

Sefton Local Plan Hearings: 24th November 2015

Waste Water

1. The matter of waste water, and grey water in particular, was raised when discussing policy IN3: Managing Waste, and whether the policy needs to be amended to address this matter. Policy IN3 is consistent with the overarching waste policies that many of the districts in Merseyside and Halton have included in their Core Strategy Local Plans, in the knowledge that the Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (the 'Waste Local Plan') addresses all other waste matters. As such, policy IN3 does not need to be modified.
2. Paragraphs 2.98 and 2.99 of the Waste Local Plan refer to the management of waste water. There is no identified need within the Plan area for any additional waste water treatment over the Plan period, and as such there is no specific policy within the Waste Local Plan that addresses this matter. However, there are two policies that would cover water-based issues for waste management facilities.
3. Policy WM10: High Quality Design and Operation of Waste Management Facilities looks at construction and operational resource efficiency including meeting design quality standards, and this would include addressing water resource efficiencies, such as grey water recycling. Policy WM12: Criteria for Waste Management Development deals with wider water issues associated with waste management development including drainage, flood risk and impacts to controlled waters.
4. Sefton Local Plan needs to address grey water recycling issues for other non-waste forms of development. The document 'A Local Plan for Sefton Proposed Modifications: November 2015' has already addressed this matter implicitly in both policy and supporting text. The final bullet point of modified Policy SD2: Principles of Sustainable Development refers to **“ensuring that all new development addresses flood risk mitigation and explores all methods for mitigating surface water run-off. Wherever possible, developers should include an element of betterment within their proposals to reduce further the risk of flooding in the area”**.
5. Further, the modified supporting text (paragraph 10.58) of Policy EQ8: Managing Flood Risk and Surface Water, specifically refers to ways of reducing flood risk and bullet point 6 includes **“water efficiency including grey water or rainwater recycling”**.
6. Consequently, the matter of grey water recycling has already been addressed implicitly in both the Waste Local Plan and 'A Local Plan for Sefton Proposed

Modifications: November 2015'. In conclusion, neither the Waste Local Plan nor 'A Local Plan for Sefton Proposed Modifications: November 2015' need to be further modified to address grey water recycling.

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