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Update on fire incident at Lower Compton landfill site on Saturday, 13th February 2010

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (FRS) were called to a fire at the Hills Waste Solutions landfill site at Lower Compton near Calne, at 05:39 hrs on Saturday 13 February.

On arrival a fire was found involving 100m² of plastic sheeting covering an area of landfill. The fire brigade brought the fire under control and remained on site over the weekend to monitor the affected area. At this stage one crew remains on site dealing with hot spots and ensuring there is no spread of fire to the underground landfill material.

No personal injury or damage to property in the surrounding area has resulted from the blaze. The Honeyball household recycling centre, materials recycling facility and concrete plant based at the Lower Compton site have been unaffected by this incident.

Mike Hill, CEO of the Hills Group commented, "Our site staff are well trained and reacted quickly to the situation. They immediately launched the on-site emergency plan and followed exact procedures for this type of incident. I would personally like to thank them for their hard-work over this weekend where their reactions ensured the situation was under control at all times. I would also like to commend the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue services for their quick response. The fire service did a tremendous job despite being faced with difficult access and terrain."

The landfill site was closed on Saturday but has reopened as normal today (Monday).

At this stage the cause of the fire is not known and is still under investigation.
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Notes to editors:

The Hills Group Limited is a family-owned business and celebrates its 110th anniversary in 2010. The Group's operations cover Wiltshire and neighbouring counties. Its diverse activities include producing and supplying quarry products, managing and recycling both domestic and commercial waste and building quality homes. www.hills-group.co.uk

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