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Local councillors and residents tour new composting facility in Purton

Local councillors and residents were able to learn first-hand about the green waste composting process when they were given a tour of Hills Waste Solutions new composting facility at Parkgate Farm, Purton.

The group was shown around the site and given the opportunity to see how green waste is delivered to the site and the process it goes through to produce a peat-free organic compost.



Ed Dodd explaining the composting process

Ed Dodd, waste operations manager Waste Solutions, answered questions and explained the process to the group. He said: “The event was a great opportunity to introduce the new facility. We gave a tour of the site and showed everyone the green waste as it was heading through the 12-week composting process.”

The facility at Parkgate Farm accepted its first load of green waste at the beginning of April, to coincide with Wiltshire Council’s green waste collection service. The final product, called Warrior Compost, will be certified to the BSI PAS 100 industry standard and accredited by both the Association for Organics Recycling and the Soil Association.

The 90m x 150m facility was built to replace the current one at Lower Compton, Calne, and used around 2,700m³ of concrete and 25,000 tonnes of aggregate, all supplied by Hills Quarry Products.

Waste Solutions hopes to gain an additional BSI PAS 100 (2011) accreditation as a result of the move, for further compost products the company will be able to produce.**ENDS**

Notes to editors

- Green waste collected in Wiltshire from households via the kerbside service and at the county’s 11 household recycling centres is processed at the new composting facility at Parkgate Farm, Purton. There it undergoes a rigorously monitored process. The raw material is first finely shredded, then stacked in



“windrows” and constantly turned to speed up the decomposition process which takes some 12 weeks. <http://www.hills-group.co.uk/compost.php>

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Notes for editors

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