



## environmental management

Hills Waste Solutions Limited operates under an Environmental Management System, which has been externally certified to the international standard ISO 14001:2004.

This standard, which applies across a range of activities within Hills Waste Solutions, means that we have identified key environmental issues and ensured that procedures to deliver effective management, prevention of pollution, management system improvements and legal compliance have been implemented.

ISO 14001: 2004 demonstrates that Hills Waste Solutions is committed to improving its environmental performance.

### ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES:

**Energy management** - Hills undertakes energy efficiency reviews of its operations and looks to implement viable improvements. Our haulage drivers are trained to drive with good fuel efficiency and their performance is monitored.

**Carbon footprint** - Hills monitors its carbon footprint and looks at ways to minimize its green house gas emissions where viable. In partnership with an energy provider methane is captured and utilized in generators to produce electricity or flared.

**Resource management** - Secondary aggregates are used for construction purposes at our landfills, mainly on haul roads. At some of our landfill sites we use baled recovered tyres to construct drainage layers in the cells. Our waste is recycled where possible and consideration is given to purchasing recycled products.

**New technologies** - Hills is investigating the use of energy from waste, mechanical biological treatment, anaerobic digestion and advanced thermal treatment to reduce the reliance on landfill for disposal.

**Environmental projects** - Hills has granted over £4.5m through the Landfill Communities Fund to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for funding local environmental projects.



# environment and community policy

The Hills Group is a significant regional provider of products and services within the waste management, quarry products and house building sectors<sup>1</sup>.

We are a family owned company that takes its responsibilities to our staff, customers, suppliers, local communities as well as the wider environment very seriously.

We recognise that our activities impact on the environment and are committed to managing and continually improving our environmental performance.

## THE HILLS GROUP WILL:

- ensure that environmental impacts are assessed throughout the planning, design and delivery of services to prevent pollution, minimize negative impacts and maximize positive impacts.
- comply with all environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements relevant to our business activities to which we subscribe.
- continually improve our environmental performance through setting and reviewing objectives and targets and regularly measuring the performance achieved.
- implement environmental management systems to measure compliance and performance, and enable prevention of pollution and nuisance to local communities, wildlife and the wider environment.
- continually improve energy efficiency of our activities coupled with waste reduction and increased recycling.
- provide sufficient resources and training to achieve policy objectives and foster an understanding of environmental responsibility amongst our stakeholders.
- protect and enhance biodiversity throughout our activities and landholdings where practicable.
- listen to and respond to the needs of employees, local communities and other key stakeholders.
- communicate this policy to everyone working for and on behalf of the company and other interested parties.



Mike Hill, Group Chief Executive

<sup>1</sup>Activities include: recycling services; energy recovery from waste; collection, treatment and disposal of waste; mineral extraction, processing and delivery; production and delivery of ready-mixed concrete; road haulage; and the construction of houses.



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