

Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team

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Department: Planning
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To Whom It May Concern,

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);
Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007; Town and Country Planning (Local
Development) (England) Regulations 2012**

Re: Proposed Main Modifications to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP). The Mayor has afforded me delegated authority to make detailed comments which are set out below.

The Mayor supports your strategy for managing waste in the Proposed Main Modifications to the KMWLP. The Mayor is strongly committed to working with the planning authorities and other relevant agencies in the South East and East of England to ensure a co-ordinated approach to securing sustainable development and waste management in the wider metropolitan area.

We welcome the draft KMWLP's acknowledgment of cross-boundary waste management through its proposed modifications. However, it is the Mayor's opinion that the current wording in paragraph 6.3.7 would restrict the movement of specific types of waste. Further revisions are requested to ensure long-term and effective management of all types of waste between London and Kent.

The current wording's limitation to "non-hazardous residual waste" only does not reflect the existing operational reality and could potentially hinder London's progress toward net waste self-sufficiency. Recent Environment Agency data (WDI, October 2024) demonstrates that Kent currently manages approximately 40,000 tonnes of London's hazardous waste – representing

approximately 16% of London's total hazardous waste exports. Therefore, this existing waste flow of hazardous waste should be acknowledged and maintained alongside any non-hazardous types of waste flow.

To address the Mayor's concerns, we request revising paragraph 6.3.7 to read:

"The London Plan 2021 expects net self-sufficiency in the management of waste to be achieved by 2026. Due to its proximity and constraints within London, it is reasonable to assume that waste arising from London may be transported to Kent for management."

This revised wording would: better reflect current operational practices; support both regions' waste management needs flexibly; align with the principle of net self-sufficiency; and reflect existing successful waste management arrangements.

We look forward to working collaboratively with Kent to ensure our shared waste management objectives are met effectively and sustainably.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Fairmaner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Fairmaner

Head of the London Plan and Strategic Planning, Greater London Authority

Cc: National Planning Casework Unit, MHCLG