

GLA Review of General Conformity

Areas of the Strategy already in general conformity

1. Minimum level of service for household dry recycling – The authority is already collecting the six main dry recyclables from domestic properties (paper, card, cans, plastic bottles, mixed rigid plastic and glass) required by the LES.
2. Household recycling target – The household recycling target of 35% by 2022 is in line with benchmarking from Resource London's routemap modelling.
3. Promotion of regional campaigns – the document provided highlights the authority's actions to support and promote regional campaigns like Recycle for London.

Priority areas that needed to be addressed to achieve general conformity

4. While it was noted there was some general reference to the Mayor of London's Strategy an explicit reference to the LES and the targets it outlines (including London-wide 50% Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) recycling target for 2025 and 65% municipal waste recycling target for 2030) as well as the minimum level of household recycling services expected from waste authorities (*Policy 7.2.1*) was requested in the context section. This reference has been included in the final version of the Strategy.
5. The LES sets out that authorities will be required to complete a Reduction and Recycling Action Plan (RRP) by 2020 (*Policy 7.2.1*), to be approved by the Mayor and reviewed every four years. An explicit reference to developing an RRP (and to the fact that Tower Hamlets is part of the first phase of the plan and will develop an RRP between October 2018 and March 2019) and intentions to review the document every four years was requested. This reference has been included in National and Regional policy section of the final version of the Strategy.
6. Whilst the GLA acknowledged the commitment to increasing household recycling to 35% by 2022, the Council was asked to strengthen the Strategy by agreeing targets for LACW recycling rate and waste reduction as targets set against a common set of metrics are required for the RRP process (*Policy 7.2.1*). The Council will include targets for LACW recycling rate and waste reduction in the RRP.
7. The minimum level of recycling service required by the LES (*Policy 7.2.1*) includes a separate weekly collection of food waste from all kerbside properties. Requested confirmation that Tower Hamlets was committed to collecting food waste separately from garden waste. The Council already provides a separate food waste collection service for all kerbside properties and also provides a collection for garden waste from all kerbside properties. It has been pointed out to the GLA that whilst these waste streams are

presented separately by the householder, both waste streams are collected in the same vehicle.

8. Whilst the GLA noted that reference is made to the authority's intention to work towards the Mayor's Carbon Intensity Floor (CIF) and Emissions Performance Standard (EPS) targets, the GLA requested that the Council's commitment to meeting the CIF is strengthened. The Council requires its waste treatment and disposal service provider through its contract for these services, to meet or have plans in place to meet the CIF and so this has been reflected in the reducing carbon and improving air quality section of final version of the Strategy.
9. The GLA also requested that an explicit reference was made to meeting the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) vehicle exhaust standards for waste fleets (*Policy 7.3.1*). An explicit reference to meeting the ULEZ has been included in the reducing carbon and improving air quality section of the final version of the Strategy.
10. In order to strengthen commitment to maximising local waste sites (*Policy 7.4.1*) the GLA suggested that information about the location of disposal facilities was added or a signpost to the relevant local plan or contract addressing the use of local waste sites. A reference to the Council's emerging Local Plan and the policies relating to managing our waste and the Council's waste apportionment requirements has been included in National and Regional policy section the final version of the Strategy. The waste sites currently used by the Council for treating its own waste will be signposted in the RRP.