

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	1 April 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Hedge End Household Waste Recycling Centre Relocation – Deliverability Assessment
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## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to gain approval and submit a planning application as part of a detailed assessment of the deliverability of a proposed relocation site for the Hedge End Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).
- 1.2 Eastleigh Borough Council has identified as its preferred site a piece of land off Botley Road, West End for the purposes of relocating the Hedge End HWRC.
- 1.3 The proposed new site is situated in a triangular plot of woodland next to the M27, near the Ageas Bowl. There are a number of issues that could impact on the cost and deliverability of an HWRC at this site and it is necessary to carry out a thorough assessment of the scheme before committing to the relocation. As there are some questions over the planning status of any such proposal, it is suggested that it is prudent to explore and test these further before finalising other aspects of the project assessment.
- 1.4 This paper seeks authority to submit a planning application for an HWRC on the proposed site identified by the Borough Council.

## **2. Contextual information**

- 2.1 The existing HWRC is a medium sized 'split-level' site with permanent planning consent, built in the 1980s on County Council owned land in Shamblehurst Lane Hedge End.
- 2.2 The existing Hedge End HWRC is consistently the highest performing HWRC in the County Council's network; in 2012/13 it had a landfill diversion

rate of 91%. It is, however, also a busy site with limited vehicle space for queuing vehicles off the highway.

- 2.3 Residential development up to the boundary of the HWRC has occurred over the last 20 years, leading to pressure from local residents for the relocation of the facility.
- 2.4 The land on offer from Eastleigh Borough Council in Botley Road is a dense triangular block of woodland located in the M27 corridor within the West End and Hedge End Countryside Strategic Gap. The site is situated in close proximity to the Ageas Bowl.
- 2.5 From initial feasibility work carried out by the County Council a 7 double bin bay HWRC could be constructed on the Botley Road site with 20 parking spaces and on-site stacking for 14 vehicles. Traffic queues would not be expected to reach the public highway. Due to the high traffic flows on Botley Road and high traffic flows expected to be produced by the HWRC, especially at weekends, off-site highway improvement works are likely to be required.
- 2.6 The cost estimate for the proposed new Botley Road HWRC scheme has yet to be determined and will depend upon planning requirements.

### **3. Finance**

- 3.1 A planning application would cost in the region of £3,000, which can be funded within existing revenue sources.

### **4. Performance**

- 4.1 The existing Hedge End HWRC is consistently the highest performing HWRC in Hampshire County Council's network. In 2012/13 the site took in a total of 7,370 tonnes of waste of which 91% was diverted from landfill and 59% of the diverted waste was recycled. The HWRC is the fifteenth busiest of the 26 Hampshire HWRCs and had 133,414 visitors in 2012/13.
- 4.2 The Hedge End HWRC was the 'Site of the Year' in 2011.

### **5. Planning Background**

- 5.1. The site is contrary to policies 5 and 29 of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (adopted October 2013) and Policies 1.CO and 2.CO of the Eastleigh Local Plan, i.e. the site is designated a Greenfield site in a Strategic Gap. Any planning application will therefore need to be considered a departure from the development plan.

## **6. Future direction**

- 6.1. Once a detailed assessment and planning application for the Botley Road land has been carried out, to better understand the deliverability of the Hedge End HWRC relocation project, a full Project Appraisal for the relocation scheme will be brought to the Executive Member for consideration.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1. That approval is given to submit a planning application for a household waste recycling centre (HWRC) at Botley Road, Hedge End, to inform the deliverability assessment of the proposed HWRC relocation project.
- 7.2. That a full Project Appraisal and business case for the potential Hedge End HWRC relocation project be brought forward at a future date, depending on the outcomes of the planning application.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on Shaping Hampshire's Future- Maximising uses of waste and reducing landfill.
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1 This proposal has no direct impact on crime and disorder. However if the relocation scheme was to go ahead in the future, then:
- The site would be fully staffed during opening hours and the entrance gates locked when the site is closed.
  - There will be an information sign at the entrance to the site giving emergency contact details.
  - Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) would be in operation at the site. The ANPR system supports trade waste controls by identifying unusually frequent site users who are likely to be traders illegally attempting to enter the site by using non-commercial vehicles such as cars.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

There is no direct impact from this proposal. However, if the full relocation scheme was to go ahead then the network of 26 HWRC sites in Hampshire make only a minor contribution to Green House Gas emissions at present. These emissions are outweighed by Green House Gas savings from the reuse and recovery of materials as a result of the HWRC service. Therefore the overall impact of providing this service in Hampshire is estimated at minus 33,106.1 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per annum.

- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The detailed design process for a new HWRC will take into consideration climate change, but until that work is complete the site's resilience to long term impacts of climate change are unknown.