

Dear Sir

I write to raise objections to the inclusion of land to the north of Railway Triangle, as a major waste site, in the council's Waste Core Strategy (WCS).

The land is currently in the ownership of Allstone Sand & Gravel.

This land is next to one of Gloucester's "magnificent seven" regeneration sites and was originally included in the embryonic regeneration masterplan for the Railway Triangle, being developed by the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company (GHURC).

Gloucester City Council has already backed a motion in my name to have the Allstone landholdings reinstated in the GHURC's Railway Triangle regeneration masterplan.

I understand that GHURC are actively considering this, which is why the publication of draft masterplan has been delayed.

It would be madness to allow land north of the Railway Triangle to become one of ten major waste sites in Gloucestershire - especially as the site is in the centre of Gloucester, next to major housing developments, a primary school and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

The road network serving Myers Road, where Allstone is located, is already severely congested and certainly could not take any more heavy lorries.

Already, the current uses on the Allstone landholdings are unsuitable for such an urban and residential location. To approve a waste site at this location and one, which might house a substantial waste incinerator, would be unacceptable.

I have received a large number of written objections from my constituents who are worried about the intensification of waste processing on this land.

Residents of Armscroft Estate and Swallow Park already have to put up with the noise and dust coming from this site, which has permission for a waste transfer station, won on appeal, to the planning inspector against local wishes.

On Thursday 26th November Gloucester City Council debated the Waste Core Strategy and voted to request the removal of the land to the north of the Railway Triangle as a major waste site in the county's impending WCS for Gloucestershire.

The city council also called for the county council to only proceed with a low carbon solution to dealing with the county's residual waste. The city council voted to oppose a waste incinerator as an option.

My preferred use and I imagine that of GHURC, is that this land is best suited for housing, an extension of Armscroft Park (public open space) and high tech commercial enterprises; definitely not the processing of the county's waste. I don't want to see piles of rubbish stores here.

On another matter in my division, I remain concerned about proposals to intensify the use of the Netheridge Sewage Works for the processing residual waste. Especially, as the access road is also bounded by residential properties and the quality of life here could be damaged by the county council's current suggestion in the draft WCS.

Best Wishes

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