REPORT OF CABINET 1/2022/23

FULL COUNCIL 18 July 2022

Chair : Cllr Peray Ahmet

To be introduced by Cllr Dana Carlin Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters, and Planning

1.INTRODUCTION

Full Council approval is required of the North London Waste Plan as set out as set out at Part Three Section B - Section 1 - Full Council Responsibilities section 2 a (iv).

The North London Waste Plan has been considered by the Strategic Planning Committee on the 14th of June 2022 and endorsed its adoption by full Council . The attached report and its appendices were also considered by the Cabinet on the 21 June 2022 and recommended for full Council adoption.

2.NORTH LONDON WASTE PLAN

The NLWP had been subject to an Examination in Public by an independent Planning Inspector and had been found sound, subject to Main Modifications.

We noted that the development of the NLWP had been a long process with considerable community engagement that had resulted in a number of modifications. It was noted that three priority areas had been identified in the NLWP: Friern Barnet Sewage Works/ Pinkham Way, Brantwood Road, and North East Tottenham. It was clarified that the authority did not own these sites and it was noted that there were multiple site owners.

We noted that paragraph 5.26 of the Cabinet report had contained a factual error in relation to the Pinkham Way site. It was clarified that Barnet Council had not put forward the site as suitable for waste management. We further noted that this position was reflected in Appendix C to the report which demonstrated that, due to issues of multiple ownership, only one small area of the site owned by the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) was likely to be deliverable for waste management. We thanked the Pinkham Way Alliance for raising this issue.

We noted that the NLWP was last agreed by Cabinet in 2019. Following this, the independent Planning Inspector had examined the NLWP and had commented that it should demarcate more clearly where development could take place and that there should be additional arrangements for biodiversity. We considered that these issues had been addressed in the NLWP and corresponding appendices.

In response to questions at the Cabinet meeting, we noted the following information:

The Brantwood Road site was situated close to a residential area and it was explained that, because of the restrictions on the residential road, any vehicles would have to

access the site from the east and this would not impact the residential road. It was added that this was a large site and that any waste facility was unlikely to fill the entire site; in addition, it would be recommended that any facility avoided close proximity to residential areas.

In relation to the Brantwood Road site, that nothing in the NLWP would preclude the provision of solar, wind, or other sustainable energy. It was highlighted that any proposals would be subject to pre-application engagement with the community and the usual planning policy requirements.

That the NLWP had identified sites but that there was no guarantee that facilities would be brought forward in all of the locations. It was added that the NLWP would be subject to ongoing monitoring.

If sites in the NLWP were brought forward, members noted the importance of ensuring that resident engagement and communications were delivered in an accessible format.

That only a small section of the Pinkham Way was considered to be suitable for a waste facility and it was enquired why the NLWP identified the whole site. It was explained that the NLWP had identified the whole site as the Council did not want to pre-empt the best design of the site. It was added that the site had some clear constraints that any proposal would need to manage, including flooding risk, biodiversity, land ownership, and proximity to residential areas.

The NLWP did not affect or consider whether the Edmonton incinerator would be progressed. It was explained that the NLWP concerned site planning for waste.

Further to considering the report, we considered the comments of Strategic Planning Committee and who endorsed the North London Waste Plan.

WE RECOMMED

That Full Council:

- 1) Note the content of the attached report and the Inspector's Report on the North London Waste Plan (set out in Appendix A);
- 2) Agree to adopt the North London Waste Plan (Appendix C) including Main Modifications (Appendix B) and associated changes to the Policies Map.