

# Waste management facilities in our area

Recent reports in the local press have been very misleading about the possibility of waste management facilities in our area so your local Focus Team thought you needed to know more about this important issue.

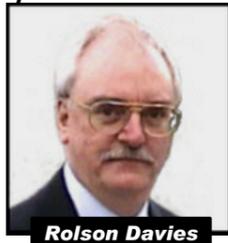
All local Councils are required, by law, to identify sites for new waste management facilities. Kingston is working in partnership with Croydon, Merton and Sutton to identify policies and potential sites for new facilities as part of the South London Waste Plan.

An initial consultation in 2008 identified 28 sites across all four Boroughs as POTENTIALLY SUITABLE locations for waste management facilities over the next 10 years. Four sites in Kingston have been identified and the ones affecting our area are shown below.

**Further investigation and your feedback on the sites in our area is now needed before the final selection is made.**

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says "To get a copy of the questionnaire and consultation documents e-mail to [southlondonwasteplan@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:southlondonwasteplan@rbk.kingston.gov.uk) or call 020 8547 5375. You can also download these documents or complete the questionnaire online at: [www.kingston.gov.uk/wasteplan](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/wasteplan).



This issue will be discussed at the local Neighbourhood Committee meeting at the Hook Centre on 9 September at 7.30. These are public meetings so come along and let us know your views.

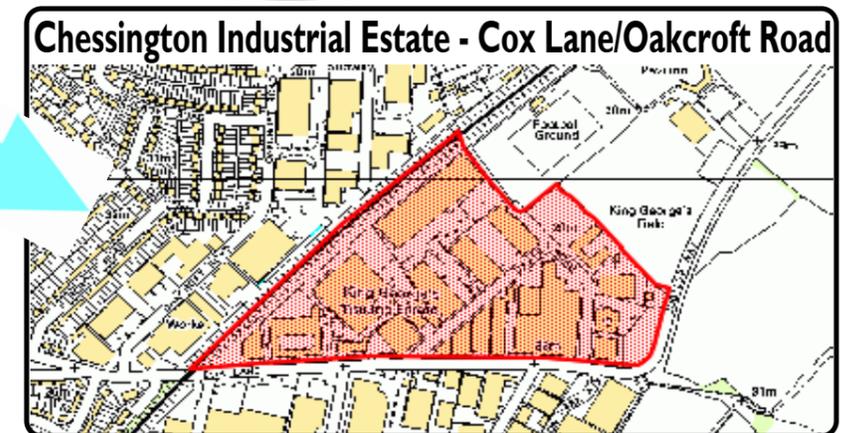
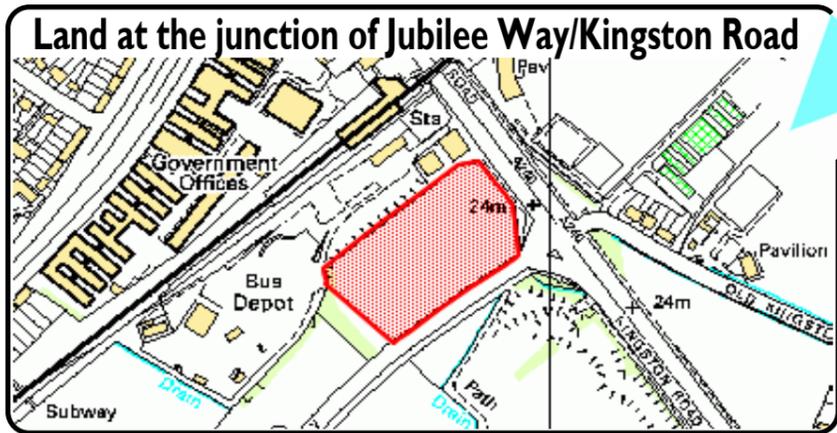
A workshop is also being held on 16 September at 7pm in Kingston's Guildhall. If you would like to attend, you need to register by calling the number or e-mailing at the address above."

The land at the junction of Jubilee Way and Kingston Road currently houses a motorcycle training ground for young people. It is an area identified by Kingston Council as suitable for recreational uses and your local Focus Team would want to see it stay as such. The site is also surrounded by the sports pitches on the Metropolitan Open Land of King Georges Fields and the Local Nature Reserve on Tolworth Court Farm Fields.

These two areas of the Chessington Industrial Estate have been identified as potential sites purely because it is industrial land. Although it is thought that there are likely to be some areas within the estate which could be suitable for future waste management facilities, at the moment, it's hard to see where as the estate is well used and most sites are occupied.

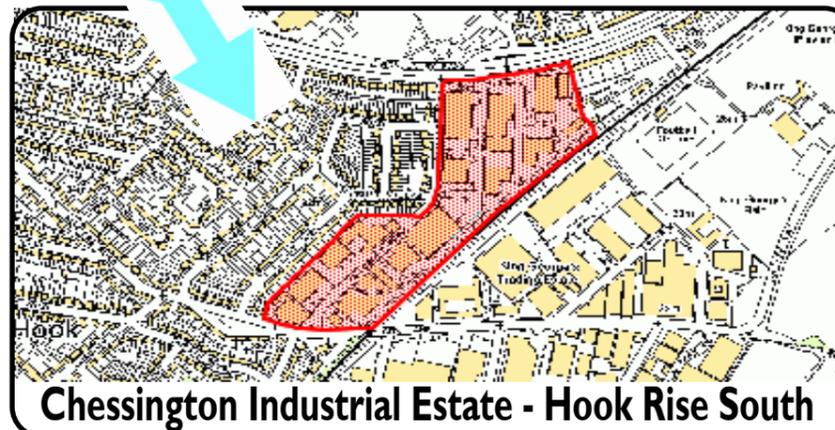
"This is your chance to make your voice heard and let us know where you think the most appropriate sites are and whether the plans and policies are right." Vicki commented.

"Any proposal for a waste facility will, of course, need to be the subject of a planning and licence application. Specific details will be required about the type and size of any new facility and how things like traffic issues would be dealt with. Residents and local businesses will be notified about any new planning applications for a waste facility and you will have the opportunity to have your say at that time too."



Sharon told Focus "At the moment we don't know which type of waste facility will be needed for the Borough. I think I'm probably as confused about this as everyone is!

I plan to contact the Council to find out a bit more about what this will mean for our area and what the implications might be."



Rob said: "Currently, over 60% of rubbish produced by households, businesses and industry within the four boroughs is buried in landfill sites.

These sites are now running out and local councils face hefty fines if they do not meet targets to reduce the amount of rubbish sent to landfill.

As well as reducing the amount of waste we produce, alternative, more sustainable ways to treat rubbish are now needed."

