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Next steps for Lower Compton planning application

Hills Waste Solutions has submitted a replacement Regulation 19 response to the local planning authority relating to its original planning application to create a Waste Recovery Facility (WRF) at the Lower Compton Waste Management Facility near Calne, Wiltshire.

The response proposes modifications to the company's original planning application in order to address various concerns raised by statutory consultees and members of the public relating to vehicle movements.

In order to address these issues, Hills has reduced the overall capacity of the facility by 50,000 tonnes per annum. Due to the changes made to the planning application, there will be a reduction in HGV movements through Calne associated with the Lower Compton site.

As a result there will be a need for additional waste treatment and recycling sites to be developed in Wiltshire and Swindon in order to meet the needs of the published 'Waste Site Allocations Local Plan' for Wiltshire and Swindon.

Mike Webster, group director for Hills Waste Solutions said: "Approval of this planning application will secure existing jobs at the site and create a modern waste recovery facility that will significantly reduce the county's reliance on landfill and increase recycling."

Details can be found at <u>http://www.hills-group.co.uk/consult/lower-compton-planning.html</u> or on the Wiltshire Council website. ENDS

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