

**NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

**REPORT TITLE:**

DCO PROCESS FOR REPLACEMENT ERF

**REPORT OF:**

MANAGING DIRECTOR

**FOR SUBMISSION TO:**

AUTHORITY MEETING

**DATE:**

12 February 2015

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

This report updates Members on Phase 1 consultation in the process leading to the application for a Development Consent Order, in advance of a further report to the Extraordinary Meeting on 27 March.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Members are recommended:

- (a) to note the emerging outcomes of the consultation as presented orally at the meeting,
- (b) to note that a report on the consultation responses and proposed action to take account of those responses will be presented to the Extraordinary Authority meeting on 27 March.

**SIGNED:** ...



Managing Director

**DATE:** 3 February 2015

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 At the Authority meeting on 29 September 2014 Members agreed the scope of phase 1 consultation which, in line with the previously agreed timetable, started on 28 November and ended on 27 January.
- 1.2 The Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) set out the way in which the Authority intended to consult the community, and consultation on that statement took place with LB Enfield, as the local planning authority. Their comments were taken into account in finalising the SoCC. Copies were also provided to the planning departments at LB Waltham Forest and LB Haringey, as the adjoining boroughs within north London. One comment was received from LB Haringey which was also incorporated into the final SoCC.
- 1.3 In carrying out the consultation, the Authority has complied with the SoCC, including consulting with those living and working in the vicinity of the EcoPark, those with a land interest that could be affected, and statutory consultees including, amongst others, the Environment Agency, GLA and Transport for London.

## **2. Consultation Activity**

- 2.1 During the consultation, public exhibitions took place both in December 2014 and in January 2015. In December and January, these were located at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre and the Green Towers Community Centre. In January, an additional location was added, at Boundary Hall, Snells Park, but unfortunately that exhibition had to be dismantled early because of a double booking error made by the Centre's administrators.
- 2.2 During the consultation period:
  - Newsletters about the project were delivered to more than 28,000 homes and businesses in an area covering about 1.5km around the EcoPark at Edmonton;

- Advertisements were placed in newspapers and council magazines in all seven boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest;.
- Leaflets were distributed to more than 100 community venues;
- Seven exhibitions were organised in the Edmonton area, offering more than 40 hours of access to experts to talk about all aspects of the project. These took place at different times, during the day and in the evening, and at weekends as well as on weekdays;
- A dedicated Project website was set up, attracting more than 3,000 visitors during the two-month consultation period;
- The dedicated Twitter account achieved 145 followers and the dedicated Facebook page 118 'likes'. Through Facebook advertising, information about events and the Project video appeared in the Facebook newsfeed of more than 10,000 Facebook users

### **3. Consultation responses**

- 3.1 Full details of the consultation responses and proposed actions in response will be contained in a consultation report, and reported to Members as part of the process of agreeing phase 2 consultation. Time is allowed after the close of consultation for final responses to be received by post. At the date of this report, 56 responses had been received. Members will be updated on the key themes from the consultation at the Authority meeting.

### **4. Next Steps**

- 4.1 The next phase of consultation will set out the Authority's scheme for a replacement ERF, and for the site, and will include a preliminary environmental information report (as set out in the SoCC). Consultation will be on the detailed proposals, taking into account the outcome of the phase 1 consultation and further technical work, and the environmental and amenity effects of the project as set out in the preliminary environmental information report.
- 4.2 The approach to communication of the consultation and public events will mirror that of phase 1, in accordance with the SoCC. A planned addition is the use of a mobile trailer during half term week in the early part of the consultation period, to bring the exhibition materials to locations where there is expected to be a higher footfall.
- 4.3 The project website has been updated to reflect the end of phase 1 consultation and the dates for phase 2 consultation. The website will next be updated immediately prior to phase 2 consultation.

### **5. COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER**

The Legal Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and comments have been incorporated.

### **6. COMMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER**

6.1 The Financial Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments to add.

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