



BEDDINGTON LANE WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY
A response by Wandle Valley Forum to London Borough of Sutton
Application number DM2018/01865
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1. Wandle Valley Forum provides support and an independent voice for over 120 community groups, voluntary organisations and local businesses and for everyone who shares a passion for the Wandle.
2. Wandle Valley Forum has reviewed the plans for a waste recycling facility on Beddington Lane in the context of the Wandle Valley Forum Charter (<http://bit.ly/27Yal2m>), existing development plan policies.
3. The Wandle Valley Forum Charter supports measures to “*realise London’s largest environmental opportunity by managing the 450 hectares of open space stretching from Beddington Park to Mitcham Common – an area three times that of Hyde Park – as a coherent whole for people and wildlife*”. This development provides opportunities to support delivery of this opportunity.
4. We recognise there is an extant planning permission on the site. We ask that the opportunity is now taken to secure public benefits from the development by:
 - Safeguarding pedestrian and cycle access to Miles Lane as an important early opportunity to improve access to and across Beddington Farmlands – this will require redesign of the site entrance to provide a welcome to future pedestrians and cyclists as well as its proposed function for vehicle and lorry access
 - Safeguarding and extending the proposed Beddington Lane Ecology Reserve (BLER) associated with the Prologis application on land west of Beddington Lane – the impact of the proposals on this site is not addressed in the environmental statement and there is a need for stronger evidence that the development will result in net ecological gain, including through on-site measures
 - Providing guarantees that lorry routes to and from the site will be via Therapia Lane and lorries will not be permitted to use Beddington Lane either through Beddington Village or to the Mitcham Common crossroads – the restrictions should be the same as proposed for the Prologis plans.

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