

General Locational Principles		Site Assessment Criteria	
Topic	Why Important	Topic	Why Important
Existing Sites	These are an attractive and easy option but need a case-by-case consideration – need to reassess current sites and try to reduce the impact. Not all sites will be suitable for a range of waste management uses. Existing sites may not be sufficient to satisfy the demand.	Site access	Not an absolute criteria although this can constrain or preclude the development of a particular site
Sustainability	This should underpin the plan in a general way. There should be a sustainable mix of facilities strategically, taking into account social, economic and environmental considerations.	Geology / Hydrology	This is an absolute criteria – if unsuitable in this respect the site can not be developed for waste management
Brownfield	There was no consensus on this topic. Some members felt these site would be likely to have suitable characteristics for waste development (proximity principle and transport distance), others felt concentrating waste sites near centres of population could be a bad thing. There is likely to be less resistance to development on such sites. Some brownfield sites would be more suitable than others.	Technical requirements	This topic relates purely to what is 'do-able' on a site, and is of course crucial.
Transport Linked Solutions	The group consensus was that this was the most important topic and should underpin all allocations.	Pollution effects / effects on residents / public acceptability	The group felt that public involvement and awareness at an early stage is the best way of managing this, although it can be very tricky to judge. This is an especially important issue for Members!
Environmental Designations	In designating such sites, local authorities should defend sensitive landscape / ecological designations and as such these areas should not be considered for waste development, although some members of the group felt that certain 'green' waste activities may be appropriate in the green belt.	Health	This relates to the social equality issue discussed previously. The use of existing sites could perpetuate health problems. Health impact assessments of new and existing facilities should be required.

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<p>Topic</p> <p>Social equality</p>	<p>Why Important</p> <p>The group spent some time discussing the social equality issues associated with the spatial distribution of sites. This was felt to be something the plan should seek to address or analyse.</p>	<p>Topic</p>	<p>Why Important</p> <p><u>Feedback:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For future consideration: how the plan is consulted upon and marketed is crucial consideration</li> <li>Request: Need more information on the relationship between the plan and PFI contracts</li> </ul> <p><u>Suggestions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mix the groups up more</li> <li>Not everyone wants to hear about everything – may be a case for some more topic specific workshops</li> <li>To get a good cross-section of stakeholders, the times of meetings needs to be varied</li> <li>The challenge is how to transmit technical information to people who don't necessarily have the knowledge or expertise</li> </ul> <p><u>Black Group Attendee Register:</u></p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME</th> <th>ORGANISATION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Richard Leyshon</td> <td>Stockport Council (Officer)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graham Burch</td> <td>Oldham Council (Officer)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Neil Swannick</td> <td>MCC and GMWDA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gail Robinson</td> <td>Wigan WDA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Michael Young</td> <td>TMBC, GMWDA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rochdale MBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Derek Bodem</td> <td>Bury MBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Omoniyi Ademiyiwa</td> <td>Merseyside EAS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nigel Powell</td> <td>Salford City Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colin Moss</td> <td>Trafford MBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philippa Hothersall</td> <td>GMGU</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NAME	ORGANISATION	Richard Leyshon	Stockport Council (Officer)	Graham Burch	Oldham Council (Officer)	Cllr Neil Swannick	MCC and GMWDA	Gail Robinson	Wigan WDA	Cllr Michael Young	TMBC, GMWDA		Rochdale MBC	Derek Bodem	Bury MBC	Omoniyi Ademiyiwa	Merseyside EAS	Nigel Powell	Salford City Council	Colin Moss	Trafford MBC	Philippa Hothersall	GMGU
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