

Statement of Common Ground between London Borough of Lambeth and Essex County Council covering strategic waste matters

1. Parties involved

- London Borough of Lambeth
- Essex County Council

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.

Essex County Council

Essex is located to the northeast of London, within the East of England region, and borders the counties of Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Within the County of Essex, the two-tier administrative system includes 12 District, Borough and City Councils. Essex and Southend-on-Sea are working together to plan for the waste in the area.

3. Strategic waste issues

Lambeth is a net exporter of waste and is planning for net self-sufficiency for LACW, C&I and C&D waste and a target of 95% beneficial use of excavation waste.

Planning Practice Guidance for Waste states “Given the unique waste needs of London, there is likely to be a need for waste planning authorities surrounding London to take some of London’s waste. The Mayor and waste planning authorities in London should engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with other authorities, under the duty to cooperate, to help manage London’s waste.”

Lambeth needs help to manage hazardous waste at the types of facilities which cannot be accommodated within Lambeth, in particular landfill and specialist facilities for hazardous waste.

Both parties agree the following thresholds to indicate ‘strategic’ waste movements:

- CD&E: 5,000 tonnes per annum
- LACW/C&I: 2,500 tonnes per annum

- Hazardous: 100 tonnes per annum

Essex receives strategic amounts of hazardous waste exports from Lambeth.

Both parties agree the following figures from the Hazardous Waste Data Interrogator.

Waste exports from Lambeth 2013-2017 (tonnes)

Destination	Fate	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Essex	Landfill	4	0	0	0	0
	All	53	127	118	111	105

Source: Hazardous Waste Data Interrogator 2013-2017

Both parties agree there are no known planning reasons why exports of similar amounts of waste exports cannot continue.

4. Governance arrangements

Both parties agree to monitor waste movements through Authority Monitoring Reports and engage again if these change significantly from the current trend.

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.

Signed:  _____

Name: Councillor Matthew Bennett

Position: Cabinet Member for Planning, Investment & New Homes

London Borough of Lambeth

Signed: _____



Name: Richard Greaves

Position: Chief Planning Officer (County Planning and Major Development)

Essex County Council