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Dear Councillor Jennings

**RE: PETITION TO MERSEYSIDIE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY –
CLATTERBRIDGE HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE (HWRC)**

Thank-you for your letter dated 10th May 2007, with associated petition to residents of your Ward.

I note the contents of the letter and your actions, having taken account of comments you have received regarding the operation of the Clatterbridge Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and your recommendations for the introduction of another HWRC for the Wirral.

If I may, on behalf of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority I would like to provide you with a formal response which it is hoped will provide you with some reassurance that your concerns are being accommodated by the Authority.

Household Waste Recycling Centre Priority Programme

In May 2006, the Authority approved a HWRC Priority Programme which was the culmination of comprehensive assessment of the current HWRC coverage across Merseyside taking account of the following criteria:

- Current Site Location
- Tonnage Throughput
- Recycling Performance
- Does the site exceed tonnage throughput
- Does the site meet recycling targets
- Can Infrastructure Improvements be made
- Does the site need to be replaced, supplemented

The following conclusions were Made:

- 1) to procure 3 additional HWRC's, 1 on the Wirral and 2 in Central Merseyside
- 2) to procure 2 replacement sites (for existing HWRC's at Huyton and Kirkby)

- 3) to procure major improvements at Southport and Sefton Meadows HWRC's

Specifically, for the Wirral, it was identified that two of the existing HWRC's at Bidston and Clatterbridge exceeded the maximum throughput of 15,000 tonnes/annum and it was considered that provision of an additional HWRC in a suitable location to relieve pressure of Bidston and Clatterbridge was needed.

Wider MWDA Procurement

As you may be aware, the Authority is implementing a major Procurement programme to let new waste management contracts and associated with this is a need to procure new waste management infrastructure. This procurement will include the proposals for additional HWRC's outlined above and therefore includes the provision of a new HWRC on the Wirral.

It is intended to phase in the development of the three new HWRC's identified above with one site being developed each year for the next three years. The first site has already been identified in Liverpool where there is currently only one HWRC. This site is due to be completed in the current financial year. The development of the two remaining sites will be subject to suitable sites and planning consents being acquired and therefore the next HWRC to be developed will be the one where a suitable site has been secured.

I hope the above provides you with sufficient assurance that the Authority is actively seeking to meet the needs of Merseyside residents. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

**Chairman
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority**