



Soft Market Engagement – Household Waste Recycling Centre Services

Introduction

West Northamptonshire Council is a unitary authority formed in 2021 from the former Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

The Council has a statutory duty to act as a Waste Collection Authority and as a Waste Disposal Authority and deliver all associated functions, including the kerbside collection of resident's waste & recyclables, making arrangements for the treatment of this material and providing Household Waste Recycling Centres for residents to take their additional household waste for treatment and disposal.

Background

The Council currently has 6 Household Waste Recycling Centres, which are currently managed by contractors, with all contracts expiring 31 March 2025. The six recycling centres receive more than half million 'visits' by residents each year with an estimated total tonnage throughput by 2025 of 36,000 tonnes.

The sites and a summary of their current operations are listed below and more detail can be found at

[Find a Household Waste Recycling Centre \(HWRC\) | West Northamptonshire Council](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/find-a-household-waste-recycling-centre-hwrc/)
([westnorthants.gov.uk](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk))

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| Brixworth | Split level site, accepts household waste, including residual waste | Open 5 days a week from 10:00 – 18:00 |
| Daventry | Split level site, accepts household waste, including residual waste | Open 5 days a week from 10:00 – 18:00 |
| Ecton Lane | Single level site, accepts household waste, including residual waste. Accepts trade waste on a 'paid for basis'. | Open 5 days a week from 10:00 – 18:00 |
| Farthinghoe | Single level site, accepts household recyclables and items for reuse only (no residual waste). | Open 7 days a week from 09:00 – 17:00 |
| Sixfields | Single level site, accepts household waste, including residual waste. Accepts trade waste on a 'paid for basis'. | Open 5 days a week from 10:00 – 18:00 |
| Towcester | Single level site, accepts household waste, including residual waste. | Open 5 days a week from 10:00 – 18:00 |



Market Engagement

We would like, at this stage prior to commencing formal procurement, to seek input from the market as to what the appetite is for undertaking this service and to allow an opportunity to discuss options for the delivery of future provision.

Some of the issues we are seeking input on include contract length, reuse options, options to improve infrastructure, and options to improve the service.

The Council intends to engage with interested organisations via a three-stage process:

1. An open information session held via MS Teams on Friday 14 July 2023 at 10:00. This session will last for up to one hour and will be an opportunity for the council to present context & background and for organisations to ask questions.
2. A questionnaire will be issued to help inform the Council's decisions as it starts to take decisions about the future HWRC services that it will provide. The questionnaire will be issued week commencing 17 July 2023 for return by 25 August 2023.
3. The Council will hold meetings with individual interested parties on 15 September 2023 and 18 September 2023. These meetings will be held via MS Teams. Due to time constraints we will limit the number of meetings we are able to hold and therefore may need to limit attendees.

If you wish to attend (1) the open information session on Friday 14 July 2023, please contact: daryl.read@westnorthants.gov.uk by close of play Wednesday 12 July 2023 stating who will attend on behalf of your organisation and include an e-mail address for the link to the meeting to be sent to.

If you are unable to attend the open information session, but you would like to receive a copy of the (2) questionnaire, please contact daryl.read@westnorthants.gov.uk by close of play Monday 17 July 2023.

Participation in this process will not impact your ability to engage with the future tender opportunity.

Residual Waste Contracts

The Council is also planning a market engagement session to seek input into new contract(s) for the treatment and disposal of residual waste, since its current contracts are due to expire on 31 March 2025. A separate notice has been published via Contracts Finder.