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New recycling materials handling facility creates jobs for Amesbury

Fifteen new jobs have been created in the Amesbury area as Hills Waste Solutions begins work to convert an existing warehouse into a recyclables management facility. Hills is recruiting up to 10 kerbside loaders and five LGV drivers to work at the Amesbury site when it opens later this year.

Planning permission for the 0.6 hectare site on Mills Way site was granted in April and negotiations to secure ownership concluded a few weeks ago.

Mike Webster, group director for Hills Waste Solutions, said: “The establishment of a recyclables management facility in Amesbury provides a local solution to deal with waste and recycling generated in the south of the county and significantly reduce road miles travelled. We are looking for local people to fill the new roles which have been created.”

The Amesbury recyclables management facility site will handle plastic and cardboard and so-called ‘black box’ recyclates (that is glass bottles, cans and newspapers) collected from households in the south and south east of the county via Wiltshire Council’s kerbside recycling service, and some garden waste. These will be transported off the site in bulk for recycling and reprocessing. The facility will also act as a transfer station for household waste collected from homes in the Salisbury area which will be transported to an energy from waste plant at Slough.

The Amesbury site has a number of factors in its favour. It is close to the A303 and A345 which makes its transport links with Wiltshire and Slough very good. There is already a household recycling centre adjacent to the proposed site.

The facility is an important piece of new community infrastructure in the greater Salisbury area and is a big improvement over the two small transfer stations, at Everleigh and Thorny Down, which are not up to modern standards.

Employment enquiries can be directed to Dan Barfoot on 01380 738300. **ENDS**

Notes for editors:

- Kerbside loaders work in teams and are responsible for manually collecting and sorting recycling as part of the kerbside recycling service offered to all households in Wiltshire.
- LGV drivers need to hold relevant qualifications to drive large goods vehicles and assist kerbside loaders in the sorting of recycling.
- The Amesbury site is one of the facilities proposed by Hills that are required to ensure Wiltshire Council delivers its harmonised waste services across the county. The move to kerbside collections of plastic and cardboard and greater use of the free garden waste collection service means there is much more recycling to handle.

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