

Medway Council

Core Strategy Examination in Public

Further Written Evidence from Southern Water

Matter 7. Minerals and Waste

7b. Does the CS set out a planning strategy for sustainable waste management that enables sufficient opportunities for the provision of waste management facilities in appropriate locations, including waste recovery, recycling and disposal, focussing on delivering the key planning objectives in PPS10, including the movement of waste up the waste hierarchy?

Southern Water made a representations to the Publication Draft Core Strategy (August 2011) regarding the lack of policy to support provision of new and improved wastewater infrastructure.

New and improved strategic wastewater infrastructure, such as extensions to existing wastewater treatment works, will be needed to serve the development proposed in Medway's Core Strategy, and to meet environmental quality standards set by the Environment Agency. As there is no policy in the Core Strategy to support the delivery of this infrastructure, Southern Water takes the view that the Core Strategy does not set out a planning strategy for sustainable waste management that enables provision of facilities.

This approach is inconsistent with paragraph 156 of National Planning Policy Framework, which requires Local Plans to include strategic policies to deliver wastewater infrastructure.

The Core Strategy is also at odds with paragraph 157 of the Framework, which requires Local Plans to plan positively for the development *and infrastructure required* in the area to deliver sustainable development.

Proposed changes to make the Core Strategy sound

Please refer to Southern Water's original representation to the Publication Draft Core Strategy (August 2011): Section 4 – OMISSION OF POLICY - Provision of new infrastructure.

We propose inclusion of the following policy in the Core Strategy:

Proposals by service providers for the delivery of wastewater infrastructure to meet the needs generated by new development and by existing communities will be encouraged and/or permitted, subject to other relevant policies.