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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 for recycling and reprocessing at some of the County's 10 household recycling centres (HRCs). The trial was undertaken with Worldwide Biorecyclables Limited, a waste broker registered with the Environment Agency. The trial was suspended in March 2009 when Worldwide Biorecyclables ceased to trade. During the trial approximately 700 tonnes of rigid plastics, deposited by the public at the HRCs, was sent to Worldwide Biorecyclables' facility in South Marston, Swindon.

Throughout the trial period with Wiltshire Council rigid plastics were collected at the HRCs where trained staff on site assisted members of the public to deposit waste rigid plastic into the correct containers. The rigid plastics collected from the HRCs were transported to Worldwide Biorecyclables' for further sorting, compacting and bulk baling.

During the trial, Hills Waste Solutions only supplied Worldwide Biorecyclables with rigid plastics from the HRCs and a small amount of commercial plastic for recycling and reprocessing.

Hills Waste Solutions provided Worldwide Biorecyclables with bins for the disposal and return of any material which was not suitable. Once compacted and baled, Worldwide Biorecyclables shipped the plastics to Sao Paulo in Brazil for reprocessing.

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