

4.9 Community benefits

4.9.1 The comments raised in respect of community benefits during Phase One Consultation are summarised in Table 4.9, together with the Applicant's response.

Table 4.9: Comments on community benefits received at Phase One Consultation

Ref	Comment	SC	LA	LI	No. CC	CC IDs	Applicant's response	Change
Community benefits								
Community impact								
4.9.2	Concerns regarding impact on residents, including reduced house prices, increased traffic and inconvenience.	-	-	-	9	9, 23, 24, 25, 37, 40, 52, 10018, 10019	The proposed use of the site will be a continuation of the current waste management use. The potential impacts of the proposal at sensitive receptors, such as residential areas, will be considered as part of the environmental impact assessment which will be reported in the Environmental Statement which forms part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. Potential traffic effects both during construction and operation will be detailed in the Transport Assessment. During Phase Two Consultation the emerging findings of the environmental impact assessment will be available in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and an Interim Draft of the Transport Assessment will be available. The nearest residential properties are located 600m from the site boundary and the Project would see the replacement of an ageing waste treatment with a modern facility.	N

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4.9.3	Concerns regarding impact on leisure and recreation facilities such as Lee Park Way, the Meridian Water development and Pickett's Lock leisure development.	-	-	LVRPA*	0	-	<p>We are aware of the proposals at Meridian Water. The scheme design makes provision for landscaping and habitat creation along the eastern boundary of the site. Together with the removal of the existing aging EfW facility and replacement with a new modern facility is likely to improve the external appearance of the site from Meridian Water and therefore complement this proposal. Details of landscaping and the design of the ERF will be set out in the Design and Access Statement and application drawings to be included in the DCO application. Further information on landscaping and design will also be available during Phase Two Consultation.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the scheme will be considered as part of the environmental impact assessment which will be reported in the Environmental Statement which forms part of the DCO application. The Environmental Statement will include an assessment of the cumulative impact of other developments such as Meridian Water. During Phase Two the emerging findings of this assessments will be available in the PEIR.</p> <p>The environment along Lee Park Way would be enhanced through habitat enhancement and creation along the eastern boundary of the EcoPark and marginal planting along Enfield Ditch.</p>	N

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							The Picketts Lock site is located over 2km to the north of the EcoPark and as such is not likely to be significantly affected by the proposal.	
4.9.4	No concerns/mitigation measures are sufficient.	-	-	-	4	21, 27, 10006, 10018	Support for the scheme is noted and welcomed.	-
Visitor centre								
4.9.5	General support for the visitor centre.	-	-	-	21	5, 9, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 31, 37, 44, 48, 50, 52, 10006, 10008, 10009, 10019, 10020	Support for provision of a visitors' centre is noted and welcomed.	-
4.9.6	<p>Suggestions for the facilities at and operation of the visitor centre including:</p> <p>a) support for community education and involvement;</p> <p>b) support for use as a meeting place;</p> <p>c) should be more accessible than current facility;</p> <p>d) should be advertised;</p> <p>e) should include education facilities and materials on waste management and the facility, for the benefit of various groups;</p>	-	LBE	LVRPA*	21	5,6, 9, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 31, 36, 37, 38, 43, 45, 47, 54, 10006, 10009, 10019, 10020	<p>EcoPark House would be a multifunctional building which provides replacement accommodation for the Edmonton Sea Cadets, office accommodation for staff, an area to receive visitors, meeting space and flexible space which can be used for education and community uses.</p> <p>EcoPark house would be located on the eastern side of the EcoPark in an area which would be open to members of the public using the RRC. During Phase Two Consultation details of the proposed access routes will be provided.</p> <p>Detailed comments on the facilities at and operation of EcoPark House are noted and will be taken into consideration in developing our proposals. This will include the potential</p>	N

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	f) should include leisure facilities such as a café, a shop, a train ride and telephone facilities g) keeping it clean; h) not having a booking requirement.						to include a café. The lack of space on site prohibits providing a train ride on site. EcoPark House would be maintained to be a clean and welcoming facility.	
4.9.7	Use of centre as a meeting place is unrealistic.	-	-	-	1	24	EcoPark House would provide meeting space to replace the existing meeting space within the EfW facility. The meeting space would predominantly be used by staff and visitors to the EcoPark, however the space would be designed flexibly with a view to its also being used by the community and other groups.	N
4.9.8	Visitor centre is unnecessary.	-	-	-	1	47	Provision is proposed for those taking tours of the proposed ERF, which would continue to be provided as they are now of the existing facility.	N
Other community benefit comments								
4.9.9	Regular communication and transparency, including visible and accessible information and clear mechanism for dialogue.	-	WCC	-	8	6, 9, 14, 16, 24, 25, 37, 39, 10019	We agree that communication and transparency are important. A Community Liaison Group is proposed for the construction phases and we would welcome ongoing engagement with local residents and business with regard to the operation of the facility and the site during operation.	N
4.9.10	More publicity and/or education in schools to reduce stigma associated	-	-	-	5	9, 18, 37, 42, 10006	We will consider with the Community Liaison Group how to best manage publicity during	N

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	with site, particularly regarding the plume.						operation when there are no specific points at which consultation would take place. We agree that enabling education about waste management, the waste hierarchy and operations at the site would be beneficial. During the development of our proposals and preparation for operations we will consider how to best manage engagement with the public generally and children in particular.	
4.9.11	Foster sense of community pride, for example by having a striking building design or sponsoring a local Friends of NLHPP group.	-	WCC	-	2	31, 10019	As the weight of opinion appears to be in favour of making the building less obvious within its setting we are approaching the question of community pride both in the ERF and operation through sensitive design and landscaping to enhance the overall standing of the site and the facility within the area.	N
4.9.12	General community engagement and involvement, for example through closer liaison with community sector organisations.	-	WCC	-	2	9, 10020	During consultation we have made contact with a number of community groups and as part of Phase Two Consultation we will directly contact more groups. On an on-going basis it is for community groups to contact us if they want information or input but we will continue to have regular liaison with LB Enfield about provision of information to the community. There will also be a Community Liaison Group during construction.	N
4.9.13	Support for EcoPark tours.	-	-	-	4	9, 16, 39, 47	Currently site tours are offered and the proposal is that tours would continue when the proposed ERF is operational. Support for these is noted and welcomed.	-

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4.9.14	Improve surrounding areas such as Lee Valley Park, nearby retail park and an area used by fly-tippers.	-	-	-	3	22, 23, 25	This area is outside the EcoPark boundary and as such beyond the scope of this Project. Proposals do include the enhancement of the eastern boundary of the EcoPark through habitat enhancement and creation and marginal planting along Enfield Ditch. This would improve the visual impact of the EcoPark from the Lee Valley Regional Park.	N
4.9.15	Provide leisure facilities in addition to those suggested as part of the visitor centre.	-	-	-	1	23	The EcoPark will continue to be an operational waste management site. The site does not include any areas which would be suitable for leisure facilities.	N
4.9.16	Use the generated heat and/or electricity to supply local buildings and businesses.	-	-	-	3	18, 33, 45	The scheme is designed to deliver both heat and electricity. NLWA is working closely with the promoters of the Lee Valley Heat Network (LVHN) to develop proposals for the heat from the ERF to be used as part of the heat network. The LVHN would provide heat to local buildings and businesses.	N
4.9.17	Create job opportunities both during the construction and operation stages, e.g. building apprenticeships or part time-jobs for young people.	-	-	-	4	31, 39, 52, 10019	There would be increased job opportunities during construction and on-going jobs opportunities during operation. Apprenticeships would be considered for construction and work and for future operations.	N
4.9.18	Accommodate the Edmonton Sea Cadets who are currently based on the EcoPark site.	-	-	LWL LVRPA*	0	-	The Edmonton Sea Cadets would continue to be accommodated at the site in EcoPark House which would include suitable replacement facility for this group designed to take their use into account.	N

Account taken of Phase One community benefit comments

- 4.9.19 Generally, those responding to Phase One Consultation welcomed the suggested visitors' centre and proposals for tours of the site. There was a wish expressed for education facilities. There were no clear suggestions for other benefits.
- 4.9.20 EcoPark House has been designed to provide accommodation for the Edmonton Sea Cadets to remain on site, office accommodation, office and meeting space, and flexible space which can be used for education and community uses. The use of the area for educational purposes has been developed in response to comments raised during Phase One Consultation.
- 4.9.21 There were a number of comments regarding the need for communication and transparency which the applicant fully agrees with. In response a Community Liaison Group is proposed for the construction period, and opportunities to engage with local residents, businesses and community groups will continue to be sought.