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## Biffa Municipal press release

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### **BIFFA RECYCLING WINS PROCESSING CONTRACT FOR BASILDON'S RECYCLABLES**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2011 – Biffa Recycling, the recyclables processing division of the Biffa Group, has been awarded the contract to process household recyclable materials collected by Basildon Council.

The four year contract was awarded in April and started in early May. It includes an option to extend for a further three years.

Biffa will collect bulked dry recyclables, such as paper, card, cans, plastics, Tetrapaks and the like, from Basildon's recycling centre in Billericay and transport them to its state-of-the-art materials recycling facility at Edmonton in north London. Glass will be sent direct to a glass reprocessor.

At Edmonton, the single-stream commingled recyclables will be sorted by advanced processing technologies into separate streams for onward distribution to reprocessors and UK and international markets.

This latest award brings to 12 the number of local authorities whose recyclables are processed by Biffa's Edmonton plant. With Basildon's estimated annual tonnage of up to 14,000 tonnes a year, Edmonton is processing around 200,000 tonnes of commercial and municipal dry recyclables annually. Of this, around 70% is sourced from local authorities.

Biffa Recycling contract manager Steve Oulds said: "We're delighted to be working in partnership with Basildon to provide quality, efficient processing of its recyclables. This new contract has enabled Basildon Council to enhance its recycling service for residents as our plant can handle a wider range of materials such as Tetrapaks, foils, and so on."

He added that carbon impact will be reduced as Basildon's recyclables do not have far to travel for processing.

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Gary Edwards, Head of Street Scene and Leisure Services for Basildon Council, commented: "We are looking forward to working with Biffa. This contract will help the council to meet its ambitious financial and recycling targets. We are particularly happy that Biffa will provide the opportunity for our residents to recycle more materials than ever before through their kerbside collections."

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