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Dear Mr Wright,

Consultation on Waste Development Framework – Waste Spatial Strategy

I respond by letter on behalf of the Waste Recycling Group to the latest consultation. The report gives some more geographic background to the DPD and identifies broad locations for strategic waste management sites around Leicester and Coalville/Loughborough. However we assume this analysis excludes landfills which are by their nature located in minerals sites and therefore in fixed locations.

I am advised by the company that their Bradgate landfill site will likely need to be surcharged to achieve satisfactory drainage gradients and protect the integrity of the landfill design. This will give rise to a windfall increase in landfill capacity - for which non-hazardous wastes could be used. This needs to be taken into account in estimating future needs. The landfill policy in the Core Strategy (Policy 11) should therefore provide for such circumstances, and if appropriate the site identified in the Site Allocations DPD.

The company's previous objection to draft landfill Policy 11 (letter dated 5 October 2006) remains.

Yours sincerely

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