permission expired in 2024.

Total Assessed Capacities of Waste Sites with an Environmental Permit not Safeguarded by the ELJWP¹

Host Borough	No. of Sites	Assessed Capacity (tpa)		
		Qualifying Capacity for Apportioned HIC Waste	Management Capacity for Hazardous Waste	Management Capacity for C, D & E Waste
Barking & Dagenham	10	0	69	524,789
Havering	9	4	127	4,471
Newham	3	0	0	23,817
Redbridge	3	0	230	0
Total	24	4	426	553,077

The Table above illustrates that for sites managing HIC waste and hazardous waste the amount of capacity not safeguarded is insignificant. For C,D&E waste management, while the capacity is not insignificant (due to a single site at Choats Road with an estimate capacity of 500,000tpa), a substantial surplus of management capacity for this waste stream will be provided through the sites to be safeguarded through the ELJWP (0.98 Mtpa in 2041) and there is no suggestion this won't be sufficient for the Plan objectives to be met to 2041.

¹ These sites would be safeguarded by the London Plan until the Environmental Permit is surrendered/revoked/ceases to exist.