

Waste Development Documents – Site Appraisal Process

Site Appraisal Matrix

Site Details:

Site Name:		Current Use:	
District:		Vacant Land?:	
Town:		Land Owner (if known):	
OS grid reference:		Site Operator (if applicable);	
Date of appraisal:		Waste uses on site?:	
Appraised by:		Other:	

Appraisal Undertaken:

Waste Management Use	Excluded	Discretionary	Potential Allocation
Household Recycling Centre			
Other Local Recycling or Local Outdoor Composting			
Inert Waste Recycling			
MRF/ MBT/ Strategic Outdoor Composting/ AD/ IVC			
Thermal EfW (incineration/ pyrolysis/ gasification)			
Landfill			

MRF: materials recovery facility; MBT: mechanical biological treatment; AD: anaerobic digestion or aerobic digestion; IVC: in vessel composting;
 EFW: energy from waste

Exclusionary Appraisal Grading Colour Coding:

Facility actively encouraged as it would resolve an existing sustainability problem	No sustainability constraints and facility acceptable	Potential sustainability issues; mitigation and/or negotiation possible
Problematic because of sustainability constraints; mitigation or negotiation difficult and/or expensive	Absolute sustainability constraints associated with option	

Exclusionary Objectives

Subject Area	Objectives	Indicators	Thresholds of Concern	Grading
Land Use	1. To avoid prejudicing designated Development Plan land uses (e.g. housing, tourism, recreation, etc)	Land use allocations, zones and proposals in existing Saved Development and new Development Plan Documents	Any direct impact	
	2. To avoid the loss or damage to protected trees and groups of trees	Existence of Tree Preservation Order	Any loss or damage	
Landscape and Visual	1. To prevent development on sites of international or national importance	New Forest National Park	Any direct impacts bar exceptional circumstances where necessary to facilitate economic/ social well being of these areas/ their communities, taking a/c of need, cost & environmental impact	
		Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Any direct impacts unless in exceptional circumstances where necessary to facilitate economic and social well being of these areas and their communities, taking account of need, cost and environmental impact	
Water Environment	1. To avoid any potential impact on groundwaters	Location of public or private water sources	Zone 1	
		Geology/ location of aquifers	Any direct impacts on major aquifers	

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Water Environment ctd	2. To prevent any development in a floodplain that would reduce its capacity	Location of floodplains	Any direct impacts	
	3. To avoid any impact on the hydrological regime	Surface water	Any direct impacts	
Nature Conservation	1 To avoid any development that would impact on sites of international importance	Ramsar	Any direct impacts	
		Special Protection Areas (SPA)	Any direct impacts	
		Special Areas for Conservation (SAC)	Any direct impacts	
	2. To avoid any development that would impact on sites of national importance	SSSIs	Any direct impacts	
National Nature Reserves (NNRs)		Any direct impacts		
Cultural Heritage	1.. To prevent development on sites or structures of international importance	World Heritage Sites	Any direct impacts	

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Cultural Heritage ctd	2. To prevent development on sites or structures of national importance	Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM)	Any direct impacts	
		Grade I Listed Buildings; Historic Parks and Gardens	Any direct impacts	
		Grade II Listed Buildings; Historic Parks and Gardens	Any direct impacts	
		Registered Battlefields	Any direct impacts	

Comments and Analysis:

Conclusion and Recommendation:

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Discretionary Objectives

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Land Use	1. To protect the best and most versatile agricultural land	Agricultural land quality	Avoidance of Grades I, II, IIIa		
	2. To avoid unnecessary use of greenfield land	Land not previously developed	Within areas of built development constraint		
			Within public open space/ recreational areas		
3. To maximise the use of brownfield land and redundant buildings	Land previously developed and existing redundant buildings		Opportunities to re-use land and buildings		

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Land Use ctd	4. To avoid prejudicing designated development plan land uses (e.g. housing, tourism, recreation etc)	Land use allocations, zones and proposals in existing Saved Development Plans and new Development Plan Documents	Any indirect impact		
	5. To avoid loss of public footpaths and public rights of way	Existence of public footpaths or public rights of way	Any direct or indirect impacts		
	6. To prevent inappropriate development in the Green Belt	Land allocated within the Green Belt	Any inappropriate direct or indirect impact		
	7. to consider the effect of rural and urban buffer areas	Land located within a buffer area	Any direct or indirect impact		
	8. To consider the effect of development on community forest	Land located within a community forest	Any effects likely to detract from the designation		
	9. To consider any indirect effect on ancient woodland	Proximity to ancient woodland	Any indirect impacts		

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Land Use ctd	10. To locate waste to energy facilities away from concentrations of population	Proximity to concentrations of population	Any direct or indirect impacts		
	11. To locate composting facilities away from concentrations of population	Proximity to concentrations of population	Any direct or indirect impacts due to location within 250 metres of facility (bioaerosols)		
	12. To avoid locating waste to energy facilities upwind (of the prevailing wind) of concentrations of population	Relative location of concentrations of population	Any direct or indirect impacts		
	13. To avoid locating landfill facilities upwind (of the prevailing wind) of concentrations of population	Relative location of concentrations of population	Any direct or indirect impacts		
	14. To avoid locating waste management facilities in locations where there is an unacceptable topographic variation	Topography	Changes in topography up to 1km radius		

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Land Use ctd	15. To locate waste management facilities within or adjacent to industrial areas	Location of industrial areas		To locate facilities within or adjacent to industrial areas	
	16. To locate aggregate recycling plants within operating quarries	Location of quarries		To locate facilities within operating quarries	
	17 To seek to better utilise existing waste management facilities	Existing waste management facilities		Potential to extend or maximise the use of existing waste management facilities	
Water Environment	1. To avoid any potential impact on groundwaters	Location of public and private water sources	Zones 1, 2, 3 and Z		
		Geology and the location of aquifers	Any direct or indirect impacts on Major or Minor Aquifers		

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Water Environment ctd	2. To avoid any impact on the hydrological regime	Surface water	Any indirect impacts		
	3. To avoid locating waste management facilities in areas at risk of flooding	Location of floodplains	Potential flood risk to site		
Amenity	1. To minimise potential detrimental impacts of noise	Location of sensitive land uses (e.g. residential, schools, hospitals, existing businesses and waste management facilities)	Adjacent and surrounding land-uses for non-EfW or composting facilities.		
			Within 250 metres of an Energy from Waste Facility	General amenity exclusion zone	
	2. To minimise potential detrimental impacts of odour	Location of sensitive land uses (e.g. residential, schools, hospitals, existing businesses and waste management facilities)	Adjacent and surrounding land-uses for non-EfW or composting facilities.		

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Amenity ctd			Within 250 metres of an Energy from Waste Facility	General amenity exclusion zone	
	3. To minimise potential detrimental impacts of nuisance (vermin, pests, litter, light pollution and vibration)	Location of sensitive land uses (e.g. residential, schools, hospitals, existing businesses and waste management facilities)	Adjacent and surrounding land-uses for non-EfW or composting facilities.		
			Within 250 metres of an Energy from Waste Facility	General amenity exclusion zone	
	4. To minimise any potential detrimental effects to air quality	Location of sensitive land uses (e.g. residential, schools, hospitals, existing businesses and waste management facilities)	Adjacent and surrounding land-uses for non-EfW or composting facilities.		
			Within 250 metres of an Energy from Waste Facility	General amenity exclusion zone	

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Amenity ctd			Within 250 metres of any composting facility	General amenity exclusion/ risk assessment zone	
Landscape and Visual	1. To prevent development on Sites of International or National Importance	New Forest National Park	Any indirect impacts	Potential for small scale facilities to be accommodated where located in urban or urban fringe areas or there is scope for suitable natural or non-intrusive mitigatory screening	
		Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Any indirect impacts	Potential for small scale facilities to be accommodated where located in urban or urban fringe areas or there is scope for suitable natural or non-intrusive mitigatory screening	
	2. To consider the potential effects of development on sites of County or Local importance	Special Landscape Areas (SLA)	Any effects likely to detract from the designation		
	3. To prevent the creation of unacceptable visual impacts	Magnitude and sensitivity of potential receptors	Many viewers affected and moderate through to serious change in view from residential, public open space and public right of way		

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Traffic and Transport - ation	1. To promote development sites with good links and access to the Wiltshire Strategic and Local lorry route network	Distance from the strategic and local lorry networks	5 km from the Strategic Lorry Network; 2 km from the Local Lorry Network		
	2. To promote development sites with good links and (where possible) access to the primary route network	Distance from the primary route network	5 km from the Primary Route Network		
	3. Ability of inter-connecting (between site and objectives 1 or 2 above) transport network to accommodate associated vehicle movements	Appropriate use of 'A' and 'B' class roads and avoidance of over-reliance of lower class roads	Prolonged usage of unsuitable road network	PPG13: Transport; Wiltshire Local Transport Plan	
	4. To promote sites in locations that avoid access through residential areas and sensitive land uses	Residential areas, public open spaces, schools, hospitals and concentrations of urban development	Any direct or indirect impacts		
	5. To promote rail transport wherever possible	Existing in-use or redundant railways and rail sidings		Potential to utilise site for rail access/ co-locate waste uses	
	6. To promote water transport wherever possible	Existing in-use or redundant waterways and wharves		Potential to utilise site for waterways access/ co-locate waste uses	

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Traffic and Transport – ation ctd	7. To minimise the risk of road congestion resulting from site activities (access/ distractions) where possible	Peak traffic flows/ road alignments/ access splays/ visibility into site	Use of roads with speed limit of < 50 mph in peak periods		
Nature Conservation	1. To avoid any development that would impact on sites of international importance	Ramsar	Any indirect impacts		
		Special Protection Areas (SPA)	Any indirect impacts		
		Special Areas for Conservation (SAC)	Any indirect impacts		
	2. To avoid any development that would impact on sites of national importance	SSSIs	Any indirect impacts		

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Nature Conservation ctd		National Nature Reserves (NNR)	Any indirect impacts		
	3. To avoid any development that would impact on populations of protected or notable species	Protected species	Any indirect impacts		
	4. To avoid development that would impact on identified sites of County or local importance	Areas of High Ecological Value; SINCs; SNCIs; RIGS; LNRs	Any effects likely to detract from the designation		
	5. To avoid development that would impact upon Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and other habitats of notable ecological value	Wiltshire BAP Priority Habitats and Species	Any effects likely to detract from the designation		
Cultural Heritage	1. To prevent development on sites or structures of international importance	World Heritage Sites	Any indirect impacts		

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Cultural Heritage ctd	2. To prevent development on sites or structures of national importance	Schedules Ancient Monuments (SAM)	Any indirect impacts		
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		Grade II Listed Buildings; Historic Parks and Gardens	Any indirect impacts		
		Registered Battlefields	Any indirect impacts		
	3. To consider the potential impact on sites or structures of county or local importance or of national importance that have yet to be determined	Sites and Monuments record	Any direct or indirect impacts to be determined		
		Areas of Archaeological Significance	Any direct or indirect impacts		
		Urban Conservation Areas	Any direct or indirect impacts		

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Cultural Heritage ctd		Grade II Listed Buildings; Historic Parks and Gardens	Any direct or indirect impacts		
Economic	1. To avoid detrimental impacts on land in or allocated for B1 employment uses	Proximity of B1 class development	Any direct or indirect impacts	Potential for development of waste facilities on employment land in multiple use e.g. mix of B1, B2 and B8 class uses	
	2. To avoid detrimentally affecting the tourist economy and recreational facilities	Proximity of existing tourist facilities	Any direct or indirect effects		
		Proximity of recreational and leisure facilities	Any direct or indirect effects		
		Potential haul/ facility access route is used by tourists or recreational users	Any direct or indirect effects		
Proximity Principle	1. To minimise the distance between waste generation locations and the facilities where that waste will be managed	Proximity to areas in need of waste management facility provision	Relative location of areas of need to areas of proposed facility provision		

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