

Biffa Press Release

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Biffa Transform scheme receives approval for 2010 - 2012

Following an appeal to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, which was heard earlier today, Transform, the WEEE compliance scheme operated by Biffa has had its application to operate for 2010, 2011 and 2012 approved. The appeal was triggered by the Environment Agency's refusal to approve the scheme on 1st October 2009.

Since receipt of the refusal, Biffa have been making representations and holding discussions at all levels in the Agency. Following discussions with Biffa yesterday the Agency concluded that Biffa had a viable plan as at 30 September 2009. This enabled an agreed statement to be provided to the appeal body and led to the original decision being quashed and approval being confirmed.

Speaking on behalf of the Company, Environment and External Affairs Director David Savory said "We are delighted that common sense has now prevailed in this matter. The decision not to approve our application came as a complete surprise and we were very disappointed to find that the Agency immediately wrote to our customers advising them to register with another scheme. We were therefore forced to apply for urgent interim declaratory relief in the High Court on Friday 9th October. Mrs Justice Black accepted our application and granted an interim order approving the Transform scheme pending the appeal to the Secretary of State. The appeal became a formality after the Agency accepted that Biffa should be granted the requisite approval".

There are clearly lessons to learn from these events and Biffa now plans further discussions with the Agency to seek to agree what actions need to be taken.

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