

**West of England Partnership Local  
Development  
Framework  
Joint Waste Core Strategy Examination**  
October 2010

**Monitoring and Implementation**

*Whether there are clear arrangements for managing and monitoring the delivery of the strategy*

**Statement**  
submitted on behalf of  
**Highways Agency**

1. **Context**

Since 2007 the Highways Agency (Agency) has made a series of representations to the Waste Core Strategy (CS). This statement seeks to build upon our previous submissions, clarify points raised through the Inspectors agenda for the Examination in Public, focusing specifically on matters relating to reducing the need to travel and the likely impact of the proposed waste sites on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). This statement should be considered as additional evidence at the session relating to Monitoring and Implementation.

2. **Whether there are clear arrangements for managing and monitoring the delivery of the strategy**

The Agency as a statutory consultee (in line with the requirements of Article 16 DMPO) and Circular 02/2007) has a key role in the planning process and is committed to working with applicants and developers to secure the delivery of their proposals in such a way that they minimise any additional burden on other users of the SRN. In order to continue our collaborative approach to the determination of planning applications, including waste proposals, the Agency would recommend that continued engagement takes place between the West of England, applicants and the Agency. This should ensure the merits of specific sites and proposals are considered and the scope of required assessment is agreed at the earliest opportunity.

Development should normally be in line with policies and proposals already set out in the Development Plan. Where development proposals are fully consistent with the adopted Development Plan, the Agency would not expect to have to engage in the full assessment process, provided there had been no material changes after LDD adoption. In such circumstances, considerations would normally be limited to the agreement of detailed access arrangements (including mitigation measures) rather than the principle of the development itself.

In light of the above comments, and after further discussion with the West of England Partnership the Agency & the Partnership Authorities would welcome the insertion of the following text (in bold) to paragraph 7.1.3 of the Core Strategy for clarification:

- The delivery of the JWCS will require Partnership Authorities to have continued engagement with all statutory bodies but in particular the Environment Agency, as regulator of waste facilities, who will also be providing monitoring information, and the development industry, which will ultimately be delivering the waste management