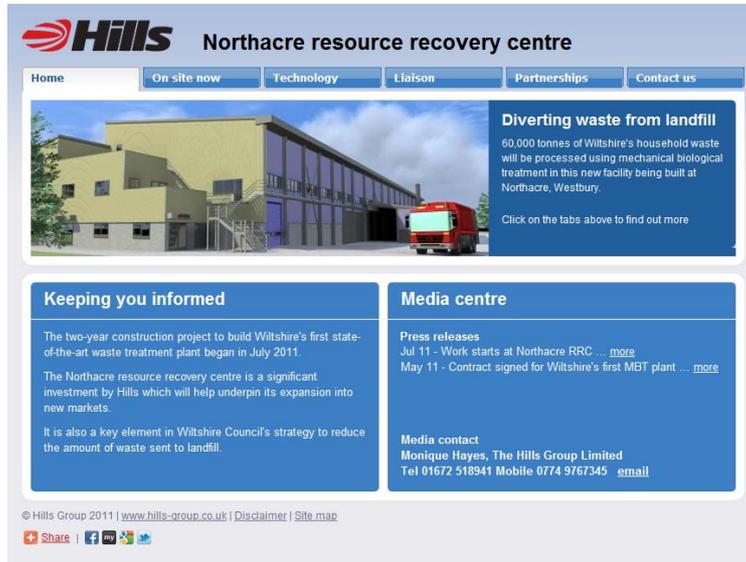


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Website launched for Wiltshire's first MBT plant

Wiltshire residents can keep up to date with progress on the construction of a state-of-the-art waste treatment plant at Westbury following the launch of a new website

www.northacrerrc.co.uk



The screenshot shows the website for the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre. At the top left is the Hills logo and the text 'Northacre resource recovery centre'. Below this is a navigation menu with buttons for 'Home', 'On site now', 'Technology', 'Liaison', 'Partnerships', and 'Contact us'. The main content area features a large image of the building under construction with a red truck in front. To the right of the image is a text box titled 'Diverting waste from landfill' which states: '60,000 tonnes of Wiltshire's household waste will be processed using mechanical biological treatment in this new facility being built at Northacre, Westbury. Click on the tabs above to find out more'. Below the main image are two columns of text. The left column is titled 'Keeping you informed' and contains three paragraphs of text. The right column is titled 'Media centre' and contains 'Press releases' with two links, 'Media contact' with contact details for Monique Hayes, and a copyright notice at the bottom: '© Hills Group 2011 | www.hills-group.co.uk | Disclaimer | Site map'. There are also social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

The Northacre Resource Recovery Centre is the home of Wiltshire's first mechanical biological treatment (MBT) plant which is due to be completed in summer 2013.

Mike Webster, group director Hills Waste Solutions, said: "Contractors have been on site since July last year and we are now at the point where it is possible to see things taking shape. The website is an easy way for those interested to be kept up to date."

The launch of the website coincides with the erection of the super structure steel frames which form the skeleton of the building.

The website will give regular updates on the various phases of construction. It also explains the technology that will be used to divert 60,000 tonnes of household waste from landfill each year and turn it into a refuse derived fuel (RDF) which can be used to create energy.

In May 2011 Hills Waste Solutions and Wiltshire Council agreed the 25 year contract for Hills to build and operate the multi-million pound Northacre RRC on Stephenson Road, Westbury. The project is a major investment by Hills into technology that creates a resource from waste. It also forms a key element of Wiltshire's strategy to



save the county millions of pounds in taxes by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. **ENDS**

Notes:

- Website can be found at www.northacrerrc.co.uk
- The Northacre RRC will receive 60,000 tonnes of municipal waste from households in the county and, in doing so, help the county's taxpayers avoid landfill tax, which will cost £80 per tonne by 2014
- The Northacre RRC will increase the proportion of Wiltshire's municipal waste diverted away from landfill to more than 80 per cent, from a current performance of about 63 per cent and a total of less than 20 per cent a few years ago
- Hills Waste Solutions offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest providers of waste solutions. Hills Waste Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. www.hills-group.co.uk

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