

Waste

- 8.88 The amount of waste we produce is increasing and the traditional ways of dealing with it (for example, exporting it to landfill sites outside London) are becoming increasingly unacceptable, financially and environmentally. Therefore, we need to find better ways of dealing with our waste and taking more responsibility for dealing with it within London. One of the aims of London Plan is to see London manage the equivalent amount of local authority collected waste (LACW) and commercial and industrial (CandI) waste it produces by 2026. This could be achieved by reducing the amount of waste we produce, increasing the reuse and recycling of materials, reducing the proportion of waste exported out from London and finding sites for new waste facilities.
- 8.89 We also face specific challenges in dealing with waste in Camden. For example, the borough's ability to be self-sufficient in waste is limited by its built-up character and the lack of sites on which to build waste management facilities. Also, the nature of Camden's housing stock, with a large proportion of flats and a significant number of homes without gardens, means that some homes have limited space for storing recycling containers and reduced opportunities for composting.
- 8.90 The Council recognises that Camden cannot adequately deal with its waste in isolation. Therefore, it is a member of the North London Waste Authority, which is responsible for the disposal of waste collected in the boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey, Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest and is working in partnership with these authorities in order to prepare a joint North London Waste Plan (NLWP).

Policy CC5 Waste

The Council will seek to make Camden a low waste borough.

We will:

- a. aim to reduce the amount of waste produced in the borough and increase recycling and the reuse of materials to meet the London Plan targets of 50% of household waste recycled/composted by 2020 and aspiring to achieve 60% by 2031;
- b. deal with North London's waste by working with our partner boroughs in North London to produce a Waste Plan, which will ensure that sufficient land is allocated to manage the amount of waste apportioned to the area in the London Plan;
- c. safeguard Camden's existing waste site at Regis Road unless a suitable compensatory waste site is provided that replaces the maximum throughput achievable at the existing site; and
- d. make sure that developments include facilities for the storage and collection of waste and recycling.

Waste production and recycling

- 8.91 The Council is committed to reducing the amount of waste produced in the borough, encouraging recycling and managing collected waste in a sustainable way. It fully supports the objectives of sustainable waste management to move the management of waste up the 'waste hierarchy' of prevention, preparing for reuse, recycling, other recovery, and to only consider disposal as a last resort.
- 8.92 We believe that communities should take more responsibility for their own waste and we will work to meet national and London-wide targets for waste and recycling. The London Plan expects Camden to manage 152,000 tonnes of waste in 2021, and 186,000 tonnes in 2031. However, we are pooling our waste with our partner boroughs in North London and working on joint solutions to the area's waste. The North London boroughs are together expected to deal with a total of 1,211,000 tonnes of waste in 2021, rising to 1,479,000 tonnes in 2031.
- 8.93 Camden will seek to increase recycling/composting in the borough to meet the London Plan target of 50% of household waste recycled by 2020 and 60% by 2031. Recycling in the borough has been increasing and over 30% of household waste was recycled in 2012/13, up from 16% in 2002/3. We have a number of schemes to encourage more recycling, including mini recycling centres, the reuse and recycling centre at Regis Road, and a weekly door-to-door recycling collection service. Green Action for Change, Camden's Environmental Sustainability Plan (2011-2020), aims to reduce the amount of waste we produce in coming years and increase the amount we recycle. It contains our overall objectives for managing Camden's waste and sets out what we are doing to encourage recycling and waste reduction and provide recycling facilities and waste collection services.

Waste partnership

- 8.94 The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) and the seven boroughs have prepared a Joint Waste Strategy, which plans for managing the waste collected by the boroughs until 2020. This will be used to facilitate the provision of new waste management services, to increase recycling and recovery and divert more waste away from disposal to landfill.
- 8.95 In their role as planning authorities, the boroughs are preparing a joint planning document - the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) - which will form part of borough Local Plans. It will identify appropriate locations, including existing sites, for a range of waste facilities to meet the waste management needs of North London and will aim to ensure that benefits are maximised and the negative aspects minimised. In line with London Plan policy 5.17, the North London Waste Plan will identify sites to deal with the management of local authority collected waste and commercial and industrial waste. In addition, the NLWP will plan for construction, demolition and excavation waste; hazardous waste and agricultural waste. It will also contain some detailed policies to ensure that proposals for waste facilities will be dealt with consistently across the North London area.
- 8.96 Camden currently only has one waste site - the recycling and reuse centre at Regis Road - and will continue to safeguard it for waste use. The change of use or redevelopment of this site will only be permitted if a suitable compensatory

waste site is provided that replaces the facilities and services available at Regis Road. The proposed site will be expected to normally meet the maximum achievable throughput of the Regis Road site (see London Plan policy 5.17).

Facilities for storage and collection

- 8.97 To make sure that residents and businesses can properly store and sort their waste and to make household recycling as easy as possible, the Council will require developments to provide adequate facilities for recycling and the storage and disposal of waste. Facilities for home composting will be encouraged in appropriate development schemes. We will also seek to secure the reuse of construction waste on development sites to reduce resource use and the need to transport materials. Our supplementary planning document Camden Planning Guidance on design contains further information on the Council's expectations for on-site facilities for waste and recycling and on construction waste.

Waste Management Plan

- 8.98 To ensure an integrated approach to waste management and the highest possible reuse and recycling rates, the Council will encourage the submission of a site waste management plan prior to construction. For further details please refer to our supplementary planning document Camden Planning Guidance on sustainability