

Bestway Statement of Case to 'Matter 9 - Brent Cross Cricklewood'

Appendix CPS4

Letter to from LB Barnet to Bestway's solicitor,
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Dear Mr Damms

FOI Act - Request for Information – Bestway (Holdings) Limited

Further to my correspondence of 19th November 2007, I am writing to provide additional information to clarify matters in response to your FOI request of 2nd October.

In answer to the request for information on the decision to relocate a waste handling facility at the site of Bestways, there is no information available. The proposal to locate a waste transfer station is found in Policy C7 of the council's adopted UDP. This policy is not site specific and is justified on the need to rationalise and replace an existing facility within the regeneration area.

The council's adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance is not a statutory development plan but has been prepared so as to provide guidance to developers, residents and businesses on the regeneration area and to the council in making planning decisions. The guidance has had to take into account the statutory policies contained in the adopted UDP, the London Plan and government guidance and must also take account of viability and be flexible so as to guide development over a period of 10 to 15 years.

However, any planning application for the regeneration area must demonstrate, through the process of appraisals and assessments that the development will be sustainable, is designed to the highest standards and can be delivered. It will therefore be at the stage of submitting a comprehensive planning application that the siting of the waste facility will be justified by the applicant.

I trust this is all in order, but if you have any further comments or queries, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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