

MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

Development of a Materials Recycling Facility at Gillmoss, Liverpool

Statement of Community Engagement

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1.0. Introduction

- 1.1** This report details the public engagement programme undertaken by PPS and the consultancy team for Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) on the proposals for a Materials Recovery Facility at Gillmoss, Liverpool. It outlines the methods employed, the results generated and the way in which we have responded to the various issues that were raised.
- 1.2** MWDA is proposing to develop the Authority's existing site at Gillmoss, located off Stonebridge Lane, Liverpool, to include:
- A Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) – to sort and recover materials for recycling
 - A integrated Visitor and Education Centre – to promote environmental education and sustainability
- 1.3** The Gillmoss site currently accommodates an existing Waste Transfer Station (used to transfer household waste collected by district councils on local rounds onto bigger vehicles for onward disposal to landfill sites).
- 1.4** Community engagement with residents, stakeholders and politicians has been undertaken on the proposals through a number of means:
- Newsletters
 - Briefing packs and letters
 - Feedback mechanisms (email, Freepost, Freephone)
 - Information days
 - Meetings
 - Website
 - Media
- 1.5** This Statement of Community Engagement is submitted in support of the planning application for a Materials Recovery Facility at Gillmoss.

2.0 Policy Background and Purpose of Engagement

2.1. Policy Background

2.1.1 Waste management affects all members of society, but the methods and controls for the development and planning of new waste and recycling facilities are not generally widely understood by the public.

2.1.2 The new planning regime in England is clear about the need for, and importance of, involving the community as part of the planning process.

2.1.3 Planning Policy Statement 1 (PPS1) sets out the Government's overarching planning policies on the delivery of sustainable development through the planning system. It identifies community involvement as one of five key principles that contribute to the delivery of sustainable development:

“ (vi) Community involvement is an essential element in delivering sustainable development and creating sustainable and safe communities...”

- Para. 13, PPS1

2.1.4 The Companion Guide to Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS 10) also sets out the need for active stakeholder engagement on waste applications:

“Community engagement is central to the planning process set out by the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act and, in particular for waste planning, by PPS10. The Regional Planning Body and the Waste Planning Authority are required to ensure early and effective public participation before decisions are made. This will ensure the public can express, and decision-makers take account of, opinions and concerns, leading to:

- outcomes that should reflect the views, aspirations and needs of communities;*
- decisions that draw on local knowledge and avoid unnecessary conflict;*

- *more cohesive communities as a result of people being offered a tangible stake in decision-making; and*
- *improved understanding amongst all participants of one another's needs."*

- Para. 5.1, Companion Guide to PPS10

2.1.5 The Guide also makes it clear that engagement should not be limited to strategic planning:

"However, community involvement is not an activity that should be restricted to the strategic planning process. Up-front engagement with communities is becoming increasingly common prior to the submission of planning applications for waste management facilities, either by WPAs or applicants - or ideally, both."

- Para. 5.4, Companion Guide to PPS10

2.2. Liverpool City Council's Statement of Community Involvement

2.2.1 Following the introduction of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, all Councils are required to produce a 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI), which sets out the standards to be met for community involvement in the production of planning policy documents and the standards of community involvement that the council expects of developers bringing forward significant development proposals.

2.2.2 Liverpool City Council adopted its SCI on 18 July 2007 following a review by an independent Inspector in 10 May 2007.

2.2.3 The Council's SCI recommends a range of techniques for prospective applicants to carry out engagement prior to submission of the application, if the application is deemed to be 'major'. This range includes:

- Early contact with ward members to inform and gauge views
- Letters distributed to local residents and businesses
- A public exhibition open to all, located in an easily accessible venue
- Newsletters or leaflets located in public buildings offering further information
- A website, set up by the developer, which includes project information

2.2.4 The SCI advocates pre-application discussions between applicants and the Council on major or potentially controversial proposals. It also encourages, where possible, 'front-loading' of consultation so applicants are encouraged to engage in pre-application dialogue with the wider community.

2.2.5 In designing and delivering its public engagement programme for the proposed Materials Recovery Facility at Gillmoss, Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority has followed the guidance in the Council's SCI and will continue to do so.

2.2.6 Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority's (MWDA) engagement programme for the proposed site at Gillmoss was developed according to the following aims:

- *To inform and educate residents, politicians and stakeholders on the need for new facilities to deal with rubbish in a more sustainable manner*
- *To ensure comprehensive and socially inclusive stakeholder engagement that incorporates as wide-reaching an audience as possible, including the harder-to-reach groups*
- *To ensure that feedback is sought where appropriate from the target audience; to state clearly which decisions have already been made and which can be shaped by stakeholder input*
- *To explain new proposals and technologies in ways everyone can understand*
- *To ensure a variety of communications channels are used*
- *To comply with the formal requirements for stakeholder engagement set out in national and local planning guidance*

2.2.7 However, there are often barriers preventing effective public engagement:

- *The costs of participation for local communities*
- *The complexity of many of the issues*
- *Planning can seem a remote process which does not encourage involvement*
- *The language of planning can be off-putting*

- *The perception that community involvement exercises will be captured by individuals or articulate groups which dominate proceedings. Community involvement is not about talking to a few, favoured organisations, or allowing a free hand to unrepresentative vocal groups to block development irrespective of the case for it*

2.2.8 Effective community involvement is, therefore, a challenge to all parties. It would be unrealistic to think that all sections of the community will be satisfied by all plans and planning decisions all of the time. Any effective programme of community involvement should ensure that people:

- *Have access to information*
- *Can put forward their own ideas and feel confident that there is a process for the consideration of those ideas*
- *Can take an active part in discussing proposals and are given the information they need to participate fully in discussions*
- *Can comment on formal proposals*
- *Are given feedback and are informed about the progress and outcome of proposals*

3.0. Methods and Actions

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) has front-loaded its public engagement programme by undertaking considerable activity prior to submitting a planning application for the proposed Materials Recovery Facility and integrated Visitor and Education Centre at Gillmoss.

3.1.2 The following section highlights the steps taken by MWDA in meeting the requirements laid out in Liverpool City Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The engagement programme was circulated to Liverpool City Council planning officers prior to launching for their comment.

3.1.3 MWDA's engagement programme will continue throughout the planning process. For further information regarding MWDA's ongoing engagement programme, please see the 'Next Steps' section 6.2 (page 25).

3.2 Methodology

3.2.1 Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) appointed a specialist community relations company - PPS Group - to work with its in-house Communications Team to advise and assist with the engagement exercise for the proposed Materials Recovery Facility and integrated Visitor and Education Centre at Gillmoss.

3.2.2 In order to ensure that stakeholders and the local community were provided with every opportunity to contribute their views on the proposals, the public engagement programme was designed and organised in line with PPS' seven principles of engagement.

3.2.3 The PPS Seven Point Plan has been recommended to the Government as best practice in the area of community engagement¹. It allows applicants to demonstrate how they have met the demands of the Statement of Community Involvement, encourages constructive dialogue with stakeholders and demonstrates how that dialogue has influenced the application. The Seven Point Plan is as follows:

Principle	Importance
Notify stakeholders that they are to be consulted	Notification must be comprehensive: the community must be made aware of the engagement programme along with a timescale of different activities. It is not desired that an individual or group emerge at the end of the process feeling they have been excluded.
Inform those being consulted about the proposal and the constraints of the site	Having notified people of the engagement process, information is then provided on the background of the proposed development and any constraints which may be influential, for example, planning, geographical, technical and financial.
Engage stakeholders and get their views	Members of the public and key stakeholder groups to liaise with the project team and put forward ideas and aspirations for the development. Engagement methods can vary widely from newsletters and websites to exhibitions, focus groups and citizens panels. Our approach is explained in the later sections of this document.
Measure responses and analyse the	Having allowed an acceptable timeframe for everyone with an interest to comment, the

¹ PPS' work was cited as an example of best practice in the Llewellyn David report on public consultation commissioned by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, now referred to as the DCLG.

results	results of the engagement are then collated.
Report back to the local community about the views that were expressed	Feedback is then analysed and the results publicised within the community and through stakeholder groups as it is important to keep stakeholders informed throughout the process.
Respond by amending the proposals where appropriate	The developer responds to the views of the community and incorporates changes into the scheme. It is important to try to include as much input from respondents as possible. This may involve not only making amendments to the scheme, but also recording how much of the feedback accords with original thinking about the site.
Publish details of the revised scheme and how the engagement has influenced it	At the conclusion of the programme, a full Public Engagement Report will be submitted to the Council as part of the planning application. This document will demonstrate how the programme has been implemented, results and analysis of the exhibition, and the resultant implications for the scheme. Records of all meetings and all submissions will also be made available to the Council and open to public scrutiny.

3.2.4 An important aspect of the engagement programme was to ensure that there were a number of possible ways available for members of the public, local stakeholders and elected members to find out more about the proposals, ask questions and register feedback.

3.2.5 MWDA launched the public engagement programme on 4th September 2008, allowing over 12 weeks for people to comment on the proposals, before planned submission of an application. The Engagement Timeline is attached as an appendix to this report (**Appendix i**). The activity undertaken included the following, which will be discussed further in the following sections:

- Newsletter
- Briefing packs and letters
- Feedback mechanisms
- Information days
- Meetings
- Website
- Media

3.3 Stakeholders

3.3.1 Before undertaking an engagement programme of this scale, it was vital that MWDA, along with PPS Group, were able to effectively identify key local and regional stakeholders. Stakeholders were identified following extensive desk research and consultation with Liverpool City Council. A full list of stakeholders can be found in **Appendix ii**.

3.3.2 The key stakeholders identified included:

- All elected members of Liverpool City Council and adjacent ward members of Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (Prescot West and Cherryfield)
- Key officers at Liverpool City Council
- Local Strategic Partnership
- Local MP and MEPs
- Regional government

- Key stakeholder groups, including: local resident/community groups, environmental groups and business organisations
- Key local service providers
- 19,500 local residents and businesses within a 2 mile radius of the site, which includes:
 - all residents of Liverpool wards Croxteth, Fazakerley, and Norris Green
 - all residents of Knowsley ward Cherryfield
 - part of Knowsley ward Prescot West

3.3.3 A detailed explanation of all elements of the engagement programme is provided below.

3.4 Engagement Tools

Newsletters

3.4.1 A 12-page introductory newsletter, entitled '*Your Chance to Learn More*', was sent out in early September 2008 to over 19,500 local residents and businesses to inform them of the details of the proposed new facilities at Gillmoss, the engagement programme, the public information days and progress of the planning application. The newsletter also included contact details for the development team in order to answer any enquiries about the proposals.

3.4.2 Residents living adjacent to the site (on Wadebridge Road, Longdown Road, Fistril Close, Carbis Close, Pentire Close, Rame Close, Bradstone Close, Travanson Close, and Carland Close) were sent a newsletter with a covering letter offering a meeting to discuss any issues or concerns they may have.

3.4.3 A second 8-page newsletter, entitled '*Your Feedback on our Proposals for Gillmoss Recycling Park*' was distributed to all stakeholders in early November to inform them of the progress of the engagement programme and respond to key questions raised during the course of engagement.

3.4.4 Copies of both newsletters can be found in ***Appendix iii & Appendix iv.***

3.4.5 As detailed above, the newsletters were sent to 19,500 local residents and businesses within a 2 mile radius of the site. Address lists were sourced through a distribution company, using the Royal Mail Postcode Address File. All newsletters were distributed by First Class Royal Mail.

Briefing Packs & Letters

3.4.6 A more detailed briefing pack, which included an introductory letter, briefing note, newsletter, visuals and a Frequently Asked Questions document, was distributed to all elected members of Liverpool City Council, and adjacent Knowsley Borough Council ward members (Prescot West and Cherryfield wards), key Liverpool City Council officers, local MP and MEPs, regional government bodies and key local and regional stakeholders.

3.4.7 Meetings were offered to key members and stakeholders to discuss the proposals and contact details were provided. An overview of meetings held is discussed in section 3.4.20. (page 13).

Information Days

3.4.8 In order to understand local concerns and priorities fully, MWDA held two separate public information days near to the proposed site at Gillmoss, at a local community venue 'The Communiversity' on Altcross Road in Croxteth.

3.4.9 The information days were publicised in the newsletter and briefing packs, through advance coverage in the local press and media and posters advertising the information days in the local area.

3.4.10 The information days were held on weekdays and were open from late morning (10.00 am or 11.00 am) until 7.00pm:

- 15th September, 11.00 am - 7.00 pm
- 16th September, 10.00 am - 7.00 pm

3.4.11 A preview of the information days was held for Councillors from 10.00 am - 11.00 am on the first day.

3.4.12 These sessions were staffed by representatives from the MWDA, planning and transport consultants, Mouchel, and PPS Group.

Venue	Registered Attendance Figures	
	1 st Information Day	2 nd Information Day
Communiversy Building, Croxteth (15 th -16 th September)	14	29
TOTAL	43	

3.4.13 The information days comprised a series of display panels (as illustrated in **Appendix v**) outlining the following information:

- *Information about the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority*
- *The need for new waste facilities*
- *Information regarding the site location, technologies proposed and the facilities involved*
- *Environmental considerations and traffic information*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*
- *Next steps, contact details and further opportunities to comment*

3.4.14 A number of materials were also available for people to take away. Attendees were provided with the following:

- 'Your Questions Answered' document (which is included in **Appendix vi**)
- Copies of the Gillmoss Recycling Park newsletter
- Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) leaflet (based on MWDA's existing MRF at its Bidston site on the Wirral) which outlines the technology proposed for the Gillmoss facility.
- Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority Annual Report detailing the Authority's performance and plans for 2008/2009.

- 3.4.15** Comment forms were also available for attendees to register their views and ask questions. Attendees could either complete the forms at the information day or post to MWDA's FREEPOST address. All completed comments forms can be found at **Appendix vii**.
- 3.4.16** For anyone unable to attend the information days, the display boards were available to view and download on the project website:
<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/views/index.asp?id=400&Level=5&ParentID=149&MenuItemID=399>
- 3.4.17** During the information days, attendees were able to view an operational DVD of the processes that will take place in the facility – the DVD focused on the existing MRF and sorting processes taking place at the Bidston Materials Recovery Facility on the Wirral.
- 3.4.18** One member of the public, via a call on the Freephone number, requested an additional event specifically for residents of the Field Lane Estate in Fazakerley. MWDA held a drop-in session at the Field Lane Resettlement Facility in Fazakerley on Tuesday 14 October 2008, 5pm – 7.30pm.
- 3.4.19** Over 1,600 invitation letters were sent to local residents and businesses on and adjacent to the Field Lane Estate and the Wadebridge Road Estate inviting them to the Field Lane event. Address lists were sourced through a distribution company, using the Royal Mail Postcode Address File. All letters were distributed by First Class Royal Mail.
- 3.4.20** A total of 22 people attended the drop in session. Attendees raised a number of issues, including the ongoing development of the area (the Business Park development and the new TJ Morris warehouse). Attendees were invited to fill in feedback forms and it was also recommended that they take part in Liverpool City Council's statutory consultation following submission of the planning application.

Meetings

- 3.4.21** All key members and stakeholder groups were offered separate meetings to discuss the proposals in more detail. This offer was made in the Briefing Pack that went out in September and in the follow up newsletter that was sent out in November. To date none of these stakeholders have taken up the offer.

3.4.22 MWDA has received two requests for community group meetings. The first was from members of the Trispen and Petherick Action Group in Gillmoss, Liverpool. MWDA presented their proposals exclusively to members of the Action Group on Tuesday 7th October 2008. The meeting was attended by a range of local residents as well as representatives from the local police, community wardens and the local housing association, Cobalt.

The meeting was also attended by the local ward Councillor Rose Bailey. A wide range of questions and queries were raised including: existing activity at the Gillmoss site, the potential increase in traffic and the type and nature of the activity at the proposed site. MWDA offered to organise a visit to the Authority's existing MRF at Bidston. Details of this visit can be found in Section 3.4.33 (page 17).

3.4.23 A similar request was made by the Fazakerley Health Forum (PITCH – People Involved in Their Communities' Health), who requested that members of the development team attend a meeting scheduled to take place on 5 November 2008. 14 people attended, alongside 3 members of the development team. The main topics of discussion included: the site selection process, job opportunities for local people, potential increase in traffic and the capacity of the new facility.

3.4.24 Additional presentations have been made to groups including:

- Environmental Protection UK – a national membership-based charity, that has played a leading role in environmental protection in the UK since 1898. The charity has a head office in Brighton and ten regional divisions throughout the UK. It seeks changes in policy and practice to minimise air, noise and land pollution, bringing together stakeholders to inform debate and influence decision-making. It also educates, influences and works in partnership with policy makers, environmental professionals, industry, academics and the public. A presentation to the group was made on 19 November 2008
- Environmental academics from Liverpool John Moores University - They received a presentation on the proposals at Gillmoss on 1 December 2008.

Feedback Mechanisms

- 3.4.24** Local residents and stakeholders have also been able to contact MWDA through a variety of feedback mechanisms, which were widely publicised in all materials. Where possible, MWDA set a target to respond to all enquiries within five working days.
- 3.4.25** An email address was established specifically to allow people to contact MWDA:
- enquiries@merseysidewda.gov.uk
- 3.4.26** A Freepost address was created to enable people to write to MWDA free of charge:
- **Freepost RRYE-BCGS-XYAX, Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, 6th Floor, North House, 17 North John Street, Liverpool, L2 5QY**
- 3.4.27** MWDA set up a Freephone information line for enquiries (**FREEPHONE 0800 170 1501**). The line is staffed during business working hours (9.00 am till 5.30pm, Monday to Friday) and diverted to an answer-phone outside those times or when busy.

Website

- 3.4.28** As part of the ongoing communications programme, MWDA hosted a webpage, located on their existing website, to allow widespread access to information on the proposals (<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/views/index.asp?id=400&Level=5&ParentID=149&MenuitemID=399>)
- As well as project information, the webpage includes contact details for anyone wishing to discuss the application with a member of the development team.
- 3.4.29** The webpages are updated regularly and include links to the latest edition of the development newsletter.
- 3.4.30** The webpage also includes a 'link to the enquiries email where people can register their views or ask questions.
- 3.4.31** The pages include the dates and venues of public information days. Overleaf is a screenshot of the MWDA information page:



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Gillmoss Recycling Park

We are proposing to develop our site at Gillmoss on Stonebridge Lane into a new Recycling Park.

You can download a full consultation booklet here (PDF 920KB)

What do you want to do?

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is aiming to develop the Gillmoss site into a model of good practice for recycling. The proposed new Recycling Park will include:

- A new **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** – this new facility will sort dry recyclable materials (card, paper, glass, cans and plastic bottles) collected from households into separate streams ready for further recycling. See more about our MRF in Wirral.
- A **Visitor and Education Centre** – this will be an integrated part of the new Materials Recovery Facility and will promote environmental education and sustainability within the community.

<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/views/index.asp?id=400&Level=5&ParentID=149&MenuItemID=399>

Media

3.4.32 The local print and broadcast media are a vital mechanism for keeping local people informed and MWDA has provided information to stakeholders via the local press. *The Liverpool Echo* (total circulation of 150,000) and *Liverpool Daily Post* (total circulation of 66,000) are the principal local newspapers, as well as the local free paper, the *Merseyside Star* (circulation of approximately 88,000).

3.4.33 In order to help publicise the proposals and encourage local people to visit the information days, MWDA issued two news releases on 8 September and 10 September 2008 to announce the public engagement plans. Copies of news releases and coverage in the media of the subsequent article are attached (***Appendix viii, Appendix ix & Appendix x***).

Visits to the Bidston Facility

3.4.34 A number of local residents have requested to visit MWDA's existing Materials Recovery Facility at Bidston on the Wirral.

(i) Two members of the public that attended the Open Days at the Communiversity on the 15th and 16th September 2008 requested a visit to MWDA's existing MRF facility. This visit took place on 22nd October 2008. The individuals concerned gave positive feedback on the visit via the feedback forms issued at the time.

(ii) A group of 10 representatives of all of the community and resident groups in the Gillmoss area visited MWDA's existing MRF facility at Biston on 30th October 2008. The Group which include the local ward councillor, toured the facility and received a presentation on how the facility worked and the destination of the recyclable materials. Positive feedback was given on the facilities' operations.

(iii) At the time of going to print MWDA has also received a request from the *Fazakerley Health Forum* (PITCH – People Involved in Their Communities' Health), to visit the Material Recovery Facility at Bidston. MWDA is hoping to facilitate that visit in the near future

4.0. Findings

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 Since launching the proposals in early September MWDA has received a number of comments and enquiries. This section of the report will look more closely at the remarks made by members of the public and will seek to highlight the key issues and comments raised and how the development team will deal with any concerns voiced.

4.1.2 A number of people welcomed the proposals for increased recycling facilities in Merseyside and were keen to learn more about the plans. Some issues were raised, which Section Five of the report will look to address. To summarise the general response, the most frequently raised topics were the following:

- *The fact that the site is located close to residential areas*
- *The technologies and processes involved in the treatment of waste at the site*
- *The potential for the site to grow to accommodate more waste in the future*
- *Potential environmental impacts of the facility*
- *Potential increase in traffic levels and vehicular frequency*
- *Potential employment opportunities*

4.2 Feedback Analysis

4.2.1 Comment forms were available for all attendees at the public information days to complete and return either on the day or by post. In addition to the comment forms received by the development team, a number of enquiries were made via the dedicated information line, email and letter. The breakdown of responses is as follows:

Enquiries Received	Number of Responses
Public Information Days/Meetings	13

Email	11
Telephone	22
Letter	10
Total	56

4.2.2 In total, there have been **56** enquiries made to the development team since the public launch of the proposals for a Recycling Park at Gillmoss on 4th September 2008. A full breakdown of the comments made can be found in **Appendix xi**.

4.2.3 The issues raised can be categorised as follows:

(Responses may have raised more than one issue and therefore the frequency column for this particular table does not represent one issue per response)

Issue Raised	Frequency
Environmental	
Potential noise / odour/ dust pollution	II (2)
Is there an incinerator planned?	IIII (4)
Potential impact on local residents	IIII (5)
Further information on recycling	IIII (4)
The Facility	
Jobs on site	IIII (5)
Wish to visit similar facility	III (3)
Concern facility will expand	I (1)
Request for further information	IIIIIIII (9)
Ensure cleanliness of surrounding roads / site	II (2)
Obtaining a waste management license	I (1)
Traffic & Transport	
Potential increase in traffic	III (3)
Supportive Comments	
In favour of technology / proposed facility	IIIIII (6)
Have no major concerns	I (1)
Other	
Need to extend exhibition programme to Fazakerley Estate	I (1)
Request made for a formal presentation	III (3)
Receipt Acknowledgement	IIII (5)

4.2.4 The public enquiries demonstrate the range of issues that those with an interest in this development deem to be most important. Seven of the responses from members of the public were openly supportive of the facility and the technologies involved, and a further seven requested further information to inform their opinion.

4.2.5 Given the wide promotion of the proposals and variety of methods employed, it is encouraging that the majority of enquiries have been of a supportive or inquisitive nature with little objection to the proposals having been registered during MWDA's public engagement exercise.

5.0. Outcomes

5.1 Introduction

The issues raised through the engagement process, where fitting for the development and within the scope of this project, will be addressed and dealt with in the planning application documents. However, it is appropriate at this juncture to offer an explanation of the development team's view of the main issues that the general public has raised.

5.2 Traffic

Respondents raised concerns about an increase in traffic to the site. A full Traffic Assessment (TA) accompanies the planning application which shows that the proposed facility is accessible by all modes of transport and concludes that the overall transport impact of the proposals would be minimal.

Waste collection vehicles already visit Gillmoss to deliver household waste. Deliveries to the proposed new facility will only take place during the day, as currently happens with the existing Waste Transfer Station. If planning permission is granted for the facilities this will increase by approximately 53 waste vehicles spread throughout the licensed hours during the working day. This includes a total of 6 waste vehicles movements during the AM peak hour of 08:00-09:00. No movements of waste vehicles are expected during the PM peak hour of 17:00-18:00 as waste collection rounds finish earlier in the day.

A number of sustainable travel initiatives are proposed to encourage staff and visitors to access the facility using 'green transport'. This includes cycle parking, showers, lockers and bus service/timetable information within the facility.

5.3 Future Development

Concerns were raised that proposals for the Gillmoss site, either now or in the future, would include plans for an Energy from Waste facility. MWDA can confirm that an EfW facility is not planned for this site, now or in the future.

Questions were also asked about any other potential development on the site. The first phase of facilities at Gillmoss will focus on recycling. In order to operate, the proposed facility would require an Environmental Permit, issued by the Environment Agency which will set out the parameters for operation.

It is possible a future phase could be developed which would allow organic material such as kitchen waste to be dealt with in enclosed and carefully controlled conditions. This would be subject to a separate planning application and engagement process. MWDA has been entirely open about this possibility with stakeholders during its current public engagement activities.

5.4 Odour & Dust

Respondents also raised concerns about potential odour and dust from the facility. The new facility will only accept dry recyclable materials delivered by enclosed vehicles into a reception hall. No materials will be stored or handled in the open air. Everything will be dealt with in enclosed buildings. These recyclable materials are not 'black bin bag' waste and have a very low odour level. The facility will be designed to ensure that the low amounts of dust and odour produced are minimised and controlled.

A comprehensive air quality and odour assessment has been carried out for the proposed development. This concluded that the proposed development will not generate significant amounts of odour or dust and as such the impact of the development on local air quality is likely to be insignificant.

Visits to MWDA's existing Materials Recovery Facility at Bidston have been offered to people who expressed concerns, in order to show them first hand how these issues are managed at an operational facility.

5.5 Noise

Concerns relating to potential noise from the facility and vehicles accessing the site were also raised. A Noise Assessment accompanies the planning application which concludes that with appropriate mitigation measures in place, the new facility will not result in a significant increase in noise levels. To protect local people the building will be self-contained and insulated to minimise noise generated by the operation.

Deliveries to the site will only take place during the day, as currently happens with the existing Waste Transfer Station. Delivery vehicles' access, manoeuvring area and loading bays have been positioned away from residential areas to minimise any potential noise impacts.

The existing landscaped 'bund' (consisting of a bank of trees and other planting) that screens local houses to the Gillmoss site will be extended along the whole northern boundary of the site, which will provide acoustic screening for the adjacent residential housing. Additional planting and landscaping will also take place around the new facility.

During construction, a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will be in place which will include appropriate measures to ensure local people are not disturbed, including limiting construction working hours and using acoustic screening.

5.6 Potential impact on the local area

In general some respondents who live close to the site were concerned about the facility's proximity to local people. The planning application sets out a number of measures which are proposed to minimise any impacts on local people. For example, the existing landscaped 'bund' (consisting of a bank of trees and other planting) that screens local houses to the Gillmoss site will be extended to ensure that the whole northern boundary of the site, which is next to residential housing, is screened.

The site selection process has identified the Gillmoss site as appropriate for a new Materials Recovery Facility, as stated below.

5.7 Site selection

Some respondents questioned why the Gillmoss site has been chosen for a new Materials Recovery Facility. As set out in the planning application, MWDA engaged specialist consultants with the appropriate planning experience, Mouchel, to undertake a rigorous site selection process. This identified Gillmoss as an appropriate site for additional waste facilities.

The site is considered suitable for a number of reasons, including:

- It already contains an existing Waste Transfer Station
- The site has been allocated for industrial use by Liverpool City Council

- It is easily accessed from the nearby M57 and A580
- It is close to where recyclable materials are produced by householders

5.8 Employment

Five enquiries were made by members of the public regarding possible vacancies should the facility gain planning permission. The facility would create around 100 jobs which would benefit the local area. Employment would be dealt with by the contractor chosen to run the new facility. However, MWDA will specify to the chosen contractor that job opportunities must be advertised locally.

6.0. Conclusions and Next Steps

6.1 Conclusions

- 6.1.1 Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) has undertaken comprehensive pre-application engagement in line with recommendations made in Liverpool City Council's Statement of Community Involvement and seeks to ensure that public engagement continues beyond the submission of the planning application for the proposed Recycling Park at Gillmoss.
- 6.1.2 MWDA has, in the planning application, addressed issues from local residents including: concerns relating to future development, job creation, potential noise, odour and dust creation, increased traffic movements and other potential effects on the surrounding environment. Most of the enquiries made to the development team were of a supportive or inquisitive nature, with little or no formal opposition to the proposals.
- 6.1.3 In preparing for this engagement exercise, MWDA has identified and engaged with a number of elected members, local and regional stakeholders, and local residents. Where possible, all enquiries from these target groups are followed up within five working days by a member of the development team.
- 6.1.4 Given the wide promotion of the proposals and variety of methods employed, it is encouraging to note that the majority of enquiries were of a supportive or inquisitive nature.

6.2 Next Steps

- 6.2.1 Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is committed to maintaining dialogue with the local community throughout the planning process. The following activity is ongoing or planned:

Community Engagement

- 6.2.2 The website, email addresses and information line numbers will remain operational throughout the duration of the planning process.

6.2.3 MWDA will continue to respond to all feedback received and will advise stakeholders that they can make comments to Liverpool City Council when the application has been registered.

6.2.4 Further newsletters/letters to stakeholders may be also be undertaken should MWDA deem that it is required.

Political Engagement

6.2.5 MWDA will continue to engage with key local members from Liverpool and Knowsley Councils, by sending regular written briefings to update on the progress of the application. All contact with elected members will be copied to planning officers at Liverpool City Council.

Press & Media

6.2.6 MWDA will continue to brief the local press and media as required throughout the planning process.

7.0. Appendix

i **Public Engagement Timeline (As referenced in Section 3.2.5)**

Week Commencing	Briefing packs	Newsletters	Letters to residents, businesses and stakeholders	Public Information Days / Drop-in sessions	Stakeholder Meetings	Site Visits	Media Activity	Website facility and Community Information Line
1 September 2008	LAUNCH Briefing packs arrive with members and stakeholders via post – follow-up calls to members & MPs to arrange meetings (Thursday 4 Sept)	LAUNCH Newsletters arrive with residents – distributed to approximately 19,500 local residents and businesses located within 2 miles radius of the site (Thursday 4 Sept)	LAUNCH Letters accompanying the briefing packs and newsletters were also delivered on 28 August to coincide with the public launch of the proposals				LAUNCH Press release issued to trade and local media	LAUNCH Webpages operational and contact details can be found for project team Community Information Line also operational
8 Sept							Public information days were publicised in the local press on Monday 8 September and	Operational

							Wednesday 10 September	
15 Sept				Public information days were held at the Communiversy Building in Croxteth on 15/16 September	A councillor preview of the public information days was held on 15 September between 10am and 11am			Operational
22 Sept								Operational
29 Sept			1,600 invitation letters were sent to residents of the Field Lane Estate to invite them to a drop-in session on 14 October					Operational
6 Oct					MWDA presented their proposals to the Trispen and Petherick Action Group in Gillmoss, Liverpool, on 7 October 2008			Operational
13 Oct				An additional				Operational

				drop-in session was held at the Field Lane Hostel in Fazakerley on Tuesday 14 October, for residents of the Field Lane Estate following a specific request				
20 Oct						Two individuals from the public information days were taken to view MWDA's existing MRF facility at Bidston on 22 October		Operational
27 Oct		Follow-up newsletter distributed to 19,500 local residents, stakeholders and members updating them on the engagement programme and latest news	Letters to local residents, stakeholders and members accompanying the newsletter			A group of 10 representatives of the community and resident groups in the Gillmoss area visited MWDA's existing MRF facility at Bidston on 30 th October		Operational

		regarding the application						
3 Nov					Meeting to discuss the proposals with the Fazakerley Health Forum (<i>PITCH – People Involved in Their Communities' Health</i>) on 5 November 2008			Operational
10 Nov								Operational
17 Nov								Operational
24 Nov								Operational
(Planning Application submitted)			Letters to members informing of submission				Press releases and media briefings	Operational

ii Stakeholder List

The stakeholders included:

- All elected members of Liverpool City Council and adjacent ward members of Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (Prescot West and Cherryfield)
- Key officers at Liverpool City Council
 - Office of the Chief Executive
 - Planning Manager
 - Nature Conservation Officer
 - Environmental Health
- Key officers at St. Helen's Council, Halton Council, Wirral Council, Sefton Council and Knowsley Council
- Liverpool First
- Peter Kilfoyle, MP for Liverpool Walton
- Regional MEPs
- Government Office for the North West
- North West Development Agency
- North West Regional Assembly
- Gillmoss Action Group
- Croxteth & Gillmoss Community Federation
- Liverpool Community Network
- Community Regeneration Forum (Alt Valley)
- Alt Valley Community Trust
- Fazakerley Federation
- Alt Valley JET

- Cobalt Housing Association
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- The Council for the Protection of Rural England
- Liverpool Friends of the Earth
- Wildlife Trusts
- Woodland Trust
- Groundwork Merseyside
- Merseyside Environmental Trust
- Landlife
- Mersey Basin Campaign
- National Society for Clean Air & Environmental Protection
- Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service
- Merseyside Biodiversity Group
- Liverpool Vision
- Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
- The Merseyside Partnership
- Civic Trust
- Highways Agency
- Merseytravel
- Police
- Fire Service
- Key contacts at Stonebridge Cross Development

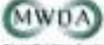
iii Newsletter One – ‘Your Chance To Learn More’



YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN MORE

Find out more about a proposal by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority to create a new Recycling Park at Gillmoss, Liverpool.

COME ALONG TO OUR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DAYS
Monday 15th September 2008, 11.00am-7.00pm and
Tuesday 16th September 2008, 10.00am-7.00pm
 The Community Building, Ailcross Road (next to Croxteth Library),
 Croxteth, Liverpool, L11 0BS




Aerial picture showing location of proposed facility

A new approach to managing the waste we produce

We must change the way our waste is managed. Last year we produced 845,105 tonnes of municipal waste of which about a quarter was recycled, leaving the rest to be landfilled. This is the equivalent to the weight of 170,000 adult Indian elephants.

We can't keep depending on landfill - costs are increasing and space is running out. We must meet new targets to reduce landfill or Merseyside could face fines or charges of millions of pounds in future years.

At Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) we have been working with the six local councils - Halton Borough Council, Knowsley Borough Council, Liverpool City Council, St Helens Council, Sefton Borough Council and Wirral Borough Council, to look at new approaches and build new facilities to help raise recycling rates and divert waste from landfill.

As part of this work, we are proposing to develop the Authority's Gillmoss site on Stonebridge Lane, Liverpool into a new Recycling Park.

This newsletter is designed to provide more information on the proposals and invite you to two public engagement days to discuss the plans in more detail. It will also provide you with a variety of ways to contact the Authority so that you can ask questions and find out more.

The Gillmoss Site

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDa) has used a rigorous site selection process to find appropriate sites for waste facilities. The process identified Gillmoss as an appropriate site for additional waste management facilities.

Gillmoss is located off Stonebridge Lane and is accessed from the nearby M57 and A580. The site covers an area of 8.8 hectares (or 22 acres) and already has facilities to manage waste produced locally. MWDa has operated the existing facilities since 1988.

The site currently accommodates a Waste Transfer Station (used to transfer waste collected on local rounds onto bigger vehicles for onward disposal to landfill sites). It accepts household waste collected by councils across Merseyside – including a large proportion from the Liverpool City Council area.

The Proposals

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is aiming to develop the Gillmoss site into a model of good practice for recycling. The proposed new Recycling Park will include:

- A new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) – this new facility will sort dry recyclable materials (card, paper, glass, cans and plastic bottles) collected from households into separate streams ready for further recycling.
- A Visitor and Education Centre – this will be an integrated part of the new Materials Recovery Facility and will promote environmental education and sustainability within the community.

The Waste Disposal Authority plans to submit a Planning Application to Liverpool City Council later in 2008 for these new facilities. The existing Waste Transfer Station at the site will continue to operate as normal during and after construction.

The first phase of new facilities will focus on recycling. It is possible a future phase could be developed which would allow organic material such as kitchen waste to be dealt with in enclosed and carefully controlled conditions. This would be subject to a separate Planning Application and engagement process. The recycling facility will help to reduce landfill.

What is a Materials Recovery Facility?

A Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) sorts mixed recyclable materials, which would include paper, cardboard, plastics, cans and glass, which have been collected from households by local councils collection schemes.

The materials are sorted through the use of manual and mechanical separation and then sent on to third party reprocessors which turn materials into new products. The proposed facility will have the capacity to process around 100,000 tonnes of mixed recyclable materials per year.

The Authority already has a successful Materials Recovery Facility at its Bidston site on the Wirral. The proposed new facility at Gilkness would be very similar in its operation to the existing facility at Bidston in terms of both tonnage and materials processed.



Some of the mechanical and physical sorting at the Bidston Facility



Young visitors at MRF site

Visitor and Education Centre

The Authority already works extensively in the community and with schools and colleges across the Merseyside area providing information and activities relating to waste prevention, recycling and other waste subjects and visits to its facilities.

A new Visitor and Education Centre will be incorporated into the Materials Recovery Facility and will give local people the opportunity to visit the site on guided tours of the facility and learn more about recycling and the environment.



Traffic and Transport

Waste collection vehicles already visit Gilmoss to deliver household waste to the site and move waste to landfill sites in the North West. If planning permission is granted for the proposed facilities, this will increase by approximately 50 waste vehicles spread throughout the day. Deliveries to the proposed new

facility will only take place during the day, as currently happens with the existing Waste Transfer Station. A full Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) is currently being undertaken which will give link traffic figures and vehicle numbers. This will also outline any measures which will be put in place to protect the local area.

Protecting People and the Environment

The new facility will only accept dry recyclable materials and these will be delivered by enclosed vehicles into a reception hall. These will then be fed into machinery to be sorted. These recyclable materials are not black bin waste and have a very low odour level. The facility will be designed to ensure that the

low amounts of dust and odour produced are managed.

The building will be self contained and insulated to minimise noise generated by the facility. Deliveries to the site will be in accordance with the Environmental Permit needed to run the facility.



What happens next?

Before we submit a Planning Application for the new facility at Gilmoss we want to hear from you. Over the coming weeks Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWD) will be informing residents and interested parties on the proposals.

Public Engagement Days

We will be hosting some information days where local people can find out more about what is proposed at the Gilmoss site. The engagement days will take place on:

We will register all your comments and suggestions and, as part of the Planning Application, submit a Public Engagement Report which will inform the Council of how we let stakeholders and the community know of our plans.

Following this and after the Planning Application has been submitted, you will be able to comment on the proposals directly to Liverpool City Council who will undertake their own formal consultation.

Monday 15th September 2008
11.00am-7.00pm and

Tuesday 16th September 2008
10.00am-7.00pm

The Community Building,
Altrock Road (next to Croxeth
Library), Liverpool L11 0BS

This venue has parking and
disabled access.



The Planning Application Process

Following MWDA's public engagement on the proposals and the preparation of a range of detailed technical assessments, Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) will submit a full Planning Application to Liverpool City Council in Autumn 2008. The Application will include detailed information on a range of surveys and assessments including:

Landscape and visual amenity – The Application will show how the new facility will look and any changes to the site such as additional planting or screening.

Ecology and nature conservation – We will also detail the surveys undertaken on plants and wildlife and, where necessary, how they will be protected.

Air quality – We will show how air quality in the local area will be protected.

Noise – In this section we will detail the research we have undertaken on noise and how we plan to manage any impacts.

Socio-economic effects – We will provide information on the number of full time and part time jobs that the new facility will provide.

Traffic and access – In this section we will detail the results of the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA), which looks at existing and new traffic movements on the site. This will give details of any increase in traffic as a result of the new facility. The TIA will also include an assessment of the capacity of the surrounding roads and junctions.

Decision making – Liverpool City Council will carefully consider the application and if planning permission is granted we expect the new facilities to be up and running by April 2010.

The operator of the proposed new facility (on behalf of the Waste Disposal Authority) will also have to apply to the Environment Agency for an Environmental Permit in order to operate the new facility.

Carbon Footprint and Sustainability

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is working with local Council partners to develop new waste and recycling facilities and contracts that will help us all divert more waste away from landfill.

The proposed new MRF at Billmas will help to sort up to 100,000 tonnes of dry materials collected by local Councils. These are materials that would have gone to landfill and contributed to the production of carbon dioxide and methane – both of which are greenhouse gases.

The building will be designed to reduce its impact on its surroundings. The Authority is working with specialists to 'design in' a range of green features

including: adding in roof windows to allow natural light into the building so reducing the amount of internal lighting needed; constructing the building and its foundations using recycled and reclaimed materials; and exploring the use of renewable energy sources.

If the new facility is granted planning permission, during construction the building will be assessed through the BREEAM system. BREEAM stands for Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method and is the world's most widely used environmental assessment method for buildings.



Who are Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority?

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) is responsible for the disposal of municipal waste on Merseyside. It is a statutory authority established in 1965, following the abolition of Merseyside County Council and works with the local councils on Merseyside – Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral. MWDA takes a lead in advocating recycling, waste minimisation and the safe and effective disposal of waste for Merseyside's residents.

Via a contract with the Authority, Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd (MWHL) currently manages the disposal of all household waste on behalf of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority. The disposal of waste is carried out via its four Waste Transfer Stations situated in Knowsley, Liverpool, Southport and Wirral – and via contracts with third party landfill operators.

Also, via a contract with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, MWHL manages and operates 14 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) throughout Merseyside. Currently MWDA has developed and operates an existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Bidston on the Wirral. This facility accepts and sorts mixed recyclable materials collected from households, which are then further processed into new materials and products.

To find out more about the Waste Disposal Authority log on to: www.merseysidewda.gov.uk



Your Views

We want your views and comments on the proposed new Recycling Park at B&I Moss in Liverpool.

VISIT US

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Recycle 100% recycled

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iv Newsletter Two - 'Your Feedback on Our Proposals for Gillmoss Recycling Park'



YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR PROPOSALS FOR GILLMOSS RECYCLING PARK

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority would like to update you on the feedback received on proposals to create a new Recycling Park at Gillmoss in Liverpool.




Gillmoss Recycling Park

Over the last few weeks Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority has been engaging with and informing local residents and stakeholders about proposals to create a new Recycling Park at Gillmoss, Liverpool. The proposed new Recycling Park will include:

<p>A new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) This will sort dry recyclable materials (card, paper, glass, cans, and plastic bottles) collected from households into separate streams ready for further recycling.</p>	<p>The Gillmoss site is located off Stonebridge Lane and already accommodates a Waste Transfer Station (used to transfer waste collected on local rounds onto bigger vehicles for onward disposal to landfill sites).</p>
<p>A Visitor and Education Centre This will be an integrated part of the new Materials Recovery Facility and will promote environmental education and sustainability within the community.</p>	<p>New waste and recycling facilities are needed in Merseyside to reduce our reliance on landfill and meet strict new targets.</p>

The engagement process so far

In early September 2008 Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) sent a leaflet to more than 19,500 local residents and stakeholders with detailed information on the proposals for Gillmoss. We've also sent information to all local councillors, MPs and other stakeholders including the local police, fire service and health authority.

MWDA held two public engagement days on 15th and 16th September 2008 at the Community Building in Creteth, offering the local community the chance to find out more about the plans and speak to members of the project team. At these events visitors were able to leave comments and questions, which we have logged and responded to.

In addition, some local residents requested separate meetings to discuss the proposals in more depth and where possible the Authority has arranged this, including a drop-in session for residents of the Field Lane estate and a meeting with the Trispen and Fetherick Action Group.

MWDA have also received a range of views and comments by letter, email and post.

Your comments and questions are important to us and if you would like to write or talk to us about our proposals full contact details can be found on the back page of this leaflet.



Artist's impression of the Facility and Visitors Centre

Your feedback on the proposals

Since launching the proposals in early September 2008 the Authority has received feedback on the plans from local residents and stakeholders.

A number of people welcomed the proposals for increased recycling facilities in Merseyside and were keen to learn more about the plans.

There were however some issues raised and the Authority would like to provide answers to these questions:

Q: Will this development include, either now or in the future, an incinerator?

A: The Authority can confirm that an incinerator is not planned for this site, now or in the future.

Q: Will the facility produce odour?

A: The new facility will only accept dry recyclable materials delivered by enclosed vehicles into a reception hall. No materials will be stored or handled in the open air. Everything will be dealt with in enclosed buildings. These recyclable materials are not 'black bin bag waste' and have a very low odour level. The facility will be designed to minimise and control the low amounts of odour that may occur in the recyclable materials.

Q: Will there be an increase in traffic to the site?

A: Waste collection vehicles already visit Gillmoss to deliver household waste. If planning permission is granted for the facilities, this will increase by approximately 53 waste vehicles spread throughout the licensed hours during the working day. Deliveries to the proposed new facility will only take place during the day, as currently happens with the existing Waste Transfer Station.

A full Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) is currently being undertaken which will give final traffic figures. The TIA will also outline any measures which will be put in place to minimise the impact of any traffic in the local area. This will be submitted as part of the planning application.

Q: Will the facility create any new jobs?

A: The facility would create around 120 operational jobs which would benefit the local area. Employment would be dealt

with by the contractor chosen to run the new facility.

Q: Will the facility impact on residents living near to the site?

A: Before we can operate any new facilities we will need planning permission from Liverpool City Council and an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency. These will only be granted if the Council and the Environment Agency can be satisfied that the proposed facility can operate without adverse impacts on people and the environment.

A number of measures are proposed to minimise any impacts. For example, the existing landscape 'bund' (consisting of a bank of trees and other planting that screens local houses to the Gillmoss site) will be extended to ensure that the whole northern boundary of the site, which is next to residential housing, is screened.

The new facility will have an attractive and modern design.



Q: Why has Gillmoss been chosen as the site for a new Materials Recovery Facility?

A: MWDa has engaged specialist consultants with the appropriate planning experience, Mouchel, to undertake a rigorous site selection process. This process identified Gillmoss as an appropriate site for additional waste facilities.

The site is considered suitable for a number of reasons, including:

- It already contains an existing Waste Transfer Station
- It is easily accessed from the nearby M57 and A580
- It is close to where local recyclable materials are produced.

The planning process is designed to guard against inappropriate and unacceptable development and it will ultimately be up to Liverpool City Council, as the Planning Authority, to decide if the plans for Gillmoss will go ahead.



What happens next?

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority will respond to all comments and questions received. These will be registered and detailed in the Public Engagement Report, which will form part of the planning application. We will continue to respond to all feedback after the planning application has been submitted. Following submission, you will also be able to comment on the proposals directly to Liverpool City Council,

which will undertake formal consultation on the proposals.

MWDA will submit a full planning application to Liverpool City Council in Autumn 2008. Liverpool City Council will carefully consider the application. If planning permission is granted we expect the new facilities to be up and running by April 2010.



Mechanical and physical sorting at the Authority's MRF in Bidston

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v Public Information Day – Display Panels

New Recycling Park planned for Liverpool

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) is proposing a new Recycling Park at Gillmoss, in Liverpool. The proposals will expand and improve the current waste facilities at Gillmoss on Stonebridge Lane and help Merseyside meet its target to recycle more rubbish.

The Gillmoss site on Stonebridge Lane already contains a Waste Transfer Station (used to transfer waste collected on local rounds onto bigger vehicles for onward disposal to landfill sites and recycling facilities).

This exhibition will provide you with more information on the plans and offer you the chance to speak to members of the project team. We hope you find it useful and look forward to hearing your views.



Artist's impression of the Facility and Visitors Centre

Why do we need new recycling facilities?

We must change the way our waste is managed. Last year across Merseyside we produced 849,105 tonnes of municipal waste of which about a quarter was recycled, leaving the rest to be landfilled. This is equivalent to the weight of 170,000 adult Indian elephants.

We can't keep relying on landfill:

- We face costs of millions of pounds if we don't meet strict targets to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.
- We need new facilities to increase our recycling levels and reduce the environmental impact of landfill.

Dealing with the waste we produce is a Merseyside issue needing a Merseyside solution. At Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) we have been working with the six local councils (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral) to look at new approaches to raising recycling rates and diverting waste from landfill.



What exactly is being proposed?

The Recycling Park will include new facilities to help increase the amount of waste that is recycled.

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority plans to submit a Planning Application to Liverpool City Council for the following facilities:

- **A new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) - to sort and recover materials for recycling**
- **An integrated Visitor and Education Centre - to promote environmental education and sustainability**

The first phase of new facilities will focus on recycling. It is possible a future phase could be developed which would allow organic rubbish, such as kitchen waste to be dealt with in enclosed and carefully controlled conditions. This would be subject to a separate Planning Application and engagement process.



What is a Materials Recovery Facility?

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The proposed facility will have the capacity to process around 100,000 tonnes of mixed recyclable materials per year. The Authority already has a successful Materials Recovery Facility at its Bidston site on the Wirral, which is similar to the proposed new facility at Gills Moss.



Visitor and Education Centre

Education and awareness is central to the work of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority. The Authority already works extensively in the community and with schools and colleges across the region, providing information and education on waste management and recycling.

A new Visitor and Education Centre will be incorporated into the Materials Recovery Facility at Gillmess and will give local people the opportunity to visit the site on guided tours and learn more about recycling and the environment.



Protecting the Environment

Before any new facility can be built we need planning permission from Liverpool City Council. The operator of the proposed facility (on behalf of the Waste Disposal Authority) will also have to apply to the Environment Agency for an Environmental Permit in order to operate the new facilities.

The Planning Application will show how we intend to protect local people and the environment. It will contain detailed information on a number of surveys and assessments, including:

Landscape and visual amenity

The Application will show how the new facility will look and any changes to the site such as additional planting or landscaping.

Ecology and nature conservation

We are undertaking surveys of the plants and wildlife on the site and the Application will show, where necessary, how they will be protected.



Protecting the Environment

Air quality

We will show how air quality in the local area will be protected.

Noise

We will detail the research we have undertaken on noise and how we plan to manage any impacts. All areas of the facility will be designed and built to minimise noise.

Odour

All the proposed operations will be enclosed in buildings with no materials stored or handled in the open air. The facility will be designed to minimise and control the low levels of odour that may occur in the recyclable materials.

Traffic and access

A Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) is currently being undertaken, which looks at existing and new traffic movements on the site. This will give details of any increase in traffic as a result of the new facility and measures that will be put in place to protect the local area.



Your Questions Answered

Q: What hours will the Recycling Park be open?

The new Materials Recovery Facility will be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. However, part of the time will be used for cleaning and maintenance.

Deliveries to and from the site will only be made between 8.00am – 6.00pm in the Summer and 8.00am – 5.00pm in the Winter, with no deliveries made during night hours. This is in line with existing deliveries made to the Waste Transfer Station.

Q: When do you expect a decision to be made?

We hope Liverpool City Council can make a decision on the Planning Application for Gillmoss by Spring 2009.

Q: Will this mean more traffic?

Waste collection vehicles already visit Gillmoss to deliver household waste to the site. If planning permission is granted for the proposed facilities, this will increase by approximately 53 waste vehicles spread throughout the day.

Deliveries to the proposed new facility will only take place during the day, as currently happens with the existing Waste Transfer Station.

The Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) will outline any measures which will be put in place to protect the local area.

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Your Questions Answered

Q: Will it smell?

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Via a contract with the Authority, Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd (MWHL) currently manages the disposal of all household waste on behalf of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority. The disposal of waste is carried out via its four Waste Transfer Stations situated in Knowsley, Liverpool, Southport and Wirral - and via contracts with third party landfill operators.

Also, via a contract with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, MWHL manages and operates 14 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) throughout Merseyside. Currently MWDA has developed and operates an existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Bidston on the Wirral. This facility accepts and sorts mixed recyclable materials collected from households, which are then further processed into new materials and products.

To find out more about the Waste Disposal Authority log on to: www.merseysidewda.gov.uk



What happens next?

Before we submit a Planning Application for the new facility at Gillmoss we want to hear from you. Over the coming weeks Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDa) will be informing residents and interested parties on the proposals.

We will register all your comments and suggestions and, as part of the Planning Application, submit a Public Engagement Report which will inform the Council of how we let stakeholders and the community know of our plans.

Following this and when the Planning Application has been submitted, you will be able to comment on the proposals directly to Liverpool City Council who will undertake their own formal consultation.



Your Views

We want your views and comments on the proposed new Recycling Park at Gillmoss in Liverpool.

WRITE TO US (No stamp is needed on your letter)

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Gillmoss Recycling Park:

Your Questions Answered

Q: What is being proposed for Gillmoss?

A: Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) is proposing to develop the Authority's Gillmoss site into a new Recycling Park.

The Authority is aiming to develop the site into a model of good practice for recycling. The proposed new Recycling Park will include:

- A Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) – to sort and recover materials for recycling
- An integrated Visitor and Education Centre – to promote environmental education and sustainability

Q: What is currently on the site?

A: The Gillmoss site is located off Stonebridge Lane, Liverpool and is accessed from the nearby M57 and A580. The site covers an area of 8.8 hectares (or 22 acres) and already has facilities to manage waste produced locally. MWDA has operated the existing facilities since 1988.

The site currently accommodates a Waste Transfer Station (used to transfer waste collected on local rounds onto bigger vehicles for onward disposal to landfill sites and recycling facilities). It accepts household waste collected by councils across Merseyside – including a large proportion from the Liverpool City Council area.

Q: What is a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)?

A: A Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) sorts dry recyclable materials (including paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans and glass) collected from households by local councils' collection schemes.

The materials are sorted through the use of manual and mechanical separation and then sent on to third party reprocessors which turn materials into new products.

The proposed facility will have the capacity to process around 100,000 tonnes of mixed recyclable materials per year. The Authority already has a successful Materials Recovery Facility at its Bidston site on the Wirral, which is similar to the proposed new facility at Gillmoss.

Q: Why do we need these facilities?

A: We must change the way our waste is managed. Last year across Merseyside we produced 849,105 tonnes of municipal waste of which about a quarter was recycled, leaving the rest to be landfilled. This is equivalent to the weight of 170,000 adult Indian elephants.

We can't keep relying on landfill:

- We face costs of millions of pounds if we don't meet strict targets to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
- We need new facilities to increase our recycling levels and reduce the environmental impact of landfill

Dealing with the waste we produce is a Merseyside issue needing a Merseyside solution. At Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) we have been working with the six local councils (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral) to look at new approaches to raising recycling rates and diverting waste from landfill.

Q: What are the benefits of the proposals?

A: The new Materials Recovery Facility:

- Will increase the amount of waste than can be recycled
- Will help Merseyside meet its targets to reduce landfill
- Is an investment of up to £15 million in Liverpool
- Will provide up to 120 jobs

Q: Is anything else proposed on the site?

A: The first phase of new facilities will focus on recycling. It is possible a future phase could be developed which would allow organic rubbish such as kitchen waste to be dealt with in enclosed and carefully controlled facilities. This would be subject to a separate planning application and engagement process.

Q: Why has Gillmoss been chosen as a site for additional recycling facilities?

A: MWDA has engaged specialist consultants with the appropriate planning experience, Mouchel, to undertake a rigorous site selection process. This process identified Gillmoss as an appropriate site for additional waste facilities.

The site is considered suitable for a number of reasons, including:

- It already contains an existing Waste Transfer Station
- It is easily accessed from the nearby M57 and A580

The planning process is designed to guard against inappropriate and unacceptable development and it will ultimately be up to Liverpool City Council, as the Planning Authority, to decide if the plans for Gillmoss will go ahead.

Q: What is involved in the planning process?

A: Before submitting a planning application, MWDA will be informing the local community about the proposals. Following this, MWDA will submit a full Planning Application, together with the relevant environmental information and a Public Engagement Report (which details how we have let stakeholders and the community know of our plans) to Liverpool City Council.

The Council will then notify a range of consultees, including local residents and site neighbours. Comments received through this process will be reviewed and officers will make a recommendation to approve, approve with conditions or refuse the application. A final decision will be made by elected members as part of Liverpool City Council's Planning Committee.

Q: Who will operate the site?

A: The site will continue to be owned by MWDA. In future, Gillmoss will be operated by a private sector partner who will be selected through a tender process as part of the overall procurement process.

Q. Will the new facility be licensed with the Environment Agency?

A: The operator of the proposed new facility (on behalf of the Waste Disposal Authority) will have to apply to the Environment Agency for an Environmental Permit in order to operate the new facility.

Q: When do expect a decision about the Planning Application to be made?

A: We hope Liverpool City Council can make a decision on the planning application for Gillmoss by Spring 2009.

Construction of the new Facility

Q: What is the construction timetable?

A: If planning permission was granted in Spring 2009 the Authority would expect construction to start in late Spring 2009. During the construction there will be additional construction traffic accessing the site. The contractor building the facility and the Authority will agree a plan to minimise the impact on surrounding residents and businesses.

Operation of the new Facility

Q: What hours will the Recycling Park be open?

A: The new Materials Recovery Facility will be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. However, part of the time will be used for cleaning and maintenance.

Deliveries to and from the site will only be made between 8.00 am – 6.00 pm in the summer months and 8.00 am – 5.00 pm in the winter months, with no deliveries made during night hours. This is in line with existing deliveries made to the Waste Transfer Station.

Q: Will this mean more traffic?

A: Waste collection vehicles already visit Gillmoss to deliver household waste to the site. If planning permission is granted for the proposed facilities, this will increase by approximately 53 waste vehicles spread throughout the day.

Deliveries to the proposed new facility will only take place during the day, as currently happens with the existing Waste Transfer Station.

A full Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) is currently being undertaken which will give final traffic figures and vehicle numbers. The TIA will also outline any measures which will be put in place to protect the local area.

Q: If I live close to the site will I be able to see the new facility?

A: Gillmoss is already a fully operational Waste Transfer Station.

The existing landscape 'bund' (consisting of a bank of trees and other planting) that screens local houses to the Gillmoss site will be extended to ensure that the whole northern boundary of the site, which is next to residential housing, is fully screened.

Before we can operate any new facilities we will need planning permission from Liverpool City Council and a permit from the Environment Agency. These will only be granted if the Council and the Environment Agency can be satisfied that the proposed facility can operate without adverse impacts on people and the environment.

The new facility has been designed to provide both a practical approach to its operational needs and an attractive external design in its location at the gateway to the Gillmoss site.

Q: Will it smell?

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Q: Will it be noisy?

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Q. How green will the facility be?

A: Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is working with local council partners to develop new waste and recycling facilities and contracts that will help us all divert more waste away from landfill. The proposed new MRF at Gillmoss will help to sort up to 100,000 tonnes of dry recyclables collected by local councils.

These materials would have gone to landfill and would have contributed to the production of carbon dioxide and methane - both of which are greenhouse gases.

The building has been designed to minimise its impact on its surroundings. The Authority is working with specialists to 'design in' a range of green features including: adding in roof windows to allow natural light into the building so reducing the amount of internal lighting needed; constructing the building and its foundations using recycled and reclaimed materials; and exploring the use of renewable energy sources.

If the new facility is granted planning permission, during construction the building will be assessed through the BREEAM system. BREEAM stands for Building Research

Establishment Environmental Assessment Method and is the world's most widely used environmental assessment method for buildings.

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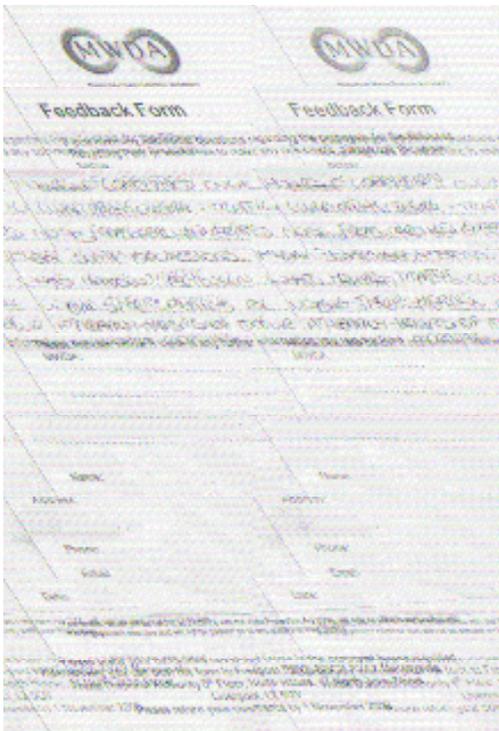
Q: How can I comment on the proposals?

A: Feedback forms are available at the public engagement days for you to register your comments and ask any questions. Members of the project team are also on hand to discuss the proposals and answer your questions.

There are a number of other ways you can contact MWDA to comment on the proposals or ask any questions:

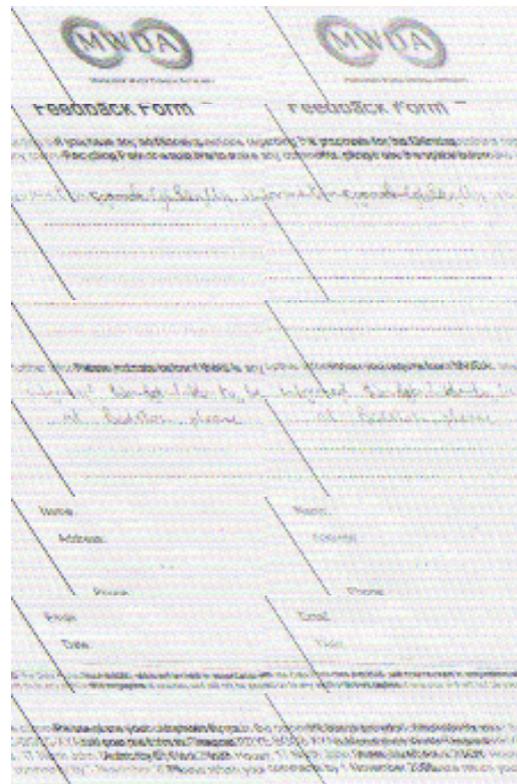
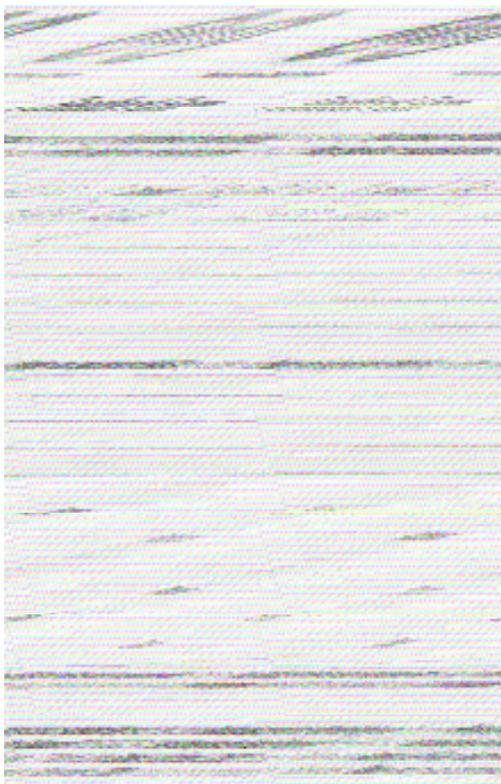
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vii Feedback Forms Received from the Public Information Days





MWDA Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority		MWDA Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	
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Email: <i>Pauline@mwda.gov.uk</i>		Email: <i>Pauline@mwda.gov.uk</i>	
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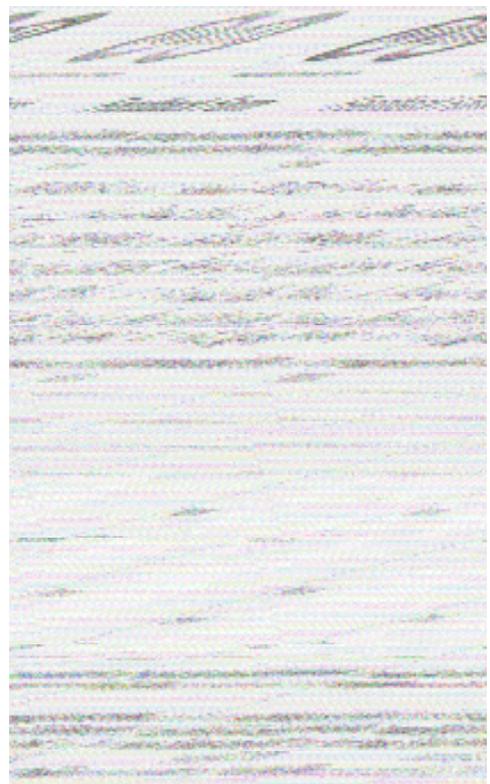
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Name: _____
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 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Date: _____

Your details will be held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2004, where to apply for information will be charged unless you are able to provide a suitable alternative contact.

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viii Media Release (8 September – Public Launch, The Proposals)

Monday 8th September

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority Unveils Recycling Park Plan for Gillmoss

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is to submit plans to create a Recycling Park in Gillmoss, Liverpool, as part of a £3 billion programme to tackle the region's household waste problem.

The Recycling Park is designed to play a key role in the region's recycling effort and would complement an existing waste transfer station on a 22-acre site which Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority owns in Stonebridge Lane, Gillmoss.

The development, likely to cost around £20 million, will include an integrated Visitor Centre and a new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) able to manually and mechanically sort the contents of recycling collections from Merseyside homes into separate glass, cardboard, plastic bottle, cans and paper streams.

The MRF, likely to be similar to the Authority's existing facility already operating in Bidston, Wirral, would sort around 100,000 tonnes of recyclable materials each year and would be entirely enclosed in a sealed building. Once sorted, materials would be transported away from the site to third party processors for recycling into new products and raw materials.

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) will hold a range of public information events as well as sending newsletters to more than 19,000 homes and businesses in the local area to explain the proposal before submitting a formal planning application for the Recycling Park to Liverpool City Council

later this year. The Council will then make a decision on the application after considering the views of local people and businesses.

The Gillmoss proposal will focus on recycling. However, it is possible a future proposal for the site will be developed to allow organic rubbish such as kitchen waste to be composted in enclosed and carefully controlled facilities. If both the composting facility and Recycling Park went ahead it would complete the development of the site.

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Ends

Note to Editors:

- A full Briefing Pack containing Q & A's, images of the site and artists' impressions of the development is available on request.

- Two public information days which will provide more information about the Gillmoss proposal will be held at the Communiversity Building, next to Croxteth Library, Altcross Road, Liverpool, L11 0BS on 15th and 16th September 2008 between 11.00 am and and 7.00 pm
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**ALL MEDIA ENQUIRIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION FROM JON FLINN ON
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ix Media Release from DHA Communications to local press (10 September 2008 – Advertising details of the forthcoming public information days)

Wednesday 10 September

OPEN DAYS FOR £20M GILLMOSS RECYCLING PARK

Proposals to create a £20 million Recycling Park in Gillmoss, Liverpool, will be unveiled to the public at two open days next week.

The proposals, drawn up by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA), go on show on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th September at the Communiversity Building on Altcross Road, Croxteth.

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x Media Coverage

Liverpool Daily Post (04.09.08)

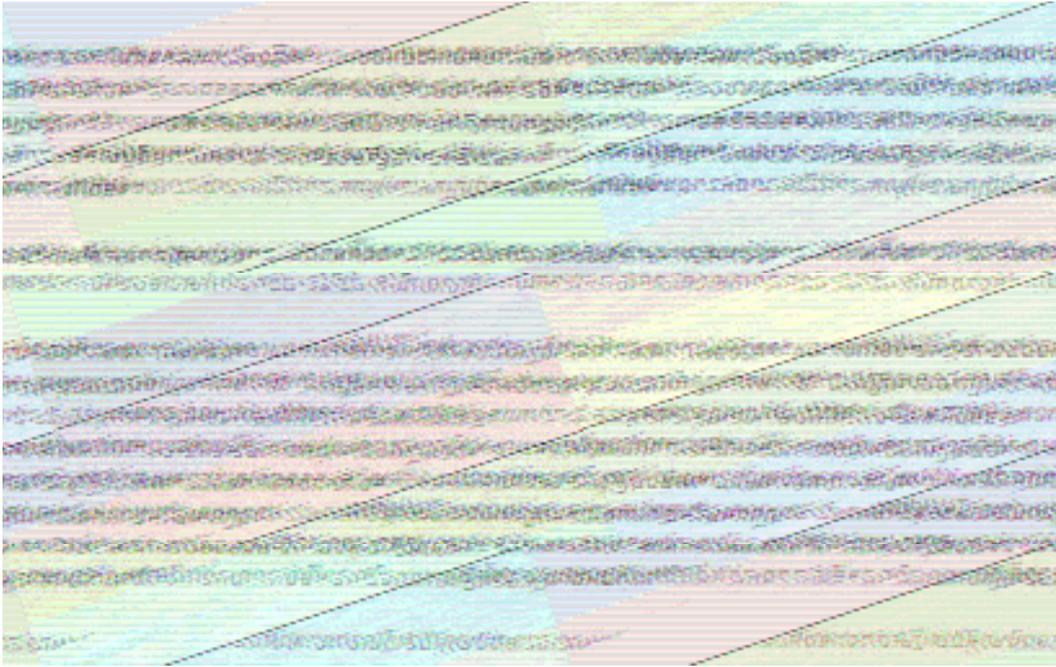


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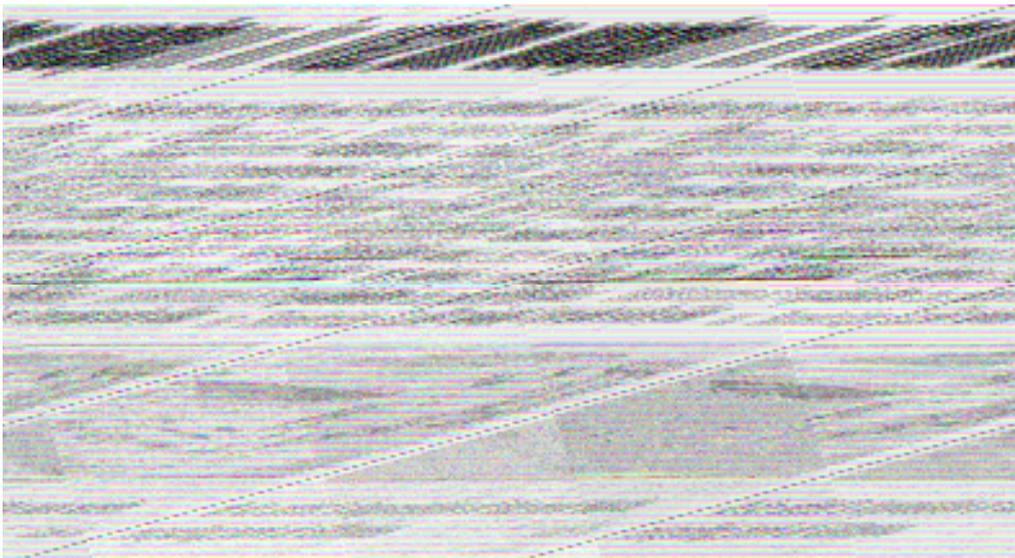
Merseyside's plans to tackle waste mountain

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) is to submit plans to create a £20m recycling park in Gillmoss as part of a £3bn programme. It would complement an existing waste transfer station on a 22-acre site the MWDA owns in Stonebridge Lane, Gillmoss. The development, which could be operational by 2010, would include a visitor centre and a materials recovery facility to sort 100,000 tonnes of recyclable materials each year. A formal planning application will be made to Liverpool City Council later this year and proposals could include composting of organic rubbish.

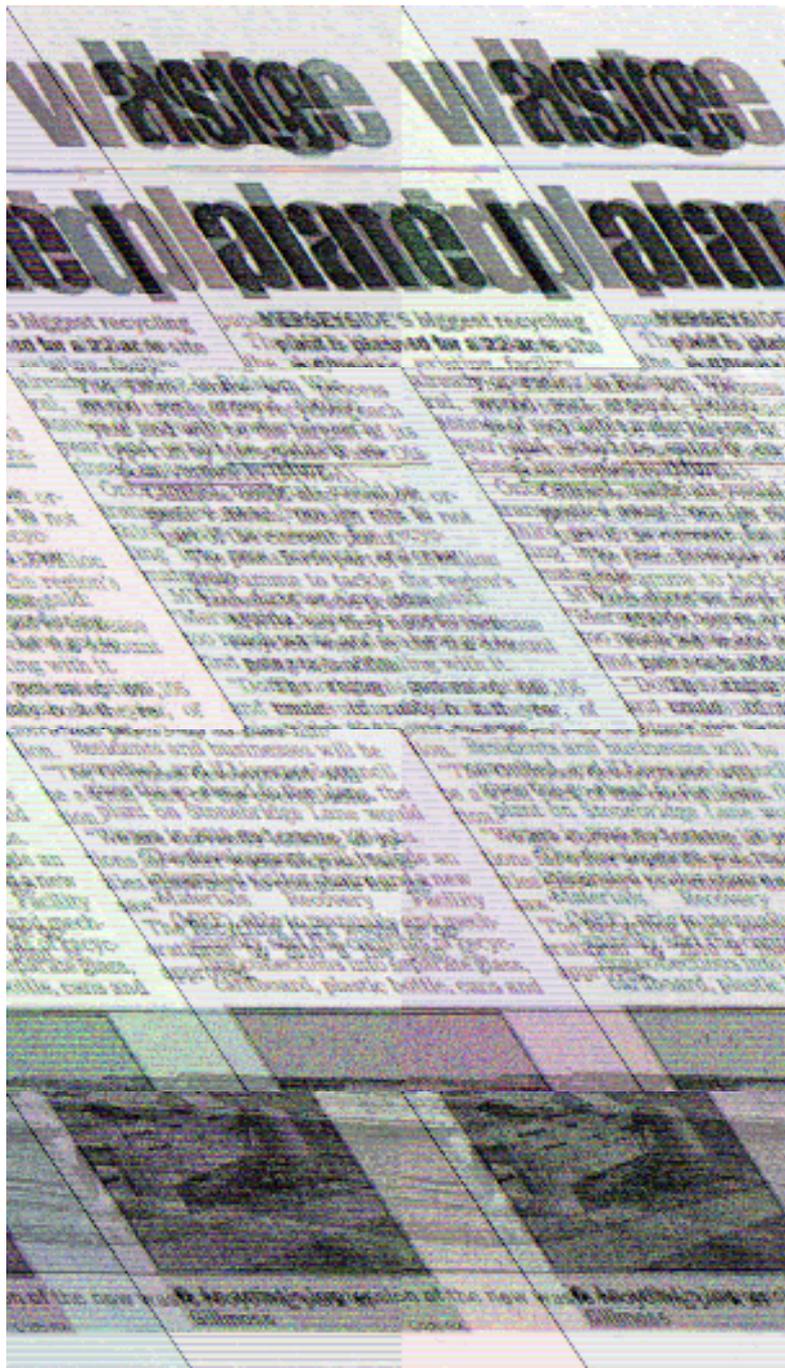




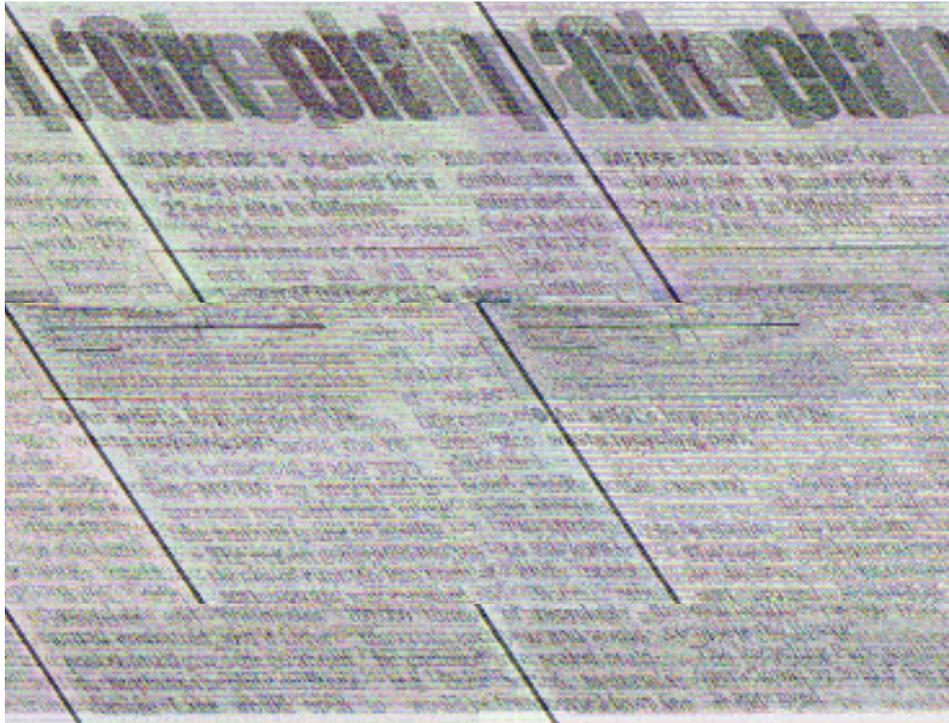
West Derby Merseymart & Star (11.09.08)



Maghull & Aintree Star & Merseymart



Anfield & Walton Star & Merseymart (11.09.08)



Liverpool Echo (13.09.08)

Public to view £20m recycling park plans

PLANS for a £20m recycling park in Liverpool go on show next week.

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) is holding two open days on September 15 and 16 for the public to view the plans for the site.

The plant will be built in Gillmoss and is expected to open in 2010 if it is approved.

There would be a visitor centre on the site which will offer information about recycling and the environment.

MWDA will send letters to homes and businesses in the area before submitting a formal planning application to Liverpool council later this year.

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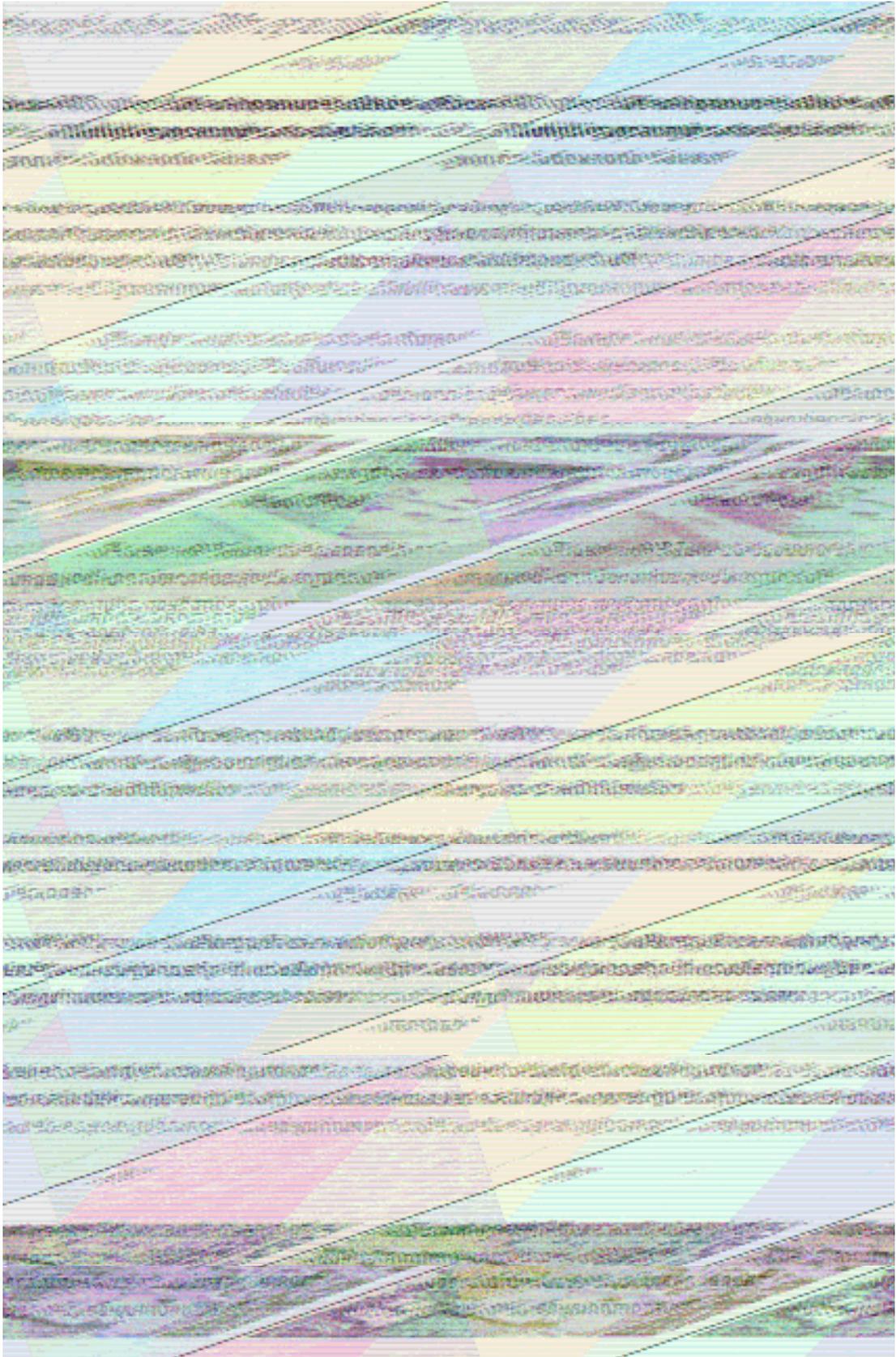
The open days will be held between 10am and 7pm on Monday, September 15 and between 11am and 7pm on Tuesday, September 16 at the Community Building on Alteross Road, Croxteth.

BBC Radio Merseyside (15.09.08)

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PLANS FOR ?ML RECYCLING PARK TO GO ON DISPLAY - Reporter(s): [Leanne Harper] Reporter - Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority wants to build a new facility.





Materials Recycling Week (12.09.08)

£20m Liverpool plan

BY CLAIRE CHURCHARD

■ PLANS TO DEVELOP A £20 MILLION RECYCLING
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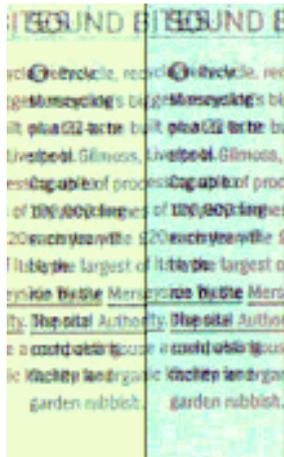
MWDA. The authority already runs a waste transfer station there.
Facilities will include a 100,000 tonne a year materials recycling facility, which will sort cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, glass and paper. The plans are part of the MWDA's £3bn private finance initiative.
→ WWW.MRW.CO.UK/LOCALAUTHORITY

Resource Management & Recovery (19.09.08)

IN BRIEF

► The Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority has unveiled plans for a £20 million recycling park as part of its £3 billion programme to tackle household waste. Included in the proposal, (which will be formally submitted to Liverpool city council) is a MRF capable of handling 100,000 tonnes of recyclable material a year.

Source NW (01.10.08)



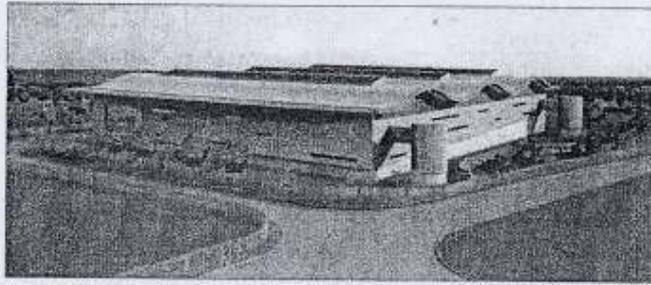
Local Authority Waste & Recycling (01.10.08)

Merseyside bid for £20M recycling park

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) has unveiled plans to create a recycling park in Gillmoss, Liverpool, as part of a £3.8 billion programme to tackle the region's household waste problem.

The recycling park is designed to play a key role in the region's recycling effort and would complement an existing waste transfer station on a 22-acre site which MWDA owns in Stonebridge Lane, Gillmoss.

The development - likely to cost around £20M - will include an integrated visitor centre and a new 100,000tpa MRF for glass,



An artist's impression of the proposed recycling park in Gillmoss

cardboard, plastic bottle, cans and paper streams.

MWDA is to submit a formal planning application for the recycling park to Liverpool City Council later this year. While the

proposal will focus on recycling, there could be scope to process organic waste in the future.

The recycling park would be operational by 2010 if the plan is approved.

**xi Breakdown of responses received by MWDA, as detailed in the report
(Section 4.2)**

Email responses received to date

Date	Enquiry	Postcode of Enquirer (if given)
	Can you tell me the precise location of the proposed development?	
04/09/08	I have received your information pack and will get the opportunity to read the documents over the next few days; if I require further information then it may be beneficial to meet as suggested.	
05/09/08	Will the new facility contain a public access area for the disposal of recyclable waste?	
05/09/08	I have received my pack and residents are phoning to object already following receipt of their letters. I have told them to attend one or other of the presentation days first before raising concerns and then get back to me.	
08/09/08	Request for further information for school project.	
11/09/08	We are a resident of Longdown Road and have received your plans. The only comment I would like to make is that you are boasting about the 'green' aspects of the recycling facility yet you are to build it on an area that is now covered in an abundance of trees. Is it not possible to build on the area already cleared on the new industrial park, as I would have thought it more suited to both the traffic and building facility and is probably well away from the residential estates in the surrounding areas	L10 4US
12/09/08	This area has been considered by Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service personnel from an operational response perspective. Our observations are detailed below: <i>Went to Stonebridge Lane site, as of yet work has not been started but it appears there appears to be no major areas of concern from our point of view, only possible concern maybe hydrants/water supplies, but this would have to be reviewed once plans have been finalised. Please ensure that when considering any proposed traffic scheme that any water hydrants and access to surrounding risks and premises are not affected.</i>	L30 4YD
17/09/08	Would like to arrange a meeting with the NM Division of Environmental Protection UK	
05/10/08	With reference to the proposed facility at Gilmoor, may I suggest that a charity shop be included? I understand one sited at a facility in Kidderminster has been successful because it encourages people to recycle more but with fewer journeys.	
06/10/08	Information on all aspects of the scheme	

	requested	
21/10/08	I would be grateful if you could forward to Liverpool City Council Planning Department the names of myself and my wife, to be added to their neighbouring residents notification consultation list, in respect of the proposed application for a recycling centre in Stonebridge Lane. Please ask that they send two notices in case one goes astray.	L10 4UF

Responses received by post to date

Date	Enquiry	Postcode of Enquirer (if given)
05/11/08	Lives in Sefton and therefore does not have plastic bottles or card collected – will this be changing with the new MRF? Where can these be taken?	L10 8JP
05/11/08	Supportive letter	L9 2DG
05/11/08	Lives in Sefton and therefore does not have her plastic bottles collected – will this be changing with the new MRF?	
05/11/08	Would like to know what type of jobs will be available and when	L10 9LU
06/11/08	Query regarding wildlife etc at the site	L9 6BD
10/11/08	Supportive of the development	L10 1LT
13/09/08	Thank you for your booklet regarding the above contents of which I have read. I realise something has to be done regarding the waste and if said site in Gilmoor is managed correctly and residents nearby are in agreement, I am sure it will help with the environment etc. So it has my agreement	L10 8JL
09/09/08	No objection to the plant, but traffic impact assessment must take into account existing rules regarding waste transfer vehicle movements in a residential area.	L10 0AE
06/09/08	Many thanks for your letter of 3 September enclosing an information pack and advising me of the two public information days you are holding in Liverpool. Unfortunately I am due to be in Brussels on 15/16 September and therefore, I will be unable to attend the event on either day. Once again, thank you for keeping me informed of developments	M26 2TQ
06/09/08	I do not have an objection to the proposed scheme, but would like clarification on jobs and waste queries	L9 0JP

Telephone Enquiries to date

Date	Enquiry	Postcode of Enquirer (if given)
05/11/08	Has no problem with the facility itself but is concerned with traffic as existing HGVs to/from the Waste Transfer Station go down field lane, and the vibrations are causing cracks in her house.	L10 0AG
05/11/08	Lives in Sefton and therefore does not have plastic bottles or card collected – will this be changing with the new MRF? Where can these be taken?	L10 8JP
05/11/08	Lives in Sefton and therefore does not have her plastic bottles collected – will this be changing with the new MRF?	
05/11/08	Wanted to know if she could use the internet to register her comments.	
05/11/08	Would like to know what type of jobs will be available and when.	L10 9LU
05/11/08	Wanted to say that she thinks that the Gillmoss proposals are a good thing for the area and just what Fazakerley needs.	L10 7LQ
20/11/08	Enquiring whether the Gillmoss development may require the services of Beck Pollizer (who provide machinery etc)	SK15 1TA
18/09/08	Please supply full information pack with letter.	L25 2PU
03/10/08	Wanted to know where the site was in relation to his house – concerned that it would be next to where he lived (near Carcraft)	
11/09/08	Enquired about job opportunities at Gillmoss. Currently works in manufacturing as a team leader.	L9 6EB
11/09/08	Enquired about any job opportunities at Gillmoss	L10 4UN
08/09/08	Works at a school in Croxteth and is a local resident and wanted to know if there were any plans for and incinerator at Gillmoss.	
08/09/08	Wants to know whether Sefton will be getting 3 wheelie bins instead of the boxes for waste collection. I said the MWDA were responsible for Disposal and not Collection, but said I would pass it on to see if we could give her any information.	L10 6LF
08/09/08	Wanted to know how to recycle tin foil and keys (house, car etc)	L24 9RB
05/09/08	Wanted to know whether anybody neutral would be available to answer questions at the exhibition. Wanted to know whether this application was a precursor to an incinerator being put on the site.	L10 4UY
04/09/08	I would like a meeting especially for residents of the Field Lane Estate to discuss the proposal.	
04/09/08	Impressed with literature and pleased about the proposed facility. Concerned about rubbish falling from existing trucks	
04/09/08	Called to clarify the exact location of the site, dates of the information days and information on what will actually process.	

04/09/08	Happy with the proposals and thinks new facility is a good thing for Merseyside	
04/09/08	How big is the field opposite the current waste depot?	L9 1JH
04/09/08	How does one go about obtaining a waste management license?	L7 8UU
14/11/08	As waste facility is not on doorstep, it doesn't affect me	L11 1BT

Public Information Day Responses

Date	Enquiry	Postcode of Enquirer (if Given)
	What happens when this site hits full capacity?	L10 4UF
	Confirm that no incinerator is to be built	L10 0AR
	Meeting request from Trispen and Petherick Action Group	L11 6NB
	Concerns about air quality	L10 7LQ
	I would like to visit the Bidston MRF	L10 4UT
	Doesn't want the facility on her doorstep	L10 4YP
15/09/08	Concerned about proximity of facility with residential homes – request visit from Bidston MRF	L10 4UF
15/09/08	I agree with the proposed development and its location	L9 4SG
16/09/08	Concerned about hours of operation and traffic generating noise from 6am.	L10 4UY
16/09/08	Would like to be informed of Bidston open day. Really informative and helpful	L32 4SS
16/10/08	Doesn't want another recycling place on her doorstep.	L10 4XT
22/10/08	Attended open day at Gillmoss, which was excellent. Found the event to be informative, friendly, and well timed. Already committed to recycling	
26/11/08	Commented that staff were friendly but couldn't guarantee that no incinerator would be built in years to come. Agrees with recycling but is concerned about Fazakerley becoming a dumping ground	L10 4XR