

Nuneaton Event – Comments and Questions

1. Landfill siting should not be a nuisance to the public/residents

Agreed

2. Next time questions should be simpler – Do you want incinerators or not?

This consultation exercise is about setting a general framework for the management of municipal, commercial and industrial and construction and demolition wastes. Incineration is just one of a number of treatment technologies all of which may have a place to play in the delivery of a sustainable waste management solution for Warwickshire

3. Development of Tuttle Hill will make traffic impacts even more of a problem.

It is well recognised that traffic is an issue on Tuttle Hill and therefore will be taken into account when considering alternative proposals for Judkins

4. It appears that the paper only offers 3 choices – Landfill, Incineration or Incineration.

There is an opportunity for you to express your own opinions. The options given in the paper are not the only options available.

5. There should be an option D – Predominantly recycling based.

When the preferred options are developed this view will be taken into account.

6. What material makes up the largest % of landfill?

In terms of volume this is plastics but in terms of weight this is different. Well over 60% of the municipal waste that is landfilled is biodegradable.

7. It would be preferred if money was spent on recycling plastics.

Plastics recycling continues to be problematic with uncertain end markets. The Waste Development Framework is about setting out a framework for development of land and is not itself concerned with recycling activities.

8. Why is Nuneaton worse at recycling?

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council are the waste collection authority and as such are responsible for decisions about the collection of waste.

9. Life of Judkins?

The operators of the Judkins Landfill are currently seeking to secure a Pollution Prevention and Control permit for the site and the outcome of that will determine the life of the site.

10. Only Judkins doesn't have recycling of plastic at its facility.

The use of Judkins to collect plastics is under continuing review but because of the uncertainties that currently exist means that it is unlikely to happen in the short-term.

11. Think about where waste is being sent to be recycled.

Market forces unfortunately dictate where waste that is to be recycled is sent.

12. Concentrate on using (ie provide an outlet/demand) for recyclable materials

Creating markets for recyclable materials is something that WCC has not to involved itself in to date.

13. WCC has already made up its mind with regard to Issue 6.

Issue 6 identifies a series of treatment technologies all of which may have a place to play in the delivery of a sustainable waste management solution for Warwickshire. There is an opportunity for you to respond to this issue.

14. Why are we exporting plastics if ST HWRC is short of plastics?

Supply, demand and economics will dictate where recycled plastics are to be managed.

15. We should only dispose of Warwickshire's Waste.

It would be nice to do so but WCC finds itself as a regional player with some resources that other regional players do not have.

16. What about the Ozone layer?

Sustainable waste management practices will help to address this.

17. Cannot just divorce WDF from WMMMS

Clearly the two are linked but it should be noted that the WDF identifies the planning principles/policies by which the WMMMS can deliver the infrastructure necessary to deliver the strategy. In addition the WDF provides a general framework for the management of an extended range of wastes that include commercial and industrial and construction and demolition wastes in addition to municipal waste.

18. How will WDF be monitored?

The WDF will be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report. The Planning Act requires the county to keep under review matters that may affect the planning and development in their area. We are required to produce an annual monitoring report to review actual progress of plan preparation and assess the implementation of policy.

19. Spend money on reducing the amount of waste produced.

This is a consumer choice.

20. WCC should pressure manufacturers to reduce the amount of waste produced

Producer responsibility is a key driver of central government.

21. Is hospital waste classed as hazardous waste?

Some elements of clinical waste would be considered to be hazardous and where this is the case they will be managed appropriately. However there are some component parts, e.g. disposable nappies, that have similar properties to municipal solid waste and as a result find their way into the municipal solid waste. Clinical waste is usually collected separately from households where it is necessary and disposed of in purpose built clinical waste incinerators permitted through the Environment Agency or Local Authority.

22. Would an incinerator burn hospital waste?

Only where the waste is collected as an admixture with the municipal solid waste as described above.

Incineration

23. It is requested that incineration is taken out of the plan.

To ensure that there is a comprehensive solution to waste management practices in Warwickshire incineration must be an option. However incineration must not be seen as a stand alone option but form part of a comprehensive strategy to deliver waste management practices which will include re-use and recycling initiatives.

24. Incinerators undermine recycling.

The European experience shows that incineration does not undermine recycling. Countries such as Denmark and Holland recycle more than 40% of their municipal solid waste whilst incineration remains the preferred disposal option

25. Incinerators should be located far from residential areas.

Proximity to residential areas is taken into account when proposals for incinerators are being developed.

26. Would an incinerator take more than just Warwickshire's waste?

Clearly this would be dependent on where the incinerator is located but market forces will come into play and it is not inconceivable that waste would come from beyond the county boundary.

27. Has WCC looked at 4 sites for the location of an incinerator?

More than a dozen sites are being considered for a whole raft of treatment options as part of the implementation of the Municipal waste strategy.

28. How high will the chimney be?

The height of the chimney would be determined if a suitable location were found using air dispersion modelling techniques.

29. Will we know if a planning application comes in for an incinerator in Nuneaton?

A planning application for an incinerator would be advertised locally as would a planning application for any other land use. For an application with such public interest the "Neighbourhood Notifications" could be extended to cover a much wider area than might otherwise be considered appropriate.

30. Need more consultation on WMWMS before getting incineration.

The consultation process for the WMWMS is now complete. However there remains consultation opportunities when any planning application is made.

31. Abbey Ward don't want it here. It's bad enough as it is.
Noted

Consultation process

32. Add flyers into free papers.

Comment noted

33. Get publicity to libraries more quickly

Comment noted.