



NEWS RELEASE – 25 May 2012

Liaison committee formed for Wiltshire's first MBT plant

A liaison committee has been formed to keep local residents informed on construction progress and ultimately operational activities at the new state-of-the-art waste treatment plant being built in Westbury.

The Northacre resource recovery centre (RRC) will process 60,000 tonnes of household waste using mechanical biological treatment technology and is the first of its kind in Wiltshire. The plant is an important part of Wiltshire's strategy to divert waste from landfill and will save the county's taxpayers money by reducing landfill tax costs.

The liaison committee is made up of representatives of the site's operators, Hills Waste Solutions, local parish councils, Westbury Town Council, Wiltshire Council and neighbouring businesses. Minutes of the first meeting have been published on the Northacre RRC website www.northacrerrc.co.uk

Mike Webster, group director Hills Waste Solutions, said: "Our experience has shown that keeping local people informed of our activities and providing a point of contact for when they have concerns is good practice. So far, the feedback has been positive, which is very encouraging."

Construction of the Northacre RRC is almost at the half way point with mainly the skeleton steel framework visible. A blog gives regular updates on the site's progress <http://www.northacrerrc.blogspot.co.uk> Cladding to the outside of the building is due to commence later this month. An onsite webcam feeds updated images of the construction progress onto the website every two hours <http://www.northacrerrc.co.uk/on-site-now.php>



The site is expected to be fully operational by September 2013 following a six to nine months commissioning phase. Hills Waste Solutions is currently recruiting for a plant manager to manage the facility and details can be found on the website's homepage. Enquiries can be directed to Waste Recruit on 0874 607602 or admin@wasterecruit.com

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Notes to editors:

- Wiltshire's current recycling rate (2010/11): 41%
- The Hills' Northacre facility will reduce the proportion of Wiltshire's municipal waste sent to landfill from 37% to less than 20%
- MBT capacity: accepts 60,000 tonnes of waste per year.
- When processed (averages) per year:
 - 28,200 tonnes of refuse derived fuel (RDF)
 - Equivalent of 20,000 tonnes lost through drying
 - 1,800 tonnes of recyclable metals recovered
 - 10,000 tonnes of bio-stabilised residue to landfill

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