

Procurement of public realm services

Brent Council is currently undertaking the procurement of public realm services which includes a range of services such as waste and recycling, street cleaning and grounds maintenance.

Following the publication of the advert for Public Realm services, Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (“Veolia UK”) expressed an interest in the procurement and subsequently submitted a pre-qualification questionnaire for consideration by the council on 31 January 2013.

Prior to 31 January 2013 the council received representations seeking the exclusion of Veolia UK from the procurement process on the basis that other companies within the Veolia Group (which are not subsidiaries of Veolia UK) conduct business in Israel and carry out activities that service Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. The council considered representations on 31 January 2013 but decided not to exclude Veolia UK from the procurement process. Following full consideration of the pre-qualification questionnaire, Veolia UK was invited to tender for Public Realm services.

The council has subsequently received further representations seeking the exclusion of Veolia UK, again due to the alleged activities of other companies within the Veolia Group conducting business in Israel, East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Having taken counsel's opinion (advice from an expert barrister), the council does not intend to revisit the decision taken on 31 January 2013 not to exclude Veolia UK from the procurement process.