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### **Hills undertakes wood waste trials as part of WRAP study**

Wiltshire-based Hills Waste Solutions is one of five companies across England that has been selected by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to undertake new trials on economically viable ways to collect wood waste.

The main focus of the trial will be on wood waste that is currently not collected as part of mainstream wood recycling.

The trial follows the publication of WRAP's Wood Waste Collection Hub Feasibility Studies and will focus on the potential offered by the four target areas identified in WRAP's Business Case for Wood Waste Collection Hubs (WWCHs) report of August 2012 as being:

- Wood recovery in composting
- Local authority civic amenity recycling centres or household waste recycling centres (HWRCs)
- Collection clusters for SME wood businesses; and
- Reverse logistics for wood sector businesses

Hills will trial the feasibility of allowing collection of wood waste from construction trades waste at its Lower Compton HWRC site. Members of the local building trade will be encouraged to bring their wood and non-hazardous construction waste to the site where they will be charged a nominal fee for disposal.

A spokesperson for Hills said: "We believe that this will work best by offering small builders a complete service for all of their waste, rather than trying to get them to segregate the wood element - hence the design of the trial. We will undertake the separation of wood ourselves and feed the information back to WRAP."

The Hills' trial will last until the end of September 2013. The results will assist WRAP to determine how the development of the waste wood collection and supply chain can be supported with the aim of reducing the amount of waste wood sent to landfill. **ENDS**

#### **Notes for editors**

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.

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