

PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC CONSULTATION

SCOTWASTE (RECYCLING) LIMITED

Scotwaste (Recycling) Limited operates a waste transfer and treatment facility located to the south west of Bathgate. The site is 2.7 ha in size and located within the Pond Industrial Estate. The site is strategically located in close proximity to the M8 and provides waste services to both West Lothian and wider across the Central Belt. The facility accepts a range of wastes types and has planning and a waste licence to treat up to 74,999 tonnes per annum. Waste types treated include:

- Construction and demolition wastes,
- Municipal wastes including dry recyclables and also mixed wastes; and
- Commercial Industrial wastes.

Scotwaste (Recycling) Limited was acquired in 2018 by the Beuparc Group, an International integrated waste contractor. Following a strategic review it was determined that the operation had suffered under-investment and the infrastructure was considered substandard. Scotwaste (Recycling) Limited are applying for planning permission to enable significant investment to be implemented improving the operational productivity and environmental control. The facility will add significant additional capacity assisting the West Lothian region and the Central Belt in attaining the Government's Policy of Zero to Landfill. This consultation document sets out the proposed development at the site and invites comments back from the local community, representative bodies and the key stakeholders.

Consultation Period: 28th January to 26th March 2021.

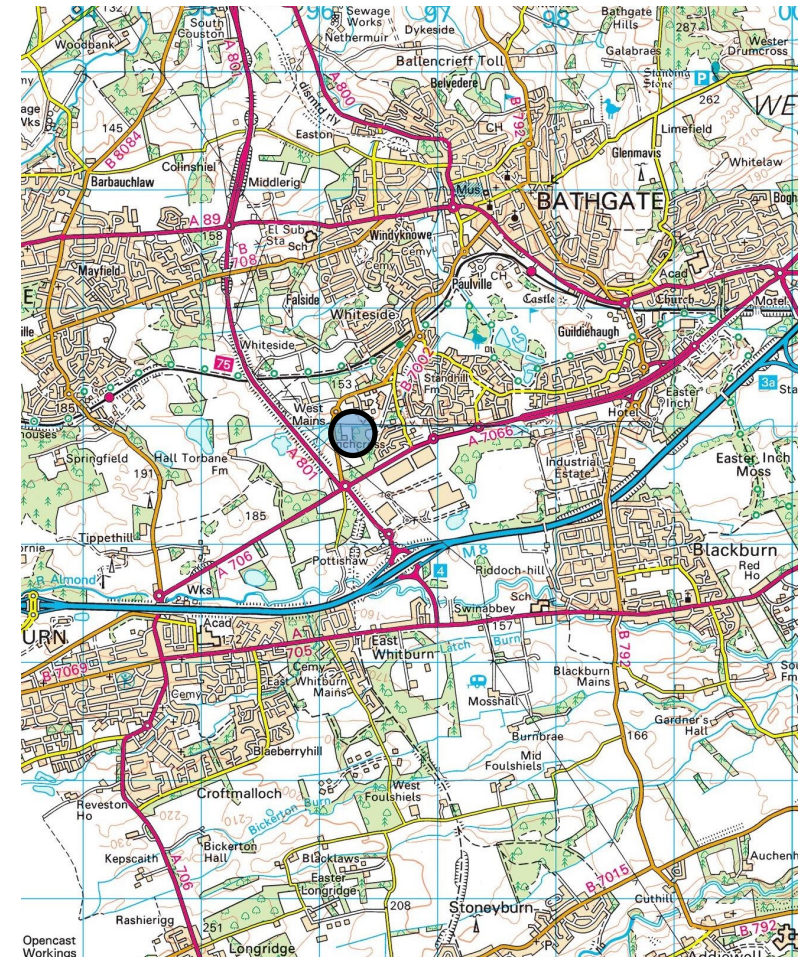
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Site location

Pond Land Industrial Estate, Whitburn Road, Bathgate. EH48 2HR





Existing Site Layout

1. Access in for HGV
2. Egress for HGV. Access in for cars.
3. Weigh Bridge
4. WTS 1—small scale bulking up and transfer of non-hazardous wastes. Some external storage of waste
5. WTS2—external processing of wastes. Non-hazardous wastes over impermeable surface. Inert wastes on free draining hardcore
6. Skip Storage area
7. Offices
8. Plant workshops & refuelling
9. HGV Vehicle Parking
10. Office parking
11. Discharge to Boghead Burn via catch pit

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Overview of Existing Operations

Aspect	Overview	Issues
Recycling capacity and operations	Permitted capacity <75,000 Tonnes Per Annum Site accepts a wide range of wastes. Operations restricted to day time hours only.	The external storage and processing of wastes creates significant risks of disruptions due to weather reducing throughput. Recycling is considered to be <30% of its potential.
Employment	The facility currently employs 50 people. This is predominantly from the West Lothian Region. Staffing numbers are : 15 office staff; 15 waste management operatives and 20 drivers.	Employment is limited to the sites throughput. With increased through put employment will increase at the site for all aspects, namely: administration; waste management operatives and drivers.
Drainage	Current drainage connects to culverted third party drainage on the eastern side of the site. The combined run-off discharges ultimately to the Boghead Burn via a catch pit. Surface drainage from areas of hardstanding are treated via petrol Interceptors prior to discharge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited attenuation of run-off rates. This could lead to high levels of runoff in storm events. Current external processing of non-hazardous wastes has the potential to release pollutants to the Boghead Burn. SEPA have raised concerns regarding the potential quality of the run-off. The operational surface can becomes saturated significantly restricting operations.
Dust, Noise and litter	Operations currently are restricted to day time working only. Main processing and storage of feedstock and segregated wates is undertaken externally.	<p>Current external processing has the potential to result in uncontrolled emissions of litter, pollutants and fugitive dusts.</p> <p>The site is not in a sensitive location for noise, however external operations cause unattenuated emissions.</p>





Proposed Development

1. Retained one way HGV routing through site.
2. New weighbridge for HGV leaving the site.
3. WTS 1—extension of enclosure to improve storage volumes and controls .
4. WTS2— New enclosure enabling internalisation of all non-hazardous waste processing. New offices, plant workshops & refuelling area.
5. New surfacing of the site, creating an all weather operating surface.
6. New drainage, incorporating SUDs measures and attenuating run-off rates. Effluent from vehicles exiting the enclosures will be to sealed tank prior to transfer to Waste Water Treatment Works.



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Recycling capacity and operations	The proposed investment will increase throughput to a maximum of 300,000 tonnes per annum. State of the art processing will enable more waste to be recycled.	Operations will include treatment of construction, demolition, commercial and municipal waste streams. Processing in the new enclosure will be upgraded and includes two processing lines and includes segregation and splitting / crushing / screening (extant operations) and Solid Recovered Fuel/Refuse Derived Fuel manufacture. Operations outside of normal hours will be limited to within the enclosures and dispatch of waste. The facility will operate 24 hours a day. Recovery rates are anticipated to be in excess of 98%. This is consistent with other Beauparc Facilities and will support the Government's Zero to Landfill campaign.
Employment	With the implementation of 24 hour working and additional processing lines	Increases in staffing numbers will extend across the various site activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office staff and management proposed increase to 30 ; Yard supervisors, drivers and operatives increased up to 70 (working on shift pattern)
Drainage	New re-surfacing of the site will provide an impermeable operating surface. New drainage will be based upon Sustainable Urban Drainage Principals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90% of the site will be capped with impermeable hardstanding. New Sustainable Urban Drainage features will generate significant reduction in run off rates to the Boghead Burn. Potentially polluting runoff will be captured and transferred either by tanker or sewer to Waste Water Treatment Facility. The proposal permits significant rainwater harvesting , reducing demands on potable resources.
Dust, Noise and litter	The full internalisation of non-hazardous and mixed waste re-processing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced noise emissions due to enclosure. Out of hour activities restricted to within the enclosure to minimise noise emissions. Reduced potential wind entrainment of wastes and subsequent litter around the site



PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Pre-Consultation and review of responses to be completed by end of March 2021
- Development of planning application and submission in late Spring 2021
- Planning permission granted by late Summer 2021 (if successful)
- Discharge of planning conditions and detailed design completed by end of 2021
- Contractor start in January 2022
- Construction fully completed and site operational by early summer 2022

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