

## **Statement of Community Consultation for The North London Heat and Power Project**

### **Introduction**

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) sets out how North London Waste Authority (the “Authority”) will consult on its proposed application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to enable it to develop and operate an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at the Edmonton EcoPark.

Understanding the public’s views on the emerging proposal is important to us so we are proposing a comprehensive consultation strategy which gives you the opportunity to help shape our proposal.

We intend to consult in two phases, the first starting in November 2014 and the second in May 2015. This SoCC outlines our approach to the public consultation and meets the requirements of section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008, which states that *‘the applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.’*

### **About the Project**

The Authority is seeking to replace the existing Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility at the Edmonton EcoPark with a new state of the art and more efficient ERF which will produce energy from municipal waste. The existing EfW was opened in the early 1970s and has a projected remaining operational life to circa 2025. The existing EfW will be decommissioned when the new facility is operational.

It is proposed that the new ERF be located at the northern end of the Edmonton EcoPark site. It will comprise an electricity generating station which will include two process lines, a stack, a heat off-take energy centre, and other associated equipment.

The proposed ERF will generate around 70 MW of electricity, which will be enough energy to supply around 127,000 homes. At least 50% of the energy generated will be classified as renewable energy. The facility will be fuelled by between 600,000 and 700,000 tonnes per annum of North London’s waste, similar to the existing EfW.

Surplus heat from the process could potentially supply the planned Lee Valley Heat Network (LVHN) which is being promoted by the London Borough of Enfield and which will provide reliable, low carbon heat to residential and commercial customers in the local area.

The figure below illustrates the location of the Edmonton EcoPark.

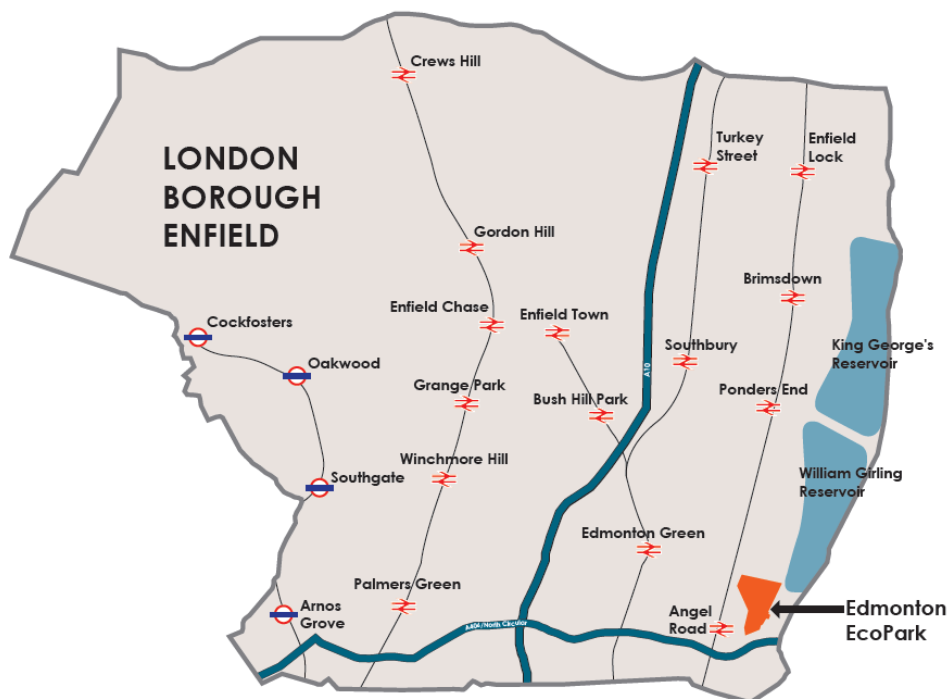


Figure 1 Edmonton EcoPark site boundary and site context

## About the Authority

The North London Waste Authority is a statutory authority, which was established in 1986 after the abolition of the Greater London Council. The Authority's principal statutory responsibility is for the disposal of waste collected by the seven north London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest.

Since 1994 the Authority has managed its waste arisings predominantly through its waste management contract with LondonWaste Limited (LWL) and the use of the energy-from-waste (EfW) facility at the Edmonton EcoPark. The Authority is now seeking to gain a DCO for the development of a new state-of-the-art ERF to replace the existing EfW. The new ERF will be an integral part of a recycling-led waste management system to meet the Authority's principal statutory responsibility.

## The Planning Process

The amount of energy which will be generated by the ERF means it is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. The Authority will submit an application for development consent to the National Infrastructure Directorate of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). PINS will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change who will make the final decision on the making of the DCO.

Pre-application consultation is an important part of the DCO process. We are undertaking our pre-application consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, which requires us to prepare a statement setting out how we propose to consult people living in the vicinity of the Edmonton EcoPark about the proposed development.

Decisions on applications for development consent for NSIPs will be made in accordance with the National Policy Statements for energy, which set out the need for new energy infrastructure and the issues to be considered in the determination of applications. In the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) the Government identifies ERF as a type of renewable energy infrastructure project for which there is urgent need. ERF technology is the most cost effective and environmentally sound alternative to landfill. National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) also notes that the recovery of energy from the combustion of waste, where in accordance with the waste hierarchy, will play an increasingly important role in meeting the UK's energy needs.

### **Environmental Assessment**

Given the scale and complexity of the proposed development we will undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which will accompany the application for development consent. The assessment will investigate the positive and negative effects of the proposed development and help us ensure that the project is as sustainable as practically possible and minimises effects on the environment. We will be making preliminary environmental information available during the phase two public consultation.

We will publish our *Preliminary environmental information report* as part of our phase two public consultation and invite comments on the environmental and amenity effects of the proposal that it identifies.

### **Consultation Timetable**

Pre-application consultation on the proposals for an ERF at the Edmonton EcoPark will take place in two phases:

- Phase one public consultation, lasting from 28 November 2014 to 27 January 2015;
- Phase two public consultation, lasting 6 weeks, starting in May 2015.

Responses must be received within the proposed consultation periods.

Prior to formal submission of our proposals we will publicise the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009. Following either or both phases of consultation and consideration of the responses received, we may need to make changes to the proposed development, for example to address issues which emerge from the consultation. If the changes are material and would affect the nature of the comments received from the public during the relevant consultation phase(s), we will undertake further targeted consultation. This would comprise public exhibitions and provision of project information, and would be for a period of not less than 28 days. We would also give 14 days' notice through the publishing of local adverts and provision of information on our website.

### **Scope of the Consultation**

The overriding aim of our pre-application public consultation on the proposed development is to ensure that the community and other interested parties have a chance to understand and influence our proposals.

Our Phase One public consultation for the proposed ERF aims to give interested parties an early opportunity to comment on our initial proposals for the project. We will provide high level information on our emerging proposals, including site constraints which have informed the proposal, size and shape of the ERF, initial approach to the design of the building and stack,

proposed site layout, proposed approach to landscaping and approach to assessing the potential environmental effects.

During Phase One consultation, we will seek comments on:

1. The **need** for the proposed development;
2. Our initial ideas on the **appearance of the new facility**, including the possible design of the stack and landscaping;
3. Potential **environmental considerations** including the approach to emissions control and health impacts;
4. The approach to **traffic management**;
5. The approach to **construction**;
6. The proposed **visitor centre**;
7. The proposed approach to **community benefits**;
8. The **consultation process**.

During Phase Two consultation we will publish our final proposals and *Preliminary environmental information report* which will report the environmental and amenity effects of the project. We will seek comments on:

- the detailed proposals for the site, which take into account the results of our Phase One consultation and further technical work;
- the effects of the project as reported in our *Preliminary environmental information report*.

### **Whom we will consult**

We will consult the following groups on our proposal:

1. People in the vicinity, including the general public, property owners/occupiers, businesses, community representatives and groups.
2. Statutory consultees, including local authorities, other statutory authorities and pan-London strategic stakeholders, such as Transport for London. These will include London Borough of Enfield as the local authority within which the EcoPark is situated, and all adjoining borough and district councils.
3. People whose land may be directly affected by the proposed development.
4. We will advertise the consultation in all of the NLWA's Constituent Boroughs, and will provide information directing residents and local businesses to the Project website throughout the area. Members in all seven boroughs will be notified in advance of the start of the consultation.

If you require the consultation documents in a different format or language, please contact us using the details below.

## Consultation Activities

We will use the following methods to undertake consultation and provide public information about the proposed development:

1. Consultation website: Our website [www.northlondonheatandpower.london](http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london) will provide information on the project and be a dedicated point for comments and feedback.
2. Community briefings: To build early understanding, we will offer community representatives a briefing on the project alongside the public exhibitions.
3. Community Liaison Group: We will look to set up a Community Liaison Group consisting of local councillors, and local community group leaders will be invited to take part. The function of the group will be to facilitate local understanding of the proposals and to encourage responses to the consultation.
4. Project information: Throughout phase one and two consultations, we will provide written information about the project. This will be available on our website and at public exhibitions. Leaflets promoting the consultation will be available at local libraries and other community points.
5. Leafleting: We will send a leaflet to everyone living within 1,500m of the boundary of the EcoPark notifying them of the proposals and encouraging them to provide feedback in response to our consultations on the proposal.
6. Telephone line: A dedicated telephone line will be available for questions, but responses to the consultation should be made through the website or other written means, in accordance with the contact details below.
7. Programme of public exhibitions: We will hold public exhibitions in the vicinity of the EcoPark. Details of the phase one consultation exhibitions are published with this statement and we will advertise details of the phase two consultation public exhibitions in advance. Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions of the project team (who will attend in person) and to submit written feedback by way of questionnaire.

Details of the exhibition locations and opening hours are set out in the box below. Phase one of the consultation starts today and closes on 27 January 2015 at 5pm.

Phase 1 consultation public exhibitions
Lee Valley Athletics Centre
61 Meridian Way, London, N9 0AR
Friday, 5 December 2014, 3pm – 8pm
Saturday, 6 December 2014, 11am – 5pm
Wednesday, 14 January 2015, 3pm – 8pm
Green Towers Community Centre
Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, London, N9 0BU
Monday, 8 December 2014, 10am – 8pm
Thursday, 15 January 2015, 10am – 8pm
Saturday, 17 January 2015, 11am – 5pm
Boundary Community Hall
Snells Park Estate, Edmonton, N18 2SY
Thursday 22 January 2015, 4.30 pm – 8.30pm

Phase two of the consultation will start in May 2015.

## **Feedback**

Feedback can be submitted to us through our website [www.northlondonheatandpower.london](http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london), by post, by email or at our exhibitions. We will provide feedback forms at our public exhibitions and on request.

After each phase of consultation, we shall consider all feedback received and determine whether our proposals should be adapted in response. We will seek to strike a balance taking into account the views of all consultees including the local community, statutory organisations and other stakeholders.

We are legally required to have regard to the responses received through both phases of consultation. After each phase of consultation we will produce a Feedback Report which will record all feedback received and explain how public and stakeholder responses have been taken into account. Feedback Reports will be available on the project website. These reports will form the basis of the *Report on Community Consultation* that we will submit in support of our application for development consent.

There are currently no consultation exercises for other schemes relevant to this proposal taking place.

## Contact information

If you would like to contact the Authority, find out more about this consultation or sign up to receive regular updates please contact us using the information below.

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