5. **Issues and Options responses to: Waste (Core Strategy)**

Table 5: Summary of responses to the Core Strategy- Waste Issues and Options

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5.1. **Comments in support of the proposed options**

5.1.1. The South West Regional Assembly supports the principles of self-sufficiency and the proximity principle.

5.1.2. The South West of England Regional Development Agency supports the development of a sustainable strategy that will maximise economic benefits to the regional economy and one that fully supports the growth and development proposed for Plymouth.

5.1.3. The Environment Agency is encouraged by the emphasis given to the waste hierarchy in the vision and supports other principles including self-sufficiency and the proximity principle. It is pointed out that Plymouth’s population is growing above the national average whilst recycling is currently below the national average. The timely production of a waste management strategy is encouraged. The Environment Agency supports the interim waste management option (bulking up and transfer to a facility as close as possible to the point of production) in view of the closure of Chelson Meadow landfill. The Agency also supports better engagement with the public on waste planning matters.

5.1.4. Devon County Environment Directorate supports a stronger emphasis on managing the city’s waste within the city. There is also support for the potential of new strategic waste management facilities within Plymouth to cater for the wider sub-region. Devon County Council would welcome the opportunity to contribute further to the WLDD.

5.1.5. Cattewater Habour Commission supports the use of water transport to deal with waste transfer issues.

5.1.6. Plymouth Environment Forum supports the principle of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and self-sufficiency. Additional comments are provided, however, on the need to influence (reduce) the actual production of waste.

5.1.7. The East End Partnership supports the Issues and Options Report. The Partnership would like to see an improvement in recycling facilities within the city and across the East End. New facilities should account for environmental impacts and further engagement on sites is recommended.

5.1.8. Penlee Vale Residents Association supports the Issues and Options Report. The Association does comment that there is a need for improvement in
waste information and raising public awareness. There should be greater efforts to detect those who abuse the system or who do not use it properly.

5.1.9. Friends of the Earth express support and stress that the reduction of waste by reusing, recycling and composting wherever possible is the top priority. Also need to conserve natural resources and avoid the environmentally unsound and expensive option of shipping waste out of the area.

5.1.10. The National Trust expresses support for the vision and emphasises the following:
- Supports the need to develop a culture of waste minimisation and re-use;
- Supports working with neighbouring authorities to deal with the landfill issue and
- Stresses need to improve the environment and quality of life of residents;
- Believes that siting of facilities in Plymouth would be contentious and would be in conflict with vision.
- Stresses again need to work with neighbouring authorities;
- The interim option of transfer is supported;
- Chelson Meadow is near Saltram historic estate and the landfill has affected the environmental quality of the estate;
- Shale Quarry has nature conservation value;
- Moorcroft Quarry is seen as having potential for waste uses;
- Waste development needs to be properly controlled.

5.2. Concerns raised

5.2.1. The Conservative’s Group Forum raises several issues:
- PCC needs to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, including increased education on recycling and a token scheme of some kind.
- Is concerned about the possible location of a waste transfer facility and possible waste to energy plant- wide consultation needed.
- Suggests building an incinerator with energy recovery at Devonport Dockyard and using it to power the Dockyard.
- PCC needs to be wary of a large incinerator, as an oversized plant could act as a deterrent to recycling.

5.2.2. Imerys Minerals Ltd notes that PCC is taking a proactive approach and is encouraged by the search for new facilities and treatment opportunities. However, Imerys is concerned that an uncoordinated approach is being taken to the location of strategically placed facilities. Transport issues particularly are raised. A potential site is highlighted at Marsh Mills.

5.2.3. Westbury Homes and Pacemaker Developments, while supporting the overall thrust of waste minimisation and the need to find an alternative solution in view of the closure of Chelson Meadow, are concerned about the potential location of a waste facility at Chelson Meadow and in the adjoining shale quarry. Any development at Chelson Meadow should have appropriate technical assessments, including health and amenity assessments. Believe that a new facility at Chelson Meadow would not be consistent with the proximity principle. Concern is expressed about sterilising the wider development of North Plymstock. There is support for the waste hierarchy and proximity principle, together with a concern that any waste to energy facility would not be the BPEO. Westbury is committed to
waste minimisation and is content to consider reasonable contributions to facility provision.

5.3. **Other comments**

5.3.1. There is a suggestion that New England Quarry, owned by Aggregate Industries, be used after Chelson Meadow closes.

5.3.2. It is noted that waste could be minimised by reducing packaging and encouraging recycling. In this context consultees have raised the issue of waste awareness. People with gardens should be encouraged to treat their own garden and wet waste for compost. Other actions should include encouragement to use terry towelling nappies.

5.3.3. There are real concerns about fly-tipping and litter.

5.3.4. Various suggestions on how to recover value from waste have been put forward, including enhanced composting. There is support for incineration. It is noted that incineration/gasification can produce energy while residual ash can be used as construction material.

5.3.5. There are suggestions in respect of alternative landfill sites. Using waste to fill and restore redundant quarries is also supported. Plymstock Quarry is suggested, together with using part of Moorcroft Quarry.

5.3.6. Concern is raised about contracting out the waste management function.

5.3.7. Viridor Waste Management comments that:

- In looking at landfill capacity, recommends working with adjacent authorities to ensure sufficient void capacity outside city boundaries.
- Bulking up waste at a new waste transfer facility in the city and transporting it to landfill at a reasonable distance for period after Chelson Meadow closure is a realistic and deliverable solution.
- Need to clarify that the waste transfer site at Colebrook is Viridor’s.
- Viridor is looking for new sites and will contact PCC if a suitable one is found.

5.3.8. Cornwall Organic Recycling Limited stresses the need to identify sites in the City for waste uses for different types of waste management technology. The Company would like to see an integrated waste management centre developed. Broadmore Farm near Saltash is suggested as a possible location if alternatives are unavailable in the City. Self-sufficiency is encouraged, as are potential sites near the City with good transport links.

5.3.9. The Conservative Group comments that a rise in the population of Plymouth (310,000) will not be sustainable or create a city we can be proud of.

5.3.10. Red Tree comments that all major developments should contribute by developing strategies for the handling and recovery of waste.

5.3.11. P2020 Environment & Sustainability Partnership comments on all aspects of recycling - reduce, reuse, recycle and reduction of packaging. Public buildings should use renewable energy such as solar power.