

Planning Group,  
Environmental and Heritage Services,  
Community Services Department,  
Leicestershire County Council,  
County Hall,  
Glenfield,  
Leicestershire.  
LE3 8TE.

**Consultation on Leicestershire and Leicester Waste  
Development Framework  
SITA UK Ltd.**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Dear Sirs,

Further to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007 regarding the above SITA UK Ltd. wish to make the following comments: -

- It is felt that the document would benefit from the inclusion of a glossary of terms, both as an aid to interpretation and to give clarify of meaning to the Development Framework;
- A definition of what is meant by energy/value recovery would be an aid to document clarity. It is not clear whether a Material Recycling Facility is considered to represent value recovery or not;
- Figure 1 illustrating the Broad Locations for Strategic Waste Management Sites is unclear with regard to its boundaries and should be reproduced at a larger scale to allow potential developers to determine whether a particular site lies inside or outside the Locations, and;
- Paragraphs 4.24 and 5 imply that strategic sites would be restricted to facilities handling municipal solid waste. The Company feels that this is unduly restrictive and that within the period of the Framework is it no less likely that commercial and industrial or construction and demolition waste driven strategic sites will become viable. It should be made explicit that in seeking to define the broad location of strategic sites the Framework is not solely looking to these to be populated by municipal waste facilities as this will provide an unfair competitive advantage to incumbent municipal waste contractors.

In the light of the proposed delay in publishing the Site Allocation document SITA UK Ltd. wish to take the opportunity to advance its Enderby Warren site, which lies within the draft Broad Locations identified by the Spatial Strategy document. The Company

feels that the site is ideally suited to providing non-landfill based waste management capacity to serve both the City and wider County. It is currently considering Anaerobic Digestion or Advanced Thermal Treatment, and a Materials Recover Facility allied to a Transfer Station, and to that end I attach a preliminary drawing of these proposals, and the completed Land Questionnaires.

The Enderby site is considered to offer the following advantages: -

- Close proximity to the trunk road network and Leicester itself;
- Existing electricity export infrastructure which could be used in conjunction with the energy recovery element of either the AD or ATT plant;
- The site is SITA UK Ltd. freehold, and is available for the development proposed;
- The location already hosts a number of waste management facilities, and the Company considers that this offers the opportunity to exploit synergies between existing and proposed uses, with the possibility of establishing a strategic resource recovery park;
- The site has an extensive agricultural hinterland providing an ideal and proximate market for any compost product, and;
- This proposal would have the potential to substantially reduce both the County and the City's reliance on landfill and/or out of County disposal/treatment of waste.

The Company's proposals for the Enderby Warren site are still in development, but it would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with Council officers. I will contact you to discuss a convenient date in the New Year if you feel that this would be of assistance.

I would be grateful if you could update your database to reflect my change of details, the Battlefield office is no longer occupied by SITA UK Ltd. All correspondence should be addressed to SITA UK Ltd., Telford Office, Grange Lane, Redhill, Telford, TF2 9PB, 01952 621950.

Yours faithfully,

S D Denny  
**Planning Manager**