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Dear John

**LEICESTERSHIRE & LEICESTER WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
(PREFERRED OPTIONS, FURTHER CONSULTATION)**

Thank you for consulting the GOEM on your Waste Spatial Strategy Preferred Options Further Consultation. The comments below are intended to assist you in the production of a sound Development Plan Document.

Firstly, may I commend you again on taking the difficult decision to engage in this further round of consultation. The evident improvement in your evidence base and thus understanding of the spatial characteristics of the area, development of the concept of strategic sites and the identification of preferred broad locations for such sites in accordance with the adopted and emerging Regional Spatial Strategy comprises a major leap forward for your Waste Core Strategy. In these respects the Further Consultation document lays a firm foundation for the development of your Submission Waste Core Strategy.

Detailed comments are attached for your consideration and should help you to identify those areas requiring further development up to submission. These include;

- Exploration of the waste production and treatment needs of the wider Leicester Principal Urban Area, including linkages between Leicester City and Leicestershire County.
- Guidance on the localised waste facility needs of the less urban parts of the area e.g. Market Harborough.
- Underpinning evidence and stakeholder engagement in relation to the portion of waste for energy recovery and the mode of that recovery.
- Clarity that the broad locations proposed for the location of strategic waste management sites are the central strategy, and thus take precedence over other criteria based search policies.



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In addition, it would aid communication with your stakeholders and the subsequent focus of the examination if those options rejected are more clearly stated e.g. a strategy to promote non-road transport, a strategy based on the five sub-regional centres etc.

Yours sincerely

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