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East London Waste Planning Authorities

Thurrock Council Response to the Regulation 19 Consultation Draft East London Joint Waste Plan

Thurrock Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Regulation 19 proposed submission version of the East London Joint Waste Plan (ELJWP), published in May 2025. We appreciate the efforts of the East London Boroughs (Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham and Redbridge) in revising the draft Plan and supporting evidence documents since the Regulation 18 stage. We recognise the Plan's strategic significance and its cross-boundary implications for waste management planning up to 2041.

This is provided as an officer response to the consultation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for New Growth and Executive Director of Place.

We note the Consultation Statement published with the consultation has identified comments made at Regulation 18 stage and the ELJWP responses to them. Policy JWP6 'Deposit of waste on land' has been amended following our suggestion that the policy text include confirmation of the need for ongoing liaison with neighbouring areas and monitoring regarding landfill of inert excavation waste and this is welcomed.

As outlined at our recent meeting on 19th June, Thurrock are commissioning work that will update the waste evidence in relation to the development of the new Thurrock Local Plan and it is intended that this will provide an up-to-date position on waste capacity over the Plan period. As discussed, we will share relevant information from this work when available. At that point we will also be able to discuss our position on the capacity for Thurrock to accept and plan for waste movement across its boundaries and its capacity to accept external waste flows. We kindly request ongoing updates on East London's waste capacity and projections, to ensure Thurrock is kept abreast of any potential changes.

We also note the intention of both this and the East London Waste Plan authorities to progress a statement of common ground which will be informed by the outcome of this work and further discussion.

I look forward to the further planned discussion and cooperation on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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