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Statement on rigid plastic reprocessing

In July 2008 Hills Waste Solutions Limited in partnership with Wiltshire Council trialed the collection of rigid plastics at some of the County's 10 household recycling centres (HRCs). The trial was suspended in March 2009 when Worldwide Biorecyclables Limited, ceased to trade. During this time approximately 700 tonnes of rigid plastics was supplied to Worldwide Biorecyclables.

Throughout the trial period rigid plastics were collected at the HRCs with trained staff on site to assist members of the public to deposit waste rigid plastic into the correct containers.

The rigid plastics collected from each HRC were then transported to Worldwide Biorecyclables' facility in South Marston, Swindon for sorting, compacting and bulk baling. Hills Waste Solutions provided Worldwide Biorecyclables with bins for the disposal and return any waste rigid plastic not suitable for recycling. Once compacted and baled, Worldwide Biorecyclables shipped the rigid plastic to Sao Paulo in Brazil for reprocessing.

The trial was conducted under the waste management contract between Hills Waste Solutions and Wiltshire Council. At no time have Hills Waste Solutions or Wiltshire Council supplied Worldwide Biorecyclables with hazardous waste for disposal.

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