

10 June 2014

Hills Waste Solutions seeks local views on revised plan for Lower Compton site

Hills Waste Solutions (Hills), one of Wiltshire Council's waste and recycling contractors is seeking the views of the local community in relation to its new plans for its waste management and recycling facility at Lower Compton, Calne.

Having listened to and considered feedback from the previous planning applications for the site, Hills has reconsidered its plan for this strategically important waste management site and is proposing to submit a new planning application for a smaller and significantly scaled down scheme. At the same time it will still enable Hills to deliver its contractual commitments for Wiltshire Council.

The new proposed MRF extension will provide capacity to sort up to 55,000 tonnes per year of Wiltshire's recyclable waste and the transfer station will process up to 75,000 per year of green waste for composting plus non-recyclable waste for bulk haulage. In total, this new proposed application for a 130,000 tonne capacity is a 45% reduction compared to the previous application in 2011 which was for 235,000 tonnes.

Mike Webster, group director Hills Waste Solutions, commented: "We have listened to and considered previous local opinion about our plans for the Lower Compton site. We feel that this new planning application reflects local views and whilst the site remains of strategic importance to us and for Wiltshire, we have significantly scaled-back our operational plans."

Today (10 June) sees the start of Hill's five week pre-planning consultation process to seek local opinion and comments on their new proposal. As part of this consultation, a public exhibition to present the plans will be held on Tuesday 1 July from 10am – 8pm at Compton Bassett Village Hall.

With its current temporary planning permission coming to an end in 2016, Hills' new proposal is to extend and improve the existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and to enclose the waste transfer station (WTS) operations within the building. The new planning application will retain the existing screening bund and access road to the facility. Following feedback on previous planning applications submitted, Hills is no longer including the construction of a commercial and industrial waste treatment facility which was the main source of public concern.

On validation of the new planning application, Hills intends to withdraw their previous applications for the site.

Further information regarding the new proposals, including details on how to give your comments, can be found on Hills' website www.hills-group.co.uk/lowercompton ENDS

For further information, please contact Monique Hayes, group communications officer Tel: 01793 781200

Monique.hayes@hills-group.co.uk

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-waste.co.uk



@HillsWaste



Hills Group