

Biffa Press Release

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Plans submitted for West Sussex waste treatment plant

Development of a major new waste treatment facility for West Sussex has taken a step forward with the submission of a planning application.

In September 2008, Biffa was appointed as West Sussex County Council's Preferred Bidder for the treatment of its non-recycled household waste at the Brookhurst Wood Landfill site near Horsham. The company already has planning consent for a commercial Mechanical/Biological Treatment (MBT) facility to treat waste at this site. Following Biffa's appointment as WSCC's Preferred Bidder for the Materials Resource Management Contract, Biffa has applied to revise its plans to reflect the detailed solution for West Sussex developed by the County Council in partnership with the District and Boroughs and the input of the findings of ongoing community engagement.

The 25-year contract is expected to create up to 80 new jobs. It will see Biffa develop a mechanical/biological treatment (MBT) facility to recover value from around 300,000 tonnes per annum of household waste left after extensive waste prevention and recycling schemes used throughout the County, by treating this waste as a resource to create alternatives to fossil fuels for homes and industry.

Through a series of treatment processes, the facility will reduce the quantity of waste being sent to landfill by up to 80 per cent. This is expected to save the Council around £300m over the life of the contract, when compared to the option of simply continuing to landfill.

A series of public exhibitions were held at Roffey Millennium Hall and Warnham Village Hall in February and March 2009 to provide local people with information about the plans.

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