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# **Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals and Waste Development Framework**

## **Waste Core Strategy DPD**

### **Examination**

#### **Position Statement MM11**

**WCC/SBC/PS11**

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## The Councils Position Statements

### 34. *Why are there no targets related to Policy WCS1?*

The Councils do not consider that targets for policy WCS1 are applicable as the matters being monitored are not within the direct control of the Councils. The indicator relating to waste arisings does not have targets as it is designed to simply measure actual waste arisings. This indicator is a Core Output indicator set out in Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide. This document does not outline that targets should be included for these Core Output indicators. The indicator does however monitor and provide important information for the production of waste and the figures will be used to update the evidence base through the Annual Monitoring Report. This information is used to inform waste forecasts and capacity gaps for waste facilities and will inform whether a review of the Core Strategy is necessary in the future.

The indicator relating to the capacity of new waste management facilities permitted is also a Core Output indicator within the Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide and does not require specific targets. The Councils consider that a target is not applicable as they cannot directly control the timing of the submission of planning applications for waste management purposes.

The estimated number of new facilities required for each waste stream and process could be incorporated into the indicator as targets, but again the Councils consider that these are displayed elsewhere in the draft Waste Core Strategy (Policy WCS3) and it would be particularly difficult to predict when each facility would be required due to the expected uneven growth patterns in the County and Borough noted in paragraph 5.12 of the Core Strategy. This information is used to inform waste forecasts and capacity gaps for waste facilities and will also provide an indication as to whether a review of the Core Strategy is necessary in the future, as outlined in chapter 6 – Implementation, Monitoring and Review of the Core Strategy.

The third indicator relating to WCS1 – the percentage waste imports and exports is also not within the Councils control, the reasons for this are discussed under issue 35 below. The information is important to monitor and the Councils consider the indicator is essential for updating the Evidence Base through the AMR process.

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The Councils policy position on waste imports and exports is that stated within draft policy WCS1. Due to the SSCT growth areas being located on the periphery of the County and the close links that exist with neighbouring authorities, the importation and exportation of waste may in some circumstances offer the most sustainable option for management and may be the closest appropriate site in line with PPS10. There is no target for the percentage of waste imports and exports as this is not within the Councils control. The waste industry and commercial contracts do not comply with administrative boundaries and often operate on a regional scale.

The Councils note that imports and exports are likely to continue in the Plan period, however the strategy is seeking to manage waste within the parameters of PPS10, with the desire to manage waste sustainably in the spatial level, irrespective of geo-political boundaries. The information is important to monitor and the Councils consider the indicator is essential for updating the Evidence Base through the AMR process.

The Councils consider that draft policies WCS2 and WCS3 of the Core Strategy and providing a suitable framework of facilities in the Site Allocations DPD for Wiltshire and Swindon's needs will address self sufficiency (as required by the draft RSS).

The position of the Councils would be made clearer with the deletion of paragraph 6.6 to reinforce the Councils position illustrated in policy WCS1.