

Statement of Common Ground between London Borough of Lambeth and London Borough of Bexley covering strategic waste matters

1. Parties involved

- London Borough of Lambeth
- London Borough of Bexley

2. Strategic geography

LB Lambeth

Lambeth is an inner London borough with a northern boundary on the River Thames and situated mainly between the boroughs of Wandsworth and Southwark. It covers an area of approximately ten and a half square miles. It is surrounded by seven other London Boroughs - LB Southwark; LB Bromley; LB Croydon; LB Merton; LB Wandsworth; City of Westminster and City of London.

London Borough of Bexley

Bexley is an outer London Borough located in the east of London on the edge of Kent. Bexley's neighbours are the London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Bromley and Havering and the Royal Borough of Greenwich; and, outside of London, the district councils of Dartford and Sevenoaks in Kent and the unitary authority of Thurrock in Essex. Some of the borough's characteristics are shared with one or more of its neighbours, such as its industrial legacy, suburban character, metropolitan green belt and water courses, including the River Thames.

3. Strategic waste issues

Lambeth is a net exporter of waste and is planning for net self-sufficiency for Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW), Commercial & Industrial waste (C&I) and Construction & Demolition waste (C&D) and a target of 95% beneficial use of excavation waste.

Lambeth produced 118,490 tonnes of LACW in 2018. London Borough of Bexley receives strategic amounts of local authority collected waste from Lambeth.

Both parties agree the following figures produced by Defra.

LACW exports from Lambeth to Cory Riverside Energy's Energy from Waste Facility at Belvedere in London Borough of Bexley 2014-2018 (tonnes)

Site	Waste	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Belvedere EfW	LACW	97,249	96,104	95,387	92,816	93,287

Source: ENV18 - Local authority collected waste: annual results tables

There is a contractual arrangement between the Western Riverside Waste Authority and Cory Environmental for waste to come to the energy from waste facility in Belvedere until 2035.

LB Bexley's local plan, currently in preparation, has a plan period from 2021 to 2036, and this facility is a safeguarded strategic waste facility. Therefore, there are no known planning reasons why exports from Lambeth to this facility cannot continue.

4. Governance arrangements

Both parties agree to monitor waste movements through Authority Monitoring Reports and engage again if there are significant increases in the amount of waste exported from Lambeth to Bexley.

Both parties agree to engage again if there are any significant operational changes to facilities receiving waste exports from Lambeth.

5. Signatories

Both parties agree that this statement is an accurate representation of matters discussed and issues agreed upon.

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