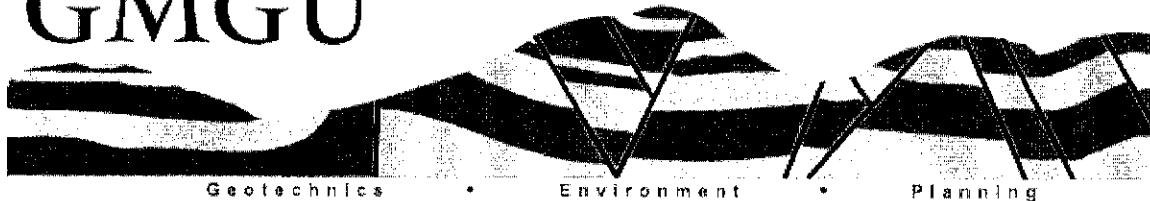


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Dear Sirs,

Subject: Wigan Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement: Draft Submission SCI

Thank you for consulting GMGU on the above. Having read through the documentation GMGU have the following comments to make:

As you are aware the GMGU is currently in the preliminary stages of producing a joint Waste Development Plan Document for Greater Manchester (GMWDPD). It is envisaged that formal production of the GMWDPD will commence Spring 2006. The GMWDPD is listed in Section 2 of the SCI, as a document which will be a component of the LDF. Further information on the development plan documents including the GMWDPD is provided within Appendix A.

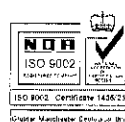
Appendix A simply states that the GMWDPD is to be produced with the other Greater Manchester Authorities and no further information is provided as to who will be responsible for production or how consultation will be carried out, i.e. by Wigan or GMGU. Therefore, the role of the SCI in relation to the GMWDPD is unclear, and it needs to be amended to show how consultation will be undertaken on the GMWDPD.

GMGU provided a section of text in September 2004 to each of the Greater Manchester Authorities for inclusion in their SCI's detailing the proposed production of the GMWDPD.

This information has been recently updated (see attached) to state that consultation on the GMWDPD will be in line with each of the 10 GM authorities SCI's, and a separate consultation strategy will be produced to give a more detailed account of the methods to be utilised in production of this document. Therefore by adding this information to the relevant section of the SCI, it would assist in making clear how consultation will be achieved on the GMWDPD.



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In terms of the consultation procedures for planning applications, although minerals and waste applications have been included under major developments, this only refers to developments over 1hectare. Prescribing the size of development does not always accurately reflect the nature of the development proposed and whether it is major or not. Although 'The Town and Country Planning (Environment Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999' refer to mineral developments over 1ha this is not the case for waste. It is therefore suggested that reference to the size of development is removed and that it simply refer to minerals applications and waste applications.

I trust that you find these comments helpful.

Yours sincerely

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