

Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON THE NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE

1. I am writing to invite views on the draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste (NPS) which will provide advice to decision makers to help them assess future applications for nationally significant hazardous waste infrastructure projects.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/07/14/hazardous-waste/
 - Consultation Document on the National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste
 - Annex 1 – The National Policy Statement
 - Annex 2 – Impact Assessment
 - Annex 3 – Appraisal of Sustainability –Full
 - Annex 4- Appraisal of Sustainability – Non- Technical Summary
 - Annex 5 - Habitats Regulations Assessment
 - Annex 6 – Equalities Impact Assessment
 - Annex 7 – Full list of consultees.
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact **Olu Ogunbadejo on 020 7238 4335** or HIWU@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Responses

4. Please send response to either: Defra Hazardous Waste NPS Consultation, Hazardous and International Waste Unit, 6D Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.
- Or email: HIWU@defra.gsi.gov.uk
5. Responses should be received by 20 October 2011.

Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the code of practice on consultations. This can be found at <http://www.bis.gov.uk/files/file47158.pdf>
7. At the end of the consultation period, copies of the responses we receive will be made publicly available in the Defra Information Resource Centre. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation. We will also send copies of all responses to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Parliamentary Committee to inform their inquiry into the NPS. The Committee may also publish responses on its website.
8. If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available or passed to the Defra committee, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer that will not count as a confidentiality request.
9. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the provisions of freedom of information legislation, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

We will summarise all responses and place a summary on our website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/07/14/hazardous-waste/. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not individual's names, addresses or contact details.

10. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:
Defra Information Resource Centre
Lower Ground Floor
Ergon House
17 Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JR
Telephone: 020 7238 6575
E-mail: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
11. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Consultation Co-ordinator, Defra, Area 7C, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or e-mail consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk

12. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

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