

WHAT IS THIS EXHIBITION ABOUT?



WHO ARE WE?

Severn Waste Services is the public face of municipal waste management and recycling in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, operating facilities for its sister company, Mercia Waste Management.

Mercia Waste Management signed an initial 25 year contract with Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council in December 1998 under the Private Finance Initiative. The aim of this contract is to bring forward an integrated waste management service for the two counties, leading to the more sustainable management of municipal waste.

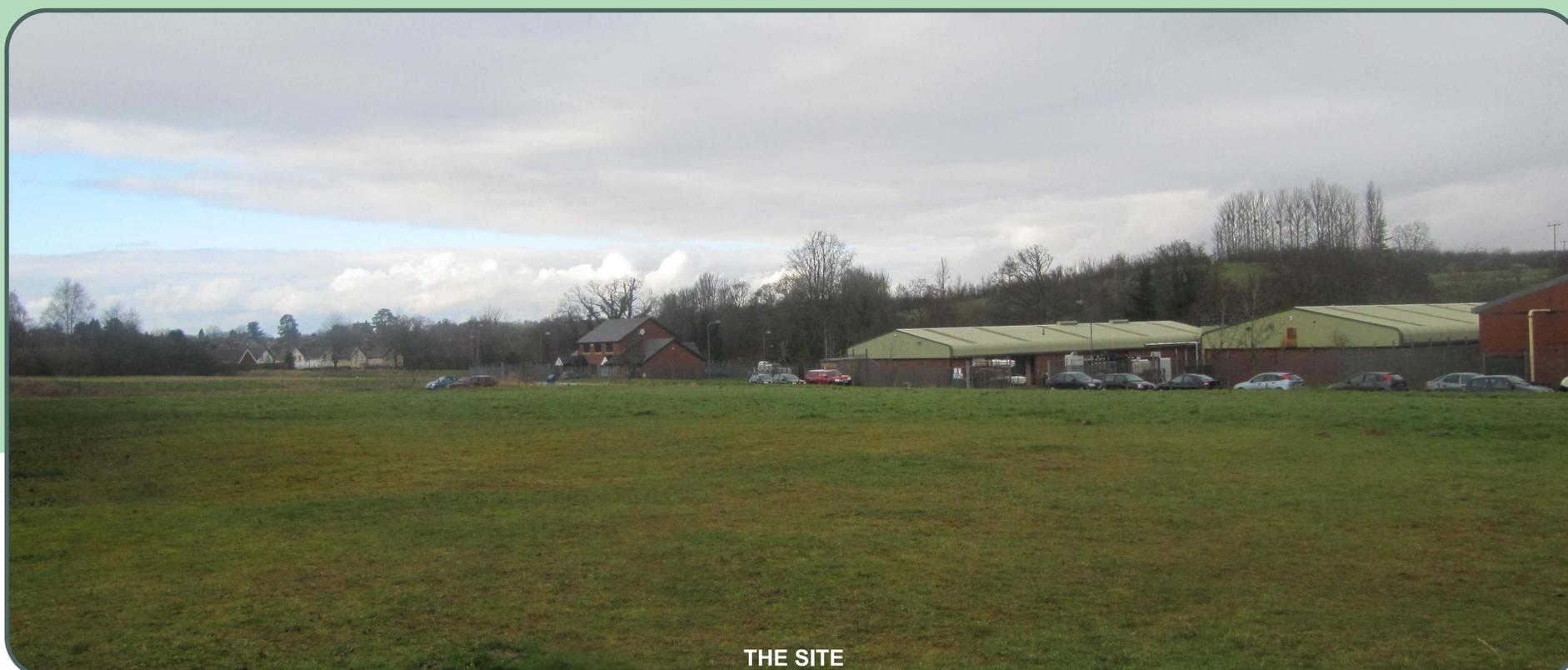
It is a requirement of our contract that we provide both new and enhanced facilities within the two counties.

WHY CONSULT?

We are committed to working with the public in all our activities, whether we are setting up new facilities or operating existing waste facilities and services. It is important to us that we consult with our neighbours, the communities where we are based and with everyone that is interested in our activities.

Whilst we are preparing our proposals for the household recycling centre in Tenbury Wells we wanted to give you the opportunity to have your say, in order that your comments can be taken into account.

Please feel free to take notes of what you see here, but note that we will be putting all the information on display onto our web site at www.severnwaste.com.



THE SITE

WHAT ARE WE PROPOSING?

Mercia Waste Management proposes to close the existing household recycling centre located in the car park of Tenbury Wells Leisure Centre at Palmers Meadow and construct a new improved facility at Tenbury Business Park.

The facility will be designed to serve Tenbury Wells and the surrounding villages. It will be open 3 days per week including Saturday, Sunday and one day within the week to be agreed.

Every household generates waste beyond the contents of the normal 'dustbin' – things no longer required, perhaps broken and too large for normal collection containers. Where you can't find a second home for these (the charity sector or perhaps 'Freecycle'), household recycling centres provide receptacles for all sorts of waste and conventional recyclables like paper and glass bottles.

We currently run eleven household recycling centres across Worcestershire. These are situated at Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Kidderminster, Malvern, Pershore, Redditch, Stourport-on-Severn, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcester (East and West) and the existing site at Palmers Meadow car park, Tenbury Wells.

These sites currently manage some 100,000 tonnes of waste per year of which over 70% is either recycled or composted. They therefore make a substantial contribution towards Worcestershire's recycling / landfill diversion targets.

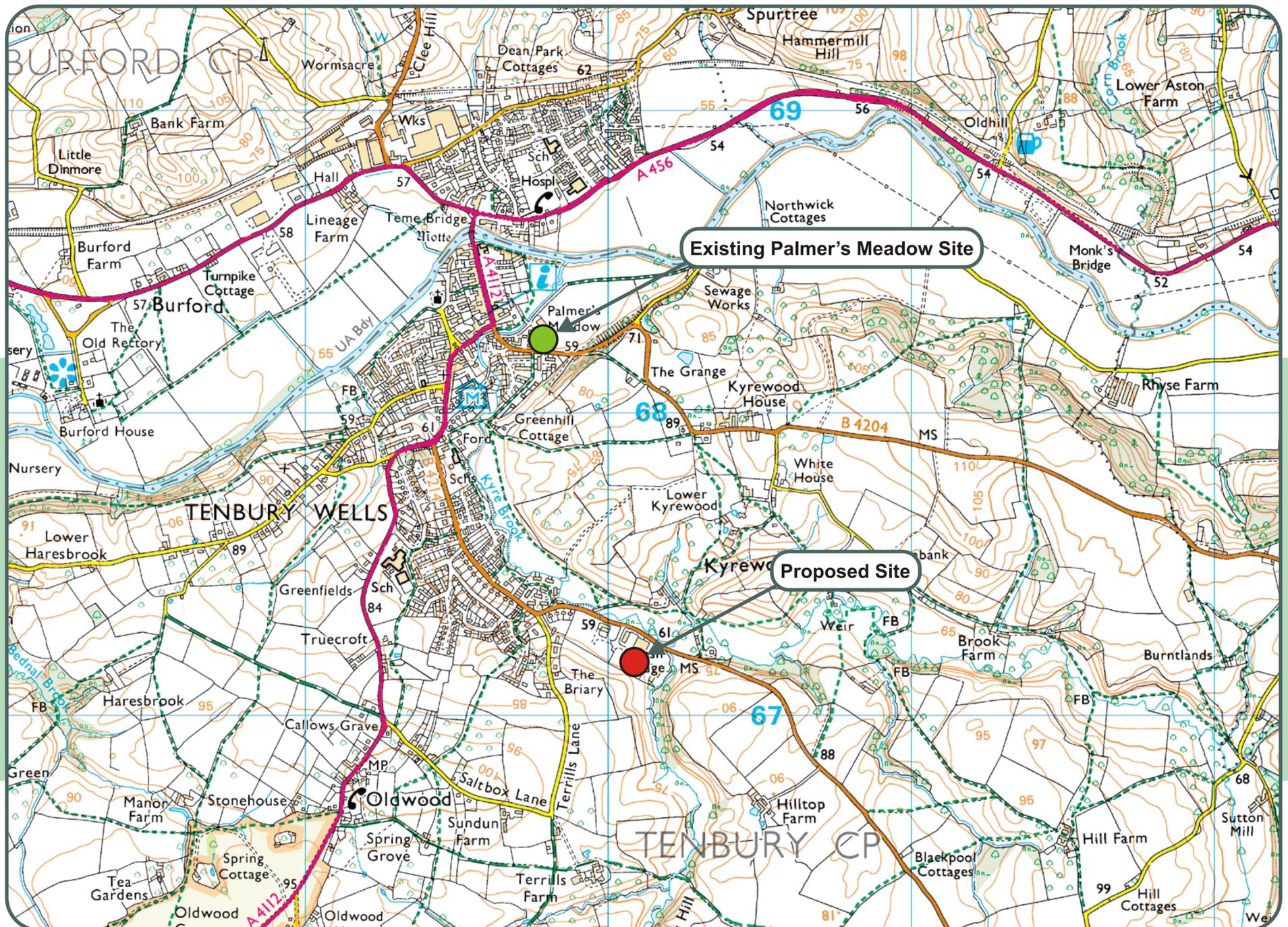
WHY IS A NEW HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE REQUIRED AT TENBURY WELLS?

In November 2004 Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council, published a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy which set the framework for the management of household waste until 2034. A review of this Strategy published in August 2011 identified the need for the existing household recycling centre at Tenbury Wells to be redeveloped.

The existing facility in the leisure centre car park is too small to operate as a modern facility and does not include the range and quality of services available at other household recycling centres, so needs to be improved.

The new household recycling centre will help to maximise opportunities for the recycling of Worcestershire's household waste and in doing so assist the County meeting its recycling targets.

WHERE WILL IT BE?



SITE LOCATION PLAN

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We are proposing to develop the facility on a vacant plot of approximately 0.49 hectares of land at Tenbury Business Park, Tenbury Wells. The Business Park is located within the south eastern edge of Tenbury's settlement boundary, off the B4214 Bromyard road.

The site comprises broadly flat ground on a cleared and levelled, but undeveloped part of the Business Park.

To the immediate north and east of the site there are existing commercial buildings on the Business Park, which include a Council Highways Depot. West of the site is a vacant plot of land and further west beyond the Business Park there are residential properties located along the east side of Terrills Lane, approximately 170m from the site boundary. Agricultural land borders the proposed site boundary to the south.

A new access into the site would be created from the existing Business Park service road, which forms a junction with the B4214 Bromyard Road to the north of the site. The service road junction with the B4214 is already designed to an appropriate standard to accept the number and type of vehicles we expect to visit the site.

WHY IS THE NEW FACILITY PROPOSED AT TENBURY BUSINESS PARK?

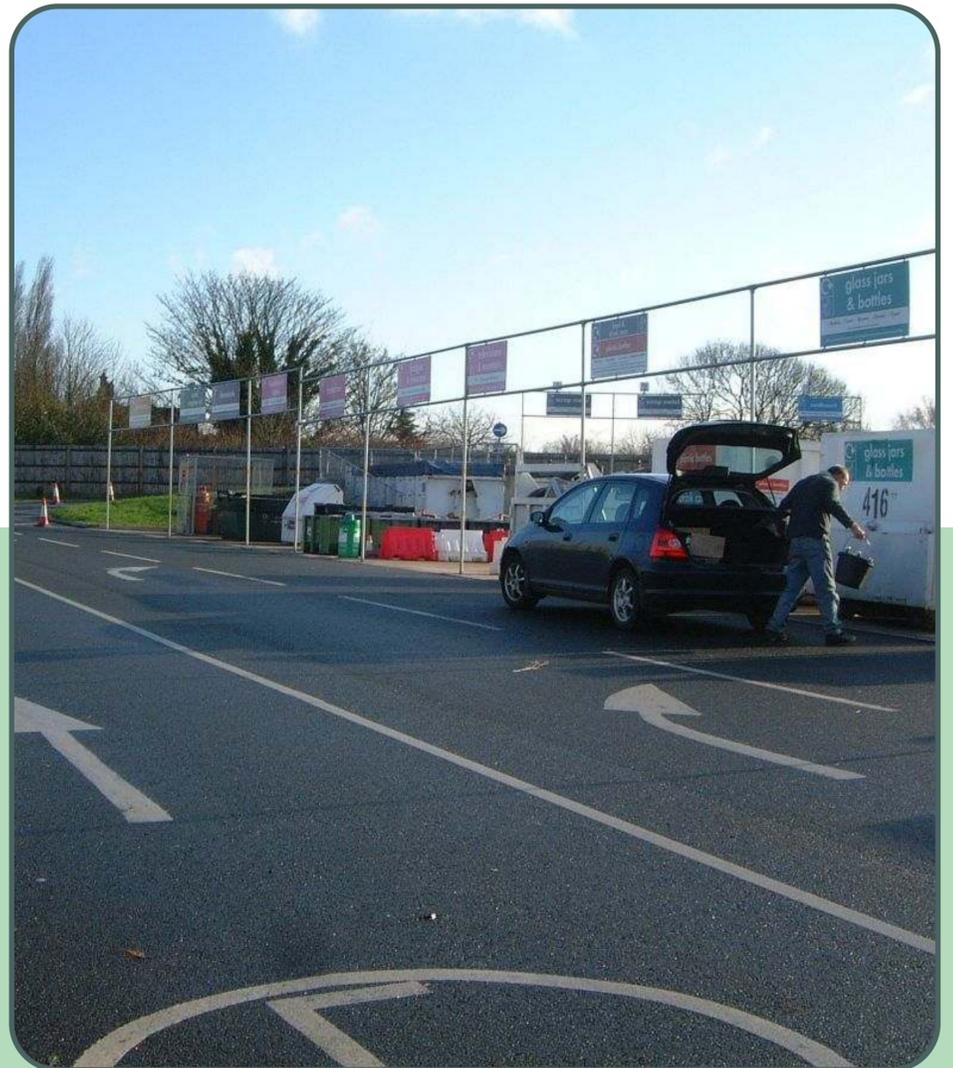
The documentation prepared in support of the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy includes an 'Areas of Search' assessment which identifies locations that are potentially suitable for waste management facilities. Tenbury Business Park was identified as one of the locations being suitable for most waste management facilities.

The proposed location offers several key benefits including:

- The site is on a purpose built industrial/employment site of which approximately 60% of available land is vacant;
- It is well located on the edge of the town which will minimise the distance people have to travel to from Tenbury Wells and the immediate surrounding area;
- The Business Park has a good standard of access for both private vehicles and heavy goods vehicles to the B4214 Bromyard Road;
- It is relatively distant from residential properties; and
- No suitable alternative sites within or around Tenbury Wells have been identified that meet the site location requirements.

TENBURY HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITE

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT



WHAT ARE WE PROPOSING?

We want to develop a household recycling centre similar in design to successful existing facilities in Worcestershire. The centre will be a modern, clean and efficient place to take a range of recyclables, unwanted items and waste for free. Non-household waste (trade waste) will not be accepted at the site.

Key features of the proposed facility include:

- A split-level site configuration with the main skips and containers at a lower level allowing easier access for people to deposit mixed waste, green waste, cardboard, wood and metals;
- a service yard comprising a series of skips / containers for a range of materials including wood, cardboard, scrap, green waste, general mixed waste, soil and rubble, plastic, paper, glass, rubble, cans and electrical goods;
- a range of smaller recycling banks for items such as batteries, oils, plasterboard, fluorescent light bulbs, LPG cylinders and textiles. The number of different types of materials which can be accepted at household recycling centres continues to increase and it is expected that it will be possible to dispose of up to approximately 17 different types of materials / goods at the site at the time of opening;
- a single storey office / welfare facility would be provided for staff;
- A site attendants shelter on the upper level;
- A user friendly design with separate vehicle circulation areas for public vehicles and our skip / container service vehicles, to provide maximum safety within the site. The site also comprises areas for parking and a passing lane to provide free flowing access;
- clear signage directing visitors to the appropriate containers around the site, and trained attendants on hand to offer advice and help in unloading if required; and
- areas of landscaping, security fencing and gates.

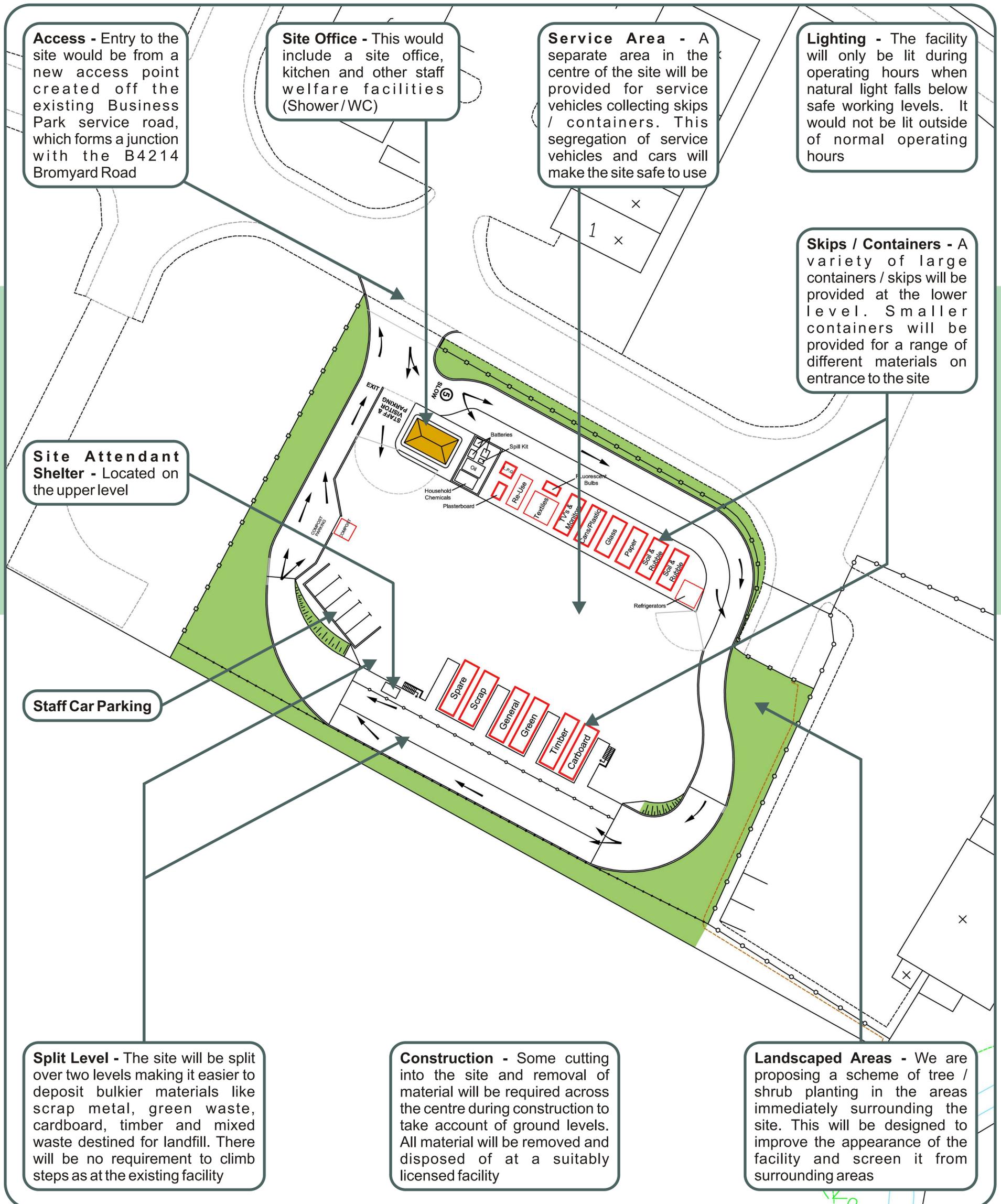
In line with our other household recycling centres, we will operate a van and trailer permit system at the new site in order to prevent the misuse of the facility by commercial traders.

WHEN WILL IT BE OPEN?

The centre will be open to residents between 8am and 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and one day in the week yet to be agreed.

On days when the site is not open to residents, there will be occasional activity, exchanging containers or carrying out maintenance.

THE PROPOSED LAYOUT



TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION



HOW WILL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES BE ASSESSED?

The proposal site is well located on a main road serving Tenbury Wells, with a good established vehicle access which has been designed to accommodate a large number of vehicles, including heavy goods traffic.

A Transport Assessment has been undertaken of the proposals. This has included a study of current traffic conditions in the local area and made forecasts for future traffic levels, based upon the number of vehicles expected to visit the site, and future background traffic growth in line with Government forecasts.

The study concludes that forecasted future levels of traffic can be accommodated safely and efficiently by the immediate local highway network and would not result in any adverse impacts on highway capacity, safety or traffic related environmental conditions.

HOW WILL YOU GET IN AND OUT?

The site would be accessed from the existing road serving the Tenbury Wells Business Park, off the B4214 Bromyard Road. The existing T-junction is suitable to accept large Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) provides good visibility in each direction and has been demonstrated as providing sufficient operating capacity via analysis using Department for Transport standard computer modelling software.

There would be one main entrance to the household recycling centre for visitors and service vehicles (skip / container collection vehicles) from the main Business Park road. Visitors would turn onto an internal access road which would be designed to allow one-way circulation around the site and back to the entrance.

HGV service vehicles would use the same entrance and then divert off the public circulation road to a segregated service area.

HOW BUSY WILL IT BE?

Estimates of future traffic levels to the household waste site have been calculated via reference to experience at other local waste facilities.

The tables below provide details of what we expect to be the busiest peak hourly vehicle movements for both weekday site operation and weekend site operation and also sets out the maximum daily HGV / service vehicle requirements at the site.

Weekday Operation

Maximum Hourly Visits (Private Cars)		Maximum Daily Visits (Service Vehicles)	
Vehicles In	Vehicles Out	Vehicles In	Vehicles Out
62	55	2	2

Saturday Operation

Maximum Hourly Visits (Private Cars)		Maximum Daily Visits (Service Vehicles)	
Vehicles In	Vehicles Out	Vehicles In	Vehicles Out
72	70	5	5

These figures have been calculated based upon recorded traffic movements at the Bromyard household waste site, including for maximum summer month demand conditions. The Bromyard site was chosen as it is considered to demonstrate similar operating characteristics and waste demand to that expected at Tenbury.

A review of this forecasting exercise identifies that even during the busiest demand periods, the site is not anticipated to generate much in excess of 1 arrival vehicle and 1 departure vehicle per minute.

WHO WILL WE CONSULT?

We have consulted with the Local Highways Authority to seek their advice in relation to the proposals.



B4214 BROMYARD ROAD WEST OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ACCESS



INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ACCESS ROAD LINKING TO B4214 BROMYARD ROAD (LOOKING NORTH WEST)

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

A number of environmental assessments are being undertaken for the proposed household recycling centre which we will describe in detail in our Planning Application Supporting Statement. The Statement is currently in the process of being prepared and will take into account any potentially significant environmental effects, positive or negative, relating to the following:

- Noise;
- Ecology;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Flooding;
- Traffic and Transportation; and
- Landscape and Visual Effects.

Where potential effects are identified, the Statement will explain how we intend to prevent or minimise them. It will also take into account the results of this consultation exercise.

WHAT WILL THE PLANNING APPLICATION COVER?

The planning application will consider the following issues:

- The construction of the household recycling centre;
- The operation of the facility; and
- Other aspects of the development including access and parking.

The application will be supported by a comprehensive Planning Statement which will summarise the environmental assessments undertaken. It will also be accompanied by a series of detailed drawings showing how the facility will appear.

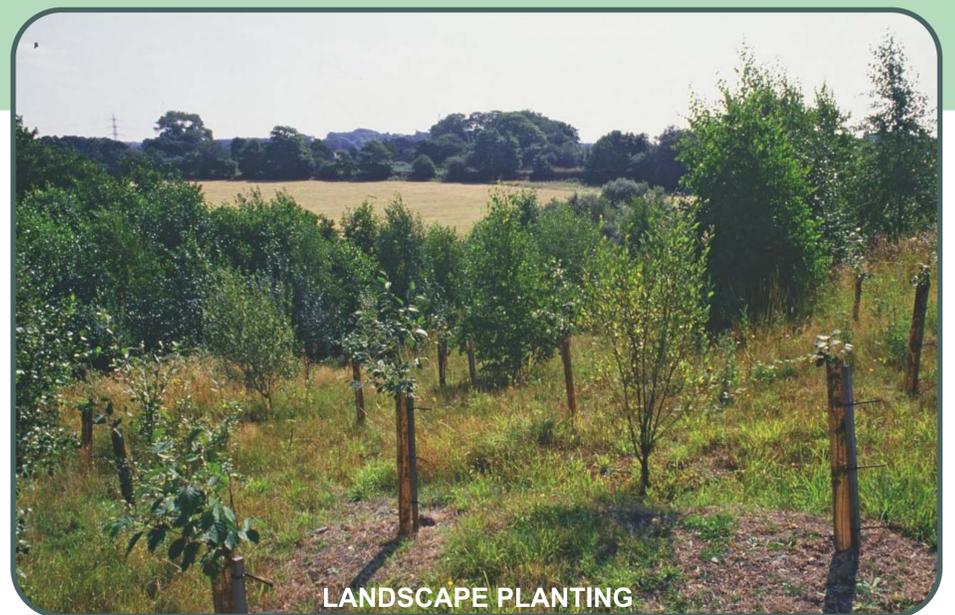
ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

The Environment Agency (EA) regulates all of our existing household recycling centres and we would require an environmental permit from them before we could operate the Tenbury Wells facility. Through the permit the EA would ensure that:

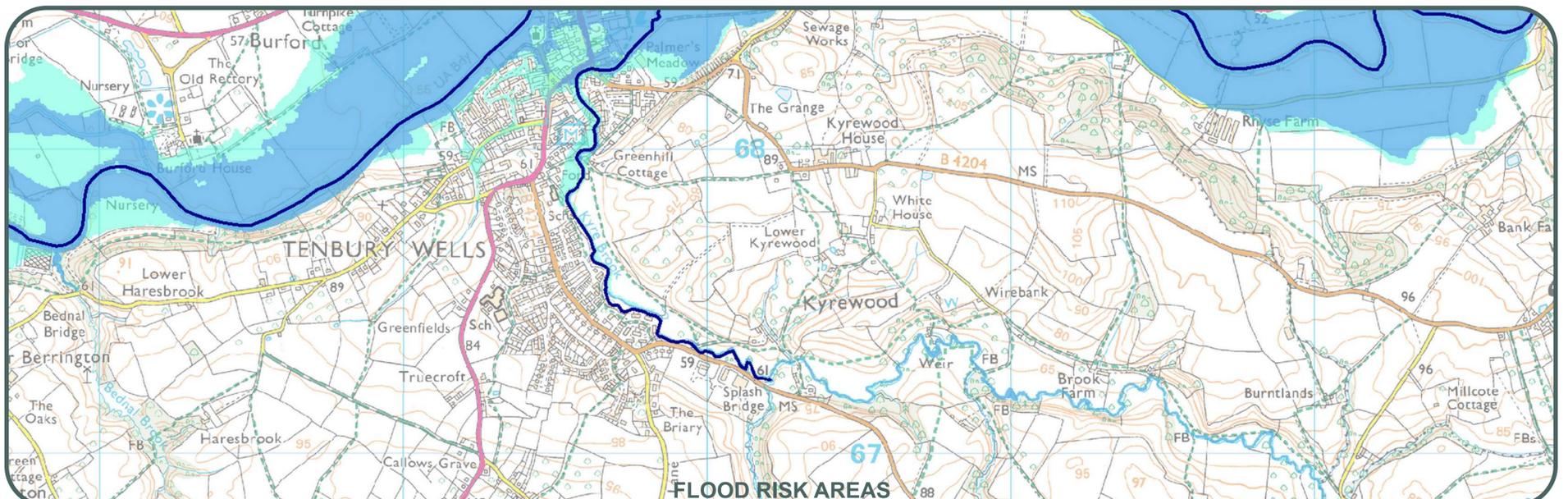
- the facility is constructed properly;
- measures and procedures are in place to control dust, litter, odour, noise and vermin;
- the Company is a 'Fit and Proper Person' to undertake the activity, with suitably competent personnel and that financial provision is in place for the EA to enforce remediation in the event of any default;
- the site is secure and that emergency call out information is available at the site entrance.



NOISE MONITORING



LANDSCAPE PLANTING



YOUR VIEWS?



FEEDBACK FORM

It is our intention to take account of the comments received during the course of this exhibition when preparing our proposals for the household recycling centre in Tenbury Wells. In order to assist in this we have prepared feedback forms which are available on the way out. You can either fill these out here or send them on after giving the proposals more consideration.

TIMETABLE & NEXT STEPS

Subject to finalising detailed design, technical studies and issues arising from this consultation we expect to submit a planning application to Worcestershire County Council in April 2014.

Once the application has been submitted, there will be a period of time where you will have the opportunity to comment to the Council (either positively or negatively) in respect of the proposed development. The Council will issue notices confirming where the application and supporting documentation will be available for review and the timescales within which comments can be made.

In addition, it will also be possible to follow the progress of this development by visiting www.severnwaste.com. Comments to the Council should be provided to the Worcestershire County Council Planning Team.

Subject to receiving planning approval, we would undertake the contract and constructional phase of the development, leading to opening of the site to the public in the middle of 2015.

For any further information on this proposal you can contact Ian Barber of Severn Waste Services on 01386 443376 or at ianbarber@severnwaste.co.uk

For information on other municipal waste issues in Worcestershire contact Richard Woodward on 01905 768262.

