Table 4.1 continued **Summary of Relevant RSS Policies**

Policy Ref.	Summary of Policy Provisions
Drat RSS Proposed Changes (2008)	
Policy DP1: Spatial Principles (as supported by Policies DP2 to DP9)	Policy sets out the principles underpinning the RSS and which other regional, sub-regional and local plans and strategies and all individual proposals, schemes and investment decisions should adhere to. They are to: • Promote sustainable communities; • Promote sustainable economic development; • Make the best use of existing resources and infrastructure; • Manage travel demand, reduce the need to travel, and increase accessibility; • Mary opportunity and need; • Promote environmental quality; • Mainstream rural issues; and • Reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. These principles are amplified by Policies D2 to DP9.
Policy DP7: Promote Environmental Quality	Environmental quality (including air and water), should be protected and enhanced, especially by: • Understanding and respecting the character and distinctiveness of places and landscapes; • Promoting good quality design in new development and ensuring that development respects its setting taking into account relevant design requirements, the NW Design Guide and other best practise; • Reclaiming derelict land and remediating contaminated land for end-uses to improve the image of the region and use land resources efficiently; • Maximising opportunities for the regeneration of derelict or dilapidated areas; • Assessing the potential impacts of managing traffic growth and mitigation the impacts of road traffic on air quality, noise and health; • Promoting policies relating to green infrastructure and the greening of towns and cities; • Maintaining and enhancing the tranquillity of open countryside and rural areas; and • Maintaining the quantity and quality of biodiversity and habitat, ensuring that plans, strategies and proposals which alone or in combination could have a significant effect on the integrity and conservation objectives of sites of international importance for nature conservation are subject to assessment, this includes assessment and amelioration of the potential impacts of development (and associated traffic) on air quality, water quality and water levels.

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Policy Ref.	Summary of Policy Provisions
Policy DP9: Reduce Emissions and Adapt to Climate Change	Policy sets out that as an urgent regional priority, plans, strategies, proposals, schemes and investment decisions should: • Contribute to the regional policy to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from all sources; • Take into account future changes to national targets for carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions; • Identify, asses and apply measures to ensure effective adaptation to likely environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change. Measures to reduce emissions might include facilitating effective waste management.
Policy EM10: A Regional Approach to Waste Management	Policy sets out the regional approach to waste management. Plans, strategies, proposals and schemes should promote and require the provision of sustainable new waste management infrastructure, facilities and systems that contribute to the development of the North West by reducing harm to the environment (including reducing impacts of climate change), improving efficiency of resources, stimulating investment and maximising economic opportunities. Plans and strategies should reflect the principles set out in the Waste Strategy for England 2007 and PPS10. .
Policy EM11: Waste Management Principles	Policy sets out that every effort should be made to minimise waste, maximise re-use, and maximise opportunities for the use of recycled material. Such residual waste as does arise should be managed at the highest practicable level in the Government's waste hierarchy. It outlines a sequence of initiative that should be followed and appropriate facilities provided accordingly.

Assessment

Overall, the proposals accord with the policies of the Draft RSS and its proposed changes. Importantly, the MSP development at Pink Bank Lane will enable the improvement of environmental quality. This accords with the RSS spatial principles set out in Policy DP1 and its supporting policies, in partieular DP7 and DP9 (RSS Proposed Changes).

In terms of Policy EM10, as supported by Section 3 of this supporting statement, the proposed MSP development represents sustainable waste management infrastructure in that the facility will reduce harm to the environment.

4.2.3 Unitary Development Plan

The Manchester City Unitary Development Plan (UDP) (adopted July 1995) provides the local policies that cover the site. Key local planning polieies that are of specific relevance to the proposed development are set out and assessed in Table 4.2.

In due course the UDP will be replaced by the Local Development Framework (LDF), following the changes to the planning system brought in by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Core Strategy will be the first of the various Development Plan Documents which will be produced as part of the LDF. The Core Strategy issues and options were consulted on in October 2007 and further consultation on preferred options is expected in June 2008.

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Table 4.2 Relevant Policies in the UDP

Policy Ref	Summary of Policy Provisions	Commentary
Part 1 Policies		
Environmental Improvement & Protection		
E1.2	Policy sets out the principles for providing for waste disposal, including carefully controlling the site and design of new incinerators, landfill sites and waste treatment and storage facilities (including such operations as waste transfer stations, scrap yards etc) in order to prevent any unacceptable impact on local communities and the quality of the physical and visual environment.	As Section 2 of this Supporting Statement notes, the proposed MSP facility is required to ensure levels of methane within the leachate discharged from the landfill do not exceed permitted discharge consent. Furthermore as noted in Section 4, it is considered that the proposed development will not have an unacceptable impact on the local community or the quality of the physical and visual environment.
E1.3	Policy promotes measures to decrease the level of pollution in the City's watercourses including rivers an canals, and groundwater sources.	As outlined in Section 2 of this Supporting Statement, the proposed development is required to ensure levels of methane within the leachate discharged from the landfill do not exceed permitted discharge consent. As such, the proposed facility will seek to reduce potential pollution in nearby watercourses.
E2.2	Policy sets out that permission will not normally be granted for development which would adversely affect designated sites of special scientific interest, sites of biological importance and geological interest and ancient woodlands.	The proposed development will have no effects on designated SSSIs, sites of biological importance and geological interest, or ancient woodlands. As set out in Section 3 of this Supporting Statement, there are no statutory designated sites within 2 km of the site.
E2.3	Policy protects important wildlife habitats, and where appropriate, will designate areas as local nature reserves. It will also seek to create nature reserves as part of development schemes, especially where water features are present or can be created.	The proposed development will have no effects on important wildlife habitats or local nature reserves. As set out in Section 3 of this Supporting Statement, there are no recorded protected or conservation notable species within 500 m of the site.

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Table 4.2 (continued) Relevant Policies in the UDP

Policy Ref	Summary of Policy Provisions	Commentary
E2.4	Policy seeks to ensure that the effects upon wildlife are taken fully into account when considering development proposals. Where development is permitted, policy seeks to protect existing features of ecological value, such as ponds and hedges, by requiring them to be incorporated where possible. The creation of new features which will sustain wildlife is encouraged.	An assessment of the potential effects on wildlife has been undertaken, the results of which are set out in Section 3.5. As noted, there are no statutory designated sites within 2 km of the site; nor are there any protected or conservation notable species on or near the site. It is considered that due to the small scale nature of the proposed MSP facility and low value habitats, any effects would be negligible. As such, there would be no significant effects on the nature conservation value of the site and any conservation notable species.
E2.6	Policy seeks to prevent the loss of existing trees and, in addition, encourages extensive broadleaved tree planting schemes especially as a means to enhance informal recreation areas and to improve the appearance of built up areas.	No existing trees will be lost as a result of the proposed development.
E3.5	Policy promotes measures which will lead to a safer environment for all people living in and using the City. Measure include: • Ensuring that the layout of new development is designed with safety in mind and does not lead to the creation of isolated areas; and • Designing landscape schemes so as to minimise the risk of attack.	As noted in Section 2 of this Supporting Statement, the proposed facility is required to ensure levels of methane within the leachate discharged from the landfill do not exceed permitted discharge consent. As such, the proposed development provides environmental enhancement leading to a safer environment for all people living in and using the City.

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Table 4.2 (continued) Relevant Policies in the UDP

Policy Ref	Summary of Policy Provisions	Commentary
Part 2 Policies		
Development & Noise		
DC26.1	Policy seeks to reduce the impact of noise on people living and working in, or visiting, the City. Policy will consider both the effect of new development proposals which are likely to be generators of noise, and the implications of new development being exposed to existing noise sources which are effectively outside planning control.	A background noise survey was undertaken as part of the assessment of the proposed development, the results of which are set out in Section 3.3 of this Supporting Statement. It is considered that the proposed MSP facility would not result in any significant noise effects.
DC26.4	Where it is believed that an existing noise source might result in an adverse impact upon a proposed new development, or where a new proposal might generate potentially unacceptable levels of noise, policy requires that in either case the applicant provides an assessment of the likely impact and of the measures proposed to deal satisfactorily with it. Measures may include: • Engineering solutions including reduction of noise at source, improving sound insulation of sensitive buildings or screening by purpose built barriers; • Layout solutions, including consideration of distance between the source of the noise and the buildings or land affected by it, and screening by natural barriers or other buildings or non-critical rooms within a building; and • Administrative steps, including limiting the operating times of the noise source, restricting activities allowed on the site or specifying an acceptable noise-limit. Any or all of these factors will be considered appropriate for inclusion in conditions for any planning permission.	A background noise survey was undertaken as part of the assessment of the proposed development, the results of which are set out in Section 3.3 of this Supporting Statement. It is considered that the proposed MSP facility would not result in any significant noise effects.

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Table 4.2 (continued) Relevant Policies in the UDP

Policy Ref	Summary of Policy Provisions	Commentary
Waste Disposal, Recycling & Reclamation Activities		
DC27.1	Policy sets out that in determining planning applications for development involving the incineration, disposal or recycling of waste materials and reclamation activities, the Council will have regard to: 3 the general location of the proposed development; 4 the effect on amenities of neighbouring occupiers, including the effect of traffic movements and the generation of noise, dust, fumes and litter; a. the adequacy of the local traffic circulation system; b. the need for safe and convenient arrangements for access, internal circulation, and egress; c. the appearance of any structures; d. the quality of the boundary treatment such as fences and screening.	As Section 3 of this Supporting Statement notes, the proposed MSP facility is required to ensure levels of methane within the leachate discharged from the landfill do not exceed permitted discharge consent. The operational controls and environmental safeguards are set out in Section 3, which concludes that the facility would be effectively managed and that there would be no environmentally unacceptable impacts from the proposed development.

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Table 4.2 (continued) Relevant Policies in the UDP

Policy Ref	Summary of Policy Provisions	Commentary
DC27.3	Policy sets out that development will not be permitted unless: a. It is within the general locations set out in DC27.2, and which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include any of the main radial routes; b. The Council is satisfied that there will be no hazard to public health or safety; c. The road network in the vicinity of the site is appropriate to the type and number of vehicles associated with the proposed development; d. The Council is satisfied that the proposal would not inhibit the opportunity for permanent redevelopment, or desirable environmental improvements.	As Section 3 of this Supporting Statement notes, the proposed MSP facility is required to ensure levels of methane within the leachate discharged from the landfill do not exceed permitted discharge consent. The operational controls and environmental safeguards are set out in Section 3, which concludes that the facility would be effectively managed and that there would be no environmentally unacceptable impacts from the proposed development. As such, there will be no hazard to public health or safety.

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4.3 Conclusions

It is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with waste management and planning policies. It will provide environmental enhancement through the treatment of leachate to prevent permitted discharge consents being exceeded.

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5. Conclusions

This support statement has set out the planning case in respect of the proposal by GMWDA for the development of a methane striping plant facility at the former Pink Bank Lane landfill. The facility would ensure that levels of methane within the leachate discharged from the landfill do not exceed permitted discharge consent. The proposal is consistent with waste management and planning policy at the national, regional and local levels and would incorporate adequate design and other mitigation measures to ensure that there will be no effects on the environment or people living near the site.

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Appendix A
Planning Application Forms and Certificates

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