

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

1. Parties involved

- London Borough of Lambeth
- Thurrock 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.

Thurrock Council

Thurrock is situated north of the Thames, twenty miles east of central London, in South Essex, and has a population of approximately 157,000. The Borough covers 165 sq km and has a diverse range of land uses and associated environmental issues. More than half of the land in Thurrock is designated Green Belt and it has over 18 miles of riverfront.

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 C&I and CD&E 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

Thurrock receives strategic amounts of construction, demolition and excavation (CD&E) waste exports from Lambeth.

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

Waste exports from Lambeth to Thurrock 2013-2017 (tonnes)

Site	Waste	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
East Tilbury Quarry	CD&E	571	3,350	0	0	5,578
Land At North Tilbury	CD&E	0	6,600	820	0	0
All others	All	17	134	159	157	468

Source: Waste Data Interrogator 2013-2017

Both parties agree that the site known as Land at North Tilbury no longer receives waste, and East Tilbury Quarry is likely to close by 2020. Therefore it is unlikely that Lambeth's CD&E waste exports will be received at East Tilbury Quarry after that time.

Both parties agree that the destination of waste is largely dependent on market forces and exports will continue to go to the most suitable facility. Therefore it is not possible to identify a specific alternative landfill site or sites where Lambeth's waste will go after the closure of Thurrock's landfill sites. Landfill void space in the wider south east represents sufficient opportunity for the market to find an alternative destination for similar amounts of waste currently exported from Lambeth to landfill in Thurrock.

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:  _____

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Position: Cabinet Member for Planning, Investment & New Homes

Signed:  _____

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Position: Strategic Planning Manager

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Thurrock Council