

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	7 September 2010
Title:	Project Appraisal: Redevelopment of Casbrook Household Waste Recycling Centre
Reference:	1858
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision:

- (a) That the Project Appraisal to carry out works to expand and improve the existing Household Waste Recycling Centre in Bunny Lane, Timsbury, for health and safety reasons, at an estimated cost of £195,000, subject to the granting of a satisfactory planning permission, be approved.
- (b) That, based on the options regarding the provision of a temporary alternative site, as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report, the recommendation to follow Option1, to provide no temporary alternative service for the duration of the site improvement works, be supported.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The existing Casbrook Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) is a small single level site with a significant on-site health and safety issue in relation to customers and vehicles operating in the same area.

2.2. Redevelopment of the HWRC on Bunny Lane will ensure that:

- (i) the health and safety hazard of customers and vehicles operating in the same area is significantly reduced by expansion of the operational area and provision of a pedestrian crossing zone;
- (ii) the creation of separate customer vehicle entrance and exit routes and additional parking spaces will considerably improve traffic management; and
- (iii) the operational efficiency of the site is improved by the provision of extra waste container spaces.

2.3. The decision supports the following aim of the County Council's Corporate Strategy: Enhancing our quality of place. It also supports Aim 2 of the Environment Department Service Aims: Helping everyone waste less.

3. Other options considered:

3.1. In the light of the current financial climate and the significant existing health and safety issue, an option is to permanently close the Casbrook HWRC with immediate effect. This would have a major impact on the provision of the HWRC service in Romsey and the surrounding area. As a consequence of closing the site the average round trip journey for local residents to the nearest alternative HWRC would be approximately 24 miles. This extended journey will adversely impact on carbon emissions, recycling rates and increased pressure on other HWRCs.

3.2. A number of options to enlarge the existing site to provide a significantly bigger 'single level' site or a small 'split level' site have been investigated in detail but, due to potential costs associated with expanding into the adjacent landfill and associated planning issues, these options have been dropped as impracticable and cost-prohibitive.

3.3. The option to relocate the Casbrook HWRC to provide a new purpose-built 'split level' facility is the long term aim for this site. However, there is currently no land available that is suitable in planning terms for an HWRC site in the surrounding area.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

7 September 2010

**Executive Member for Environment
Councillor M J Kendal**