

# WasteDataFlow User Group Workshop

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
10:30 - 15:00 (coffee available from 10:00am)  
Room 501, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AL

## Programme

Time	Subject / Item	Lead
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee on arrival</i>	
10.30 – 10.40	Welcome & Introduction	David Lee (Chair), Defra
10.40 – 11.00	Recent developments	Enviros
11.00 -	Definition Municipal Waste	Defra
	Destinations	Group
	UK vs Overseas	Group
	Stockpiling	Group
	Development needs	Group
	Combined responses	Defra
	LAs going unitary	Defra
	New Materials on list	Enviros
14:45 – 15:00	AOB	

### **Roy Burton**

Suggest we include latest EA guidance on destinations, trends in tonnage, and a need for within a Council to have read only reports.

### **Carolyn Partridge**

I know that this has been discussed before but I think it would be useful to have an agenda item of 'what is the end destination'?

There seems to be a mis-match to what we need to do for wdf and what other people expect from us. My understanding is that if the waste is processed in any form at the destination that we send the material to then it counts for Q19 on wdf. There seems to be a push to know exactly where each material ends up - is it in the UK or does it end up abroad and what is the final end product. We have had queries from members of the public and press on this item.

How far down the chain do we actually have to go?

**Justin Lomax**

The position taken is surprising, as it makes it administratively easier when exporting than using our UK outlets? In terms of proximity principles / carbon footprint / environmental externalities etc I would have expected to be incentivised towards the UK outlets?

As far as the final bullet point on stockpiling – this was not a query I raised - but the position is seriously concerning. Under this advice, should a merchant choose to stockpile due to market conditions, this could prove disastrous for the performance figures of WCAs (especially if this occurred at year end, in a statutory target year) – despite their best efforts to divert this material from the waste stream.

Overall, the appearance of the advice below is that there are more incentives to export than to get it reprocessed in the UK?

I will take this up at WDF user group next week, but in the meantime please would you pass my concerns on to your source at the EA.

**Neil Conway**

As many authorities are now in a procurement of, or are constructing PFI facilities Could we spend some time looking at changes to WDF that may need to be implemented at the next WDF User Group meeting?

Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Borough Council are currently jointly building 2 plants that incorporate IVC's, MBT, transfer facilities and a MRF.

Operational there will be the opportunity, for example, for MRF rejects to be then passed for processing through the MBT part of the plant.

We need to ensure that different elements aren't double counted affecting PI & LATS calculations.

I have attached a file that demonstrates a range of scenarios that could operationally occur and that WDF should be able to accommodate.

In addition as our PFI contract is jointly procured with another WDA (Blackpool Borough Council) we have an agreement to pool our LATS, some consideration needs to be made for this also.