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Dear Councillor Goodman,

Surrey Waste Local Plan – Former Weylands Treatment Works, Walton on Thames

We have recently been notified that, subject to modifications being made, the Surrey Waste Local Plan (SWLP) has been found 'sound' by the Planning Inspector in her report dated 11 May 2020. It is understood that the Plan will now be presented to your Cabinet on 23 June, who will decide whether to recommend that Council adopts the new Plan.

Our Councillors, Officers and local residents actively participated in the preparation of the SWLP, responding to consultations and attending the Examination. Throughout the process (and for a number of years prior) we have raised concerns as to the unrestricted allocation of the Former Weylands Treatment Works, Walton on Thames and the impact this could have on the neighbouring environment and the local road network. These concerns were also raised in our response to the two previous planning applications (our ref. 2014/0827 and 2015/3793).

Whilst we are disappointed that the County Council and Inspector have not sought to restrict the type of waste facility that could be provided on the site, we are pleased to see the following addition under the 'key development issues – transport' for the site:

“The routing of HGVs to access the SRN will need to be controlled to avoid unsuitable local roads including Rydens Road and Walton Park” (modification ref. no. MM34)

Nevertheless, as the Cabinet Member for the Environment & Waste, we write to you to express our continued concern as to the potential impact on the local road network that an application, similar to those previously submitted, may have. For example, the routing of HGVs on other roads in Molesey, Walton, Hersham and Esher, such as Molesey Road, Weston Avenue, Terrace Road. As the Highways Authority, we would therefore strongly encourage the County to liaise closely with Local Members and Officers from Elmbridge on any future proposals / submitted planning application to ensure that our concerns are addressed.

If the County fails to engage in a manner that the Borough Council considers to be constructive or if the concerns of the Borough Council are not sufficiently addressed, we will be left with no alternative but to strongly object to any future planning application / proposed development of the site

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Parkes, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager, on the details above.

Your sincerely,

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Cllr. Stuart Selleck
Leader of the Council

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Cllr. Mary Marshall
Councillor Mary Marshall
Deputy Leader of the Council &
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