

West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy Examination**Information Note – Policy 11****Prepared by RPS Planning & Development on behalf of Strategic Land Partnerships**

Policy 11 – Planning Designations

The criteria of policy 11 should accurately reflect the provisions of National Guidance to be considered sound. Policy 11 either fails to accurately reflect the provisions of National Guidance or unnecessarily duplicates national policy.

The following table indicates where the issue is adequately covered by and/or inconsistent with national guidance by either over simplification; for example, the policy does not distinguish how different types of waste development on sites which may be in or adjacent to designations identified in this policy will be judged i.e. the degree of protection afforded to nationally and locally important designations respectively, or how to weight designations and judge any potential impacts, relative to each other when determining planning proposals.

Policy 11– Planning Designations	National Policy	Over simplified and/or duplicated
Planning permission will not be granted for waste related development where this would endanger, or have a significant adverse impact on, or effect the character, quality, interest, setting or openness of the following:		
1. Wetland areas of international importance (Ramsar Sites);	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
2. Special Areas of Conservation, candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, and potential Special Protection Areas;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
3. World Heritage Site;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment	✓
4. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management	✓

	Planning Policy Statement 7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas	
5. The best and most versatile agricultural land;	Planning Policy Statement 7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas	✓
6. Scheduled Ancient Monuments or Sites of Archaeological Importance;	Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment	✓
7. National Nature Reserves or Sites of Special Scientific Interest;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
8. Ancient semi-natural woodlands;	Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
9. Listed buildings and Historic Parks and Gardens;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment	✓
10. Conservation Areas;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment	✓
11. Sites of Nature Conservation Importance;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
12. Local Nature Reserves and non-statutory nature reserves;	Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
13. Areas of Historic Landscape Value;	Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment	✓
14. Regionally Important Geological Sites;	Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓

15. Groundwater Source Protection Zones	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk	✓
16. Active flood plain (Flood Zone 3b) or areas where the level of flood risk is considered to be unsuitable for the type (vulnerability classification) of development proposed;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk	✓
17. The level of flood risk experienced by neighbouring land and property;	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk	✓
18. Biodiversity Action Plan habitat and species; and	Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	✓
19. Green Belt, except where very special circumstances are justified.	Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management Planning Policy Guidance 2: Green Belts	✓
In assessing each development proposal, due regard will be paid to prevailing national policy and guidance appropriate both to the areas and features of acknowledged importance and to the proposed means of dealing with waste. The assessment will also take into account whether any significant adverse impact identified could be controlled to acceptable levels.		

Some of these issues are also covered by European Legislation.