



AGENDA ITEM: 7(b)

**Executive Overview and Scrutiny
Committee: 4th February 2010**

Supplementary Report

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As a result of further examination of the material released as part of the formal consultation process which began on the 7th January 2010, and the Council's attendance of an exhibition event held on the 28th January 2010, an additional concern has been raised which is not currently identified as a key issue in the main report of Agenda item 7(b). This relates to built waste facilities and is detailed below.

2.0 OPTIONS FOR ALLOCATING BUILT WASTE FACILITIES

- 2.1 The MWDF Core Strategy identifies additional ways to meet waste management needs and divert waste away from landfill. The document proposes allocating built waste facilities in locations close to the waste source such as existing or planned industrial estates. The facilities will vary in size from small scale rural to larger urban facilities.
- 2.2 The DPD identifies 3 options for allocating sites. These are;
1. Prioritise all existing or planned industrial locations for new built waste management facilities.
 2. Identify specific existing or planned industrial locations to accommodate new built waste management facilities.
 3. Promote new large scale built waste management development at other locations, including greenfield locations, where it can be demonstrated that it is not possible to locate them at sites identified in Option 2 (above) or other previously developed sites.
- 2.3 The DPD proposes 3 options for determining the type of facility and technology to be used at the sites. These are;
4. Identify sites suitable for specific waste uses only.
 5. Identify a range of facilities to specific sites i.e. enclosed facilities, open facilities and thermal treatment.
 6. Do not allocate any specific technology or type of facility to a site.
- 2.4 The favoured option is a combination of 2, 3 and 6. New built waste facilities will generally be of a nature and scale similar to general industry, attracting similar traffic flows and creating similar noise, dust and smells. Furthermore, these sites are generally close to the source of much of the waste so therefore offer the most

advantageous location. It is not proposed to limit each site to a particular type of technology so as not to stifle emerging technologies.

Sites Identified for Built Waste Facilities in West Lancashire

- 2.5 The DPD identifies 3 types of locations for built waste facilities. Strategic locations are the largest sites capable of accommodating the majority of the waste facility requirements for a given area. For West Lancashire, a total requirement of 3.5ha is indicated in Table 11 of Chapter 9 of the document and land at Simonswood is identified as the strategic location to meet this requirement (appendix 1). However, no specific site has been allocated at this stage, rather the entire Industrial Estate has been outlined as suitable with a smaller portion of the site cross hatched as being currently available.
- 2.6 Other preferred locations are those which will provide for a more modest facility due to site limitations such as land availability. These are likely to cater for more localised waste needs such as material recycling and compositing plants. In West Lancashire 3 sites have been identified to meet this purpose, land at Pimbo Industrial Estate (appendix 2), land at Great Altcar known as Hillhouse Waste Water Treatment Works, Wood Lane (appendix 3) and land at Burscough Industrial Estate (appendix 4). Again, the entire industrial site deemed suitable for location of such facilities has been identified rather than specific site locations within the operational area.
- 2.7 The third type of location is for smaller scale or local facilities, of which none have been identified within the West Lancashire Borough.

3.0 ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

- 3.1 I agree that the favoured option for allocating sites for built waste facilities is logical and makes use of existing industrial sites. This is likely to reduce the potential for conflict with other land uses resulting in negative impacts to residential amenity.
- 3.2 However, I am concerned that the identification of land at Simonswood as a “strategic location” may have implications for the highway network serving the site. The existing access (Stopgate Lane) is limited in terms of capacity and the surface condition and although the site is identified as having the potential for rail connections, no evidence base or further analysis of this capability has been explored at this stage. Therefore, I would strongly recommend that the rail connection potential of the site is explored and further investigated before it is allocated as a “strategic location” for built waste facilities, in order to protect the rural road network.

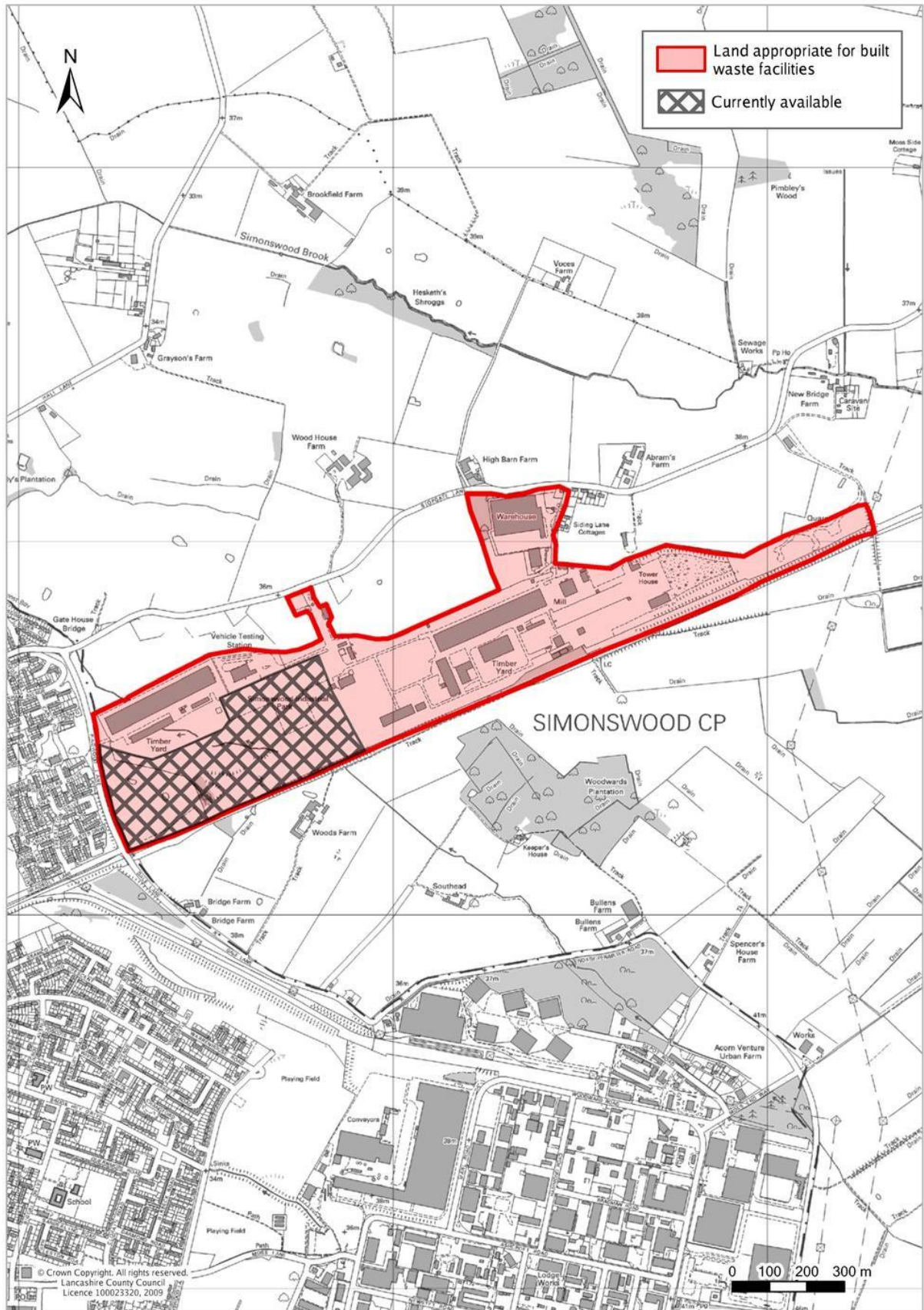
4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 That the above points in addition to the observations in the main report form the basis of the Council’s formal response to the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Site Allocations and Development Management Document consultation.

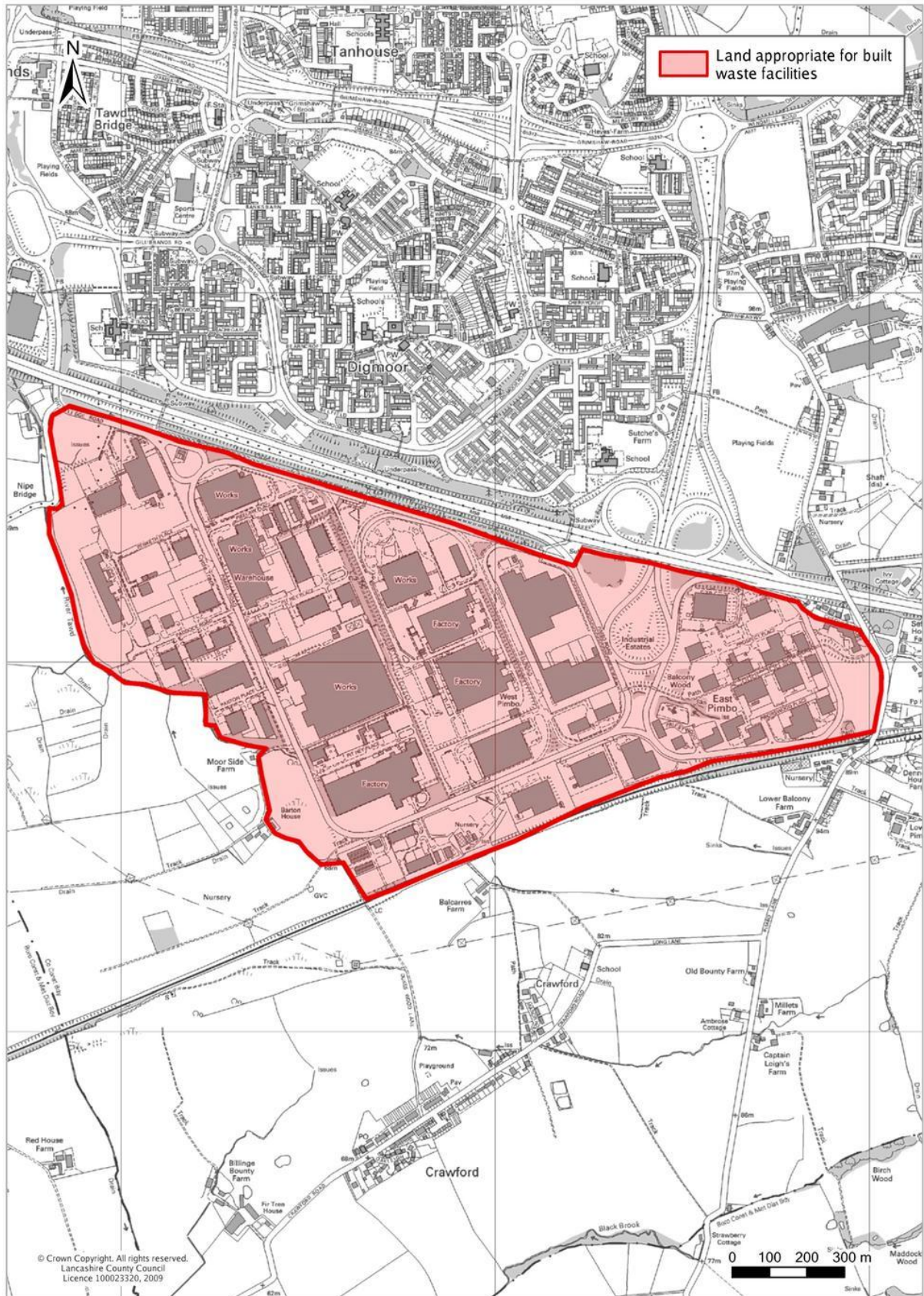
Appendices

- Appendix 1 Land at Simonswood
- Appendix 2 Land at Pimbo Industrial Estate
- Appendix 3 Land at Great Altcar
- Appendix 4 Land at Burscough Industrial Estate

APPENDIX 1



APPENDIX 2



APPENDIX 4

