

Appendix 4.3: Statement of Community Involvement

Recycling Recovery and Renewable Energy (3Rs) Facility

**Proposed on the site of the
former Wealden Brickworks
off Langhurstwood Road, Horsham**

Statement of Community Involvement

Community Engagement Strategy in support of planning
submission and through to operation

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe the stakeholder and community engagement programme that has been carried out to date to inform and engage with the community regarding proposals for a Recycling Recovery and Renewable Energy (3Rs) Facility on the site of the former Brickworks off Langhurstwood Road, Horsham. The programme was part of a longer-term Community Engagement Strategy promoted by the applicant, Britaniacrest Recycling Limited (Britaniacrest) that is on-going and will extend into the construction and operating phases should permission for the development be granted.

This report covers stakeholder and community engagement by Britaniacrest during the current operation of the site and the pre-planning application phases and outlines proposals for the post-planning application phase should permission be granted for the construction and operation for the new 3Rs Facility.

The proposed development is on the same site that is currently operating as a waste recycling, processing and transfer station. A liaison committee - the Wealden Works Community Liaison Group (CLG) - held between Britaniacrest and the local community has been established since August 2015 prior to proposals emerging for the new development. The liaison committee meets regularly, and consequently, it was possible to build on its existence to develop the community liaison for the 3Rs Facility. The prime objective of the pre-application programme was to provide the community with necessary information about the proposed development and planning application, and to answer questions and respond to concerns.

The West Sussex Statement on Community Involvement (Second Review), June 2014 (WSCC 2014) states in paragraph 2 that the County Council:

“is committed to making its policies, decisions and services more accessible to comments from citizens, agencies and major partners so that it is more responsive to local communities, and carries out these duties more effectively. Two main aims underpin this strategy: to enhance the relevance, appropriateness and usefulness of research and consultation to West Sussex County Council, partners, agencies, and interest groups; and to promote participatory forms of consultation and research that contribute effectively to the policy-making process, from formulation through to the implementation, monitoring and review of policy. This will be achieved by developing structures that:

- build on existing good practice in research and consultation;*
- extend the nature and range of consultation undertaken with interested groups and agencies;*
- enhance and support any processes that require consultation as a result of central government policy or other agencies;*
- bring together other stakeholders and representative groups as consultative partners;*
- link with other corporate activities in West Sussex County Council;*

- *contribute to the development of Business Unit plans and activities;*
- *provide direct support for research and consultation activities and coordinate this support;*
- *allow resources to be shared and issues in relation to research and consultation to be co-ordinated.*

It is considered that the application for the 3Rs Facility is classified in accordance with paragraph 4.3 as a “(iii) EIA” application.

Paragraph 4.7.4 states:

“..... the County Council will encourage developers to undertake early community consultation and public exhibitions, particularly for major or controversial proposals (see Local List). Such frontloading of involvement gives the local community opportunity to participate in the formulation of a developer’s proposal before a planning application is submitted.”

The programme implemented by Britaniacrest set out to support the West Sussex Statement on Community Involvement and meets the intent stated within it. It was felt that this, as well as being accepted good practice, would provide adequate community engagement prior to submission of the planning application.

In carrying out the Community Engagement Strategy, reference was also made to the “Good Practice Guide to Public Engagement in Development Schemes” (Good Practice Guide) published by Planning Aid England (Planning Aid 2013), under the auspices of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)>

The Good Practice Guide states:

“Engagement is a two way process of openly sharing and exchanging information, understanding different views, listening and responding to suggestions, developing trust and dialogue to support effective working relationships to the mutual benefit of all involved.”

A key part of the applicant Community Engagement Strategy was to provide information in a simple and understandable way, and to be open to suggestions from the community. This included answering questions when asked.

The Good Practice Guide states eight principles of engagement as follows:

- Research & Analysis
- Relationship building, knowledge and skills
- Communications
- Timing
- Inclusive
- Monitor and evaluate
- Continuing to evaluate
- Learn from the process

The way in which the Britaniacrest community Engagement Strategy met and continues to meet these principles is described later in this report.

Britaniacrest gave careful consideration to the extent and nature of its community engagement, The Good Practice Guide states:

“Every development, no matter how large or small, can benefit from effective engagement. However, the approaches used, the time taken and the resources invested in consultation will be different, and should be in proportion to the size and impact of the development.”

Whilst the development of the 3Rs Facility is a significant development within the landscape of its rural setting to the north of Horsham, it is not a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, nor will it have the impact on the landscape or financial standing and local infrastructure burden of a development such as a development with over 2,700 houses. It is felt, therefore, that the consultation carried out was proportionate to the size of the development and adequate in terms of its outreach to the local communities.

2. Objectives of the community engagement programme

Britaniacrest's approach on community engagement is to engage in proactive outreach. The strategy operates on several levels and takes into account local residents, local businesses, members, officers, the media and public. This has been on going and will continue throughout this application period into construction and operation of the Facility subject to planning permission being granted.

The pre-application community engagement programme had three key objectives:

- 1) To provide general information about the 3Rs Facility proposals that was easy to understand, and enabled access to easily find more detailed information for those interested.
- 2) To give a platform for local residents to express their views and opinions, seek answers to their questions about the new 3Rs Facility development plans and, importantly, to give Britaniacrest the opportunity to respond to any suggestions and/or concerns expressed by the community in preparing the design and plans for the 3Rs facility on this currently operational site.
- 3) To explain the background to the initial proposals initially exhibited in October 2016 and how that period of consultation and communication has informed and shaped these new proposals tabled in January 2018.

2.1. Pre-application Community Engagement

For the pre-application community engagement programme, information was provided to address four key items of information:

- 1) Why a planning application was being submitted to the Council, and how it relates to the extant permission already in place and the current waste operations on the site at present.
- 2) Why there is a need for the 3Rs development.
- 3) That Britaniacrest has listened to the public and other statutory consultees views following the initial consultation in 2016 onwards in wanting a reduced visual impact and has worked with its technical experts to reduce the highest parts of the building significantly. It has also improved the visual appearance through the use of a specially selected use of a landscape colour palette.
- 4) The details of the 3Rs application that was to be submitted and what the proposed new facility would comprise.

To provide this information, Britaniacrest provided stakeholders, residents and local businesses with the opportunity to access information on the proposed development and to comment on the 3Rs application.

3. Key stakeholders - keeping you informed

Communications were targeted at four key stakeholder groups. These were to ensure that the nature of the communications provided to each group were appropriate. Each group was engaged with, prior to submission of the planning application. Britaniacrest will continue to keep these groups informed about the development and expand engagement as appropriate.

3.1. Elected members

Elected members interface with the community and so Britaniacrest believe it is helpful to keep members informed so they too are aware of activities and are therefore in a position to respond to questions, if raised by their constituents. Furthermore, if elected members are to support such developments - which are needed within the community, but have potential to be contentious - Britaniacrest believes that it is necessary to ensure that they have sufficient knowledge to be confident in making the necessary decision.

It was also felt important to provide information on timing of exhibitions and the availability of information so that Members could respond knowledgeably to residents if asked. Should planning permission for the development be granted, a similar approach will continue into construction until completion of the 3Rs facility.

3.2. Resident community

The resident community engagement encompasses householders and community groups in the area of Langhurstwood Road, Horsham. These stakeholders were identified and made aware of the proposals by briefings

at the Wealden Works Community Liaison Group (CLG) already set up as described above, and were already a forum for liaison on the existing activities on the site. The CLG has been in active existence since August 2015.

The CLG group were first formally notified of Britaniacrest's plans to explore the potential of developing the site at the meeting on 11th January 2016. Since then there have also been eight further meetings of the group, three presentations and the wider outreach of two separate sets of communication and consultation in 2016 and 2018. This included 2 sets of exhibitions, 2 leaflet drops, 5 newspaper adverts, press releases and coverage, facebook posts, shares and engagement on social media, and a dedicated website page throughout the period. Leaflets were delivered directly to resident and business properties along Langhurstwood Road, Mercer Road and Station Road, and Bell Road, the east side of Church Street and Wyvern Place, in Warnham prior to the January 2018 exhibition.

Two newsletters have been produced and a public exhibition held in October 2016 and again in January 2018 at the same location at which the CLG meets. Liaison with the CLG and the exhibition were timed at an early stage in the development of the 3Rs Facility proposals on both occasions so that resident feedback could be taken into account before submission of the final proposals and the planning application.

Communication with the resident community will continue through the construction phase of the development should planning be granted. The extent to which this is continued during the operation of the facility will depend upon the preferences of the local community, but is likely to follow a similar pattern as the current LCJG, namely once per quarter until such time the group decides that there is no requirement. Britaniacrest will, however, be pleased to support the continuation of a liaison associated with the 3Rs development at the frequency the CLG decides.

3.3. Business community

Local business neighbours in the Langhurstwood Road Wealden Brickworks industrial area, which are the immediate neighbours of the applicant site, were also engaged.

Local business links had started to be identified in 2016 and various contacts have been made including the neighbouring brickworks and the proposed development north of Horsham, which, will be a mixed development with a range of industrial, office and business premises together with shops and extensive housing.

There is also the potential for the 3Rs facility to provide local heat or power to nearby businesses or homes. At this early stage, work has only been undertaken to scope out the potential and likely locations. This information will feed into the detailed engineering design to optimise where possible local heat and/or power supply may be. Further details on regeneration benefits of the scheme are set out in the Planning Statement.

3.4. Planning Authority

Britaniacrest has met with West Sussex Planning Department a number of times since 2016 to discuss the proposals and ensure the scoping of the Environmental Statement is appropriate for this application. A copy of the Scoping Opinion and the Comments from the planning authority is presented in the Planning Statement.

4. General communication tools

The general communications provided by Britaniacrest to engage the wider community include a website, enquiries, newsletter, social media, mailing lists and information in the press.

4.1. Website

Communication via the Internet is now an accepted route by both young and old alike. It provides information instantaneously on request and therefore a website is a key communication tool.

The Britaniacrest website (<http://www.britaniacrestrecycling.co.uk>) has been in operation for a number of years, set up to be easy to navigate and since its inception, has incorporated information about the site and the Langhurstwood Community Liaison Group since August 2015 titled “Wealden Works”, and can be found on: <http://www.britaniacrestrecycling.co.uk/wealden-works-clg>.

The website also includes a dedicated page about the proposed development of the application site on: <http://www.britaniacrestrecycling.co.uk/wealden-works-dp> including adverts about the public exhibitions, site specific newsletters and graphic panels. Shortly after submission the final planning application’s relevant supporting reports will also be uploaded to the website, as was done previously in 2016. This will provide in one easy-to-find location all the relevant historical information together with the new proposals in this planning application. The website has been designed to provide timely information that is easy to digest or more detailed information for those who wish to know more.

The website will continue to contain a project-specific page on the 3Rs Facility proposed, in addition to the site’s existing activities to enable quick and easy access for all. The website will continue to be updated regularly to ensure it is up-to-date and relevant and includes relevant literature and the latest news and contact details. See Appendix 3 for copy pages from the website.

4.2. Enquiries

Britaniacrest operates a policy of responding to all enquiries promptly and within 48 hours on a normal working week. Enquiries can be received by phone,

post, or email. There is also the ability to raise comments or queries directly to Britaniacrest from the website through the contact page section. Contact details are printed on relevant literature.

It is hoped that in responding promptly and completely, the public can be assured of Britaniacrest's best intentions at all times. All communication is welcomed. Britaniacrest's good neighbour approach is already very evident in their housekeeping of the site and consideration given to their neighbours by litter picking on Langhurstwood Road so far as health & safety considerations permit, even though all the vehicles unloading at the adjacent MBT/AD plant and landfill site are also using this road. Britaniacrest looks forward to responding to queries, requests for information and general discussion about the proposals.

To date, comments received have been predominantly supportive. The second round of consultation in particular showed a marked increase in the number of people attending the public exhibition days and also an overwhelming majority significantly being in support of our proposals.

Britaniacrest has produced an A4 newsletter titled 'Britania Bulletin'. The first issue was circulated in early October 2016 to inform people about the 3Rs proposals and invite residents, businesses and all those interested to the public exhibition to find out more.

A second Britania Bulletin was produced in January 2018 to update people on how the feedback given at the last exhibition has changed the new proposals; and provide summarised information about the final submission and invite them to attend the public exhibition, which took place in late January 2018.

The audiences for the publications are the target groups described in Section 4 above and other individuals on a requested basis. Where possible, articles in the newsletter will respond to the interests of the groups identified.

The distribution list has and will continue to grow with time as more people ask to be put on the mailing list. These newsletters will predominantly be distributed via email and are also uploaded onto the website. Hard copies were available at the exhibition and at the Horsham library and are available on request. Anyone can request to be added to the circulation list.

The contents of Britania Bulletin have included and will continue to include an update on the development proposals for the 3Rs Facility, giving progress on the different stages of the project from pre-planning, submission of the application through to its determination. Should the application be successful, it will continue to provide information on development timescales in the construction phase. The aim is to provide the reader with an overview of what's happening.

A mailing list was started in August 2015 to ensure everyone who expresses a wish is kept informed about the site. The site is currently operational as a waste recycling, processing and transfer station handling both commercial and domestic waste and the mailing list will be maintained as the 3Rs Facility

is developed subject to receiving a positive determination of the application.

Initially details pertaining to the Community Liaison Group were provided. Mailings will now also provide updates such as the Britania Bulletin newsletter. This is for the benefit of local residents in particular, so there is no need for them to keep checking the website to see if there is any new information on the 3Rs project.

This mailing list is being added to all the time and will continue to ensure all those who want to be informed are kept up-to-date.

4.5. Press

To ensure that the public receive factual and accurate information, Britaniacrest works with the press, providing them with the information they request to ensure a balanced debate about both current operations on the site and the proposals for the 3Rs facility. Quick and accurate response to all media enquiries is a priority.

5. Targeted engagement

For the local residential and business community around the site a more extensive and targeted approach of communication is being implemented to ensure local people are informed and given the opportunity to find out more, contact Britaniacrest and/or meet representatives face to face. This is being done to ensure a robust community involvement exercise has been delivered prior to planning submission in 2018. This has been ongoing since 2016. Key aspects of the community involvement are detailed below:

5.1. Public exhibition and Graphic Panels

An exhibition was held at the Roffey Millennium Hall, Crawley Road, Horsham, on 26th and 27th January 2018 on the new proposals prior to finalisation of the subject planning application so that feedback and views could be taken into account. A previous public exhibition on the proposals for developing this site was held on 7th and 8th October 2016. At both exhibitions information panels were exhibited providing details of the development, and images of these were also placed on the website. As stated above, copies of the latest newsletter were also available at the exhibition and for viewing and downloading from the website along with the adverts and information at the library.

The aim of both exhibitions in October 2016 and January 2018, was to give local people the opportunity to find out more about the proposed 3Rs Facility and the development prior to the planning application being submitted. Britaniacrest continues to ensure that local residents and businesses had and continues to have the opportunity to feedback their views, obtain answers and/or reassurances and make their views known at a decision-making level. By on-going consultation from 2016, which included the first exhibition in October that year, and a variety of subsequent communications with various residents,

businesses, councillors and officers, Britaniacrest has obtained comments on the plans at every stage and took those comments into due consideration in finalising the current planning application.

The first exhibition was held in 2016 on Friday 7th October evening between 5.00 – 7.00 pm and Saturday 8th October morning between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm.

Due to the success of the first exhibition, the second exhibition followed a similar pattern and was held on Friday 26th January between 4.00 – 7.00 pm and on Saturday 27th January between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. The timings for both were to give people the best opportunity of attending.

Key staff were on hand at all exhibition sessions to show visitors around the information panels and to answer their questions. There was also supporting literature, maps and photomontages giving potential real life views from various locations,

The content of the exhibitions were comprehensive, although not too technical, and covered the following subjects:

- the size of the waste problem in the UK;
- an introduction to Britaniacrest;
- the site history;
- how Britaniacrest has listened to the initial round of consultation in 2016 and significantly reduced the height of the building as a result of that consultation
- the new proposals;
- key benefits of the new proposal compared to the current operations on the site;
- traffic impact,
- architecture, including two design options - Rectilinear and Curvilinear - with various colour chart combinations showing scale drawings of the proposed 3Rs facility;
- Photomontages from various views of the landscape with the 3Rs facility shown to scale in the respective settings.
- site layout;
- process flow diagram; and
- the approvals process – both planning and environmental permitting.

See Appendix 2 for copies of the banners and photos of the two sets of exhibitions.

Attendance throughout the two-day exhibition in October 2016 was steady and a good turnout of about 32 people on Friday and a further 23 on the Saturday, ie 55 in all.

Attendance at the second two-day exhibition, which took place on the 26th and 27th January 2018, was much increased compared to the first. There was a much greater flow of people throughout the two days with over 50 on the Friday and over 80 on the Saturday, over 130 in all. Out of all those that attended the

two-day exhibition in 2018, 112 people were prepared to leave information of where they live. To give an indication of the spread and reach of interest in the Horsham area, the map in Figure 1 below depicts their rough location spread.

At the second exhibition there was clearly a greater interest from attendees to fill in feedback forms and a total of 26 written responses were received at the exhibition.

The reason for the increased attendance is not known, but the impression gained from those in attendance at the exhibitions was that there was a greater awareness of the proposed development and the reason for it by those visiting the exhibition and a greater willingness to express views and enter into discussion on the proposals. The effective outreach of the second exhibition was greater than the first, with even a national trade magazine requesting information and a person who received the notification in Dublin attending the exhibition.

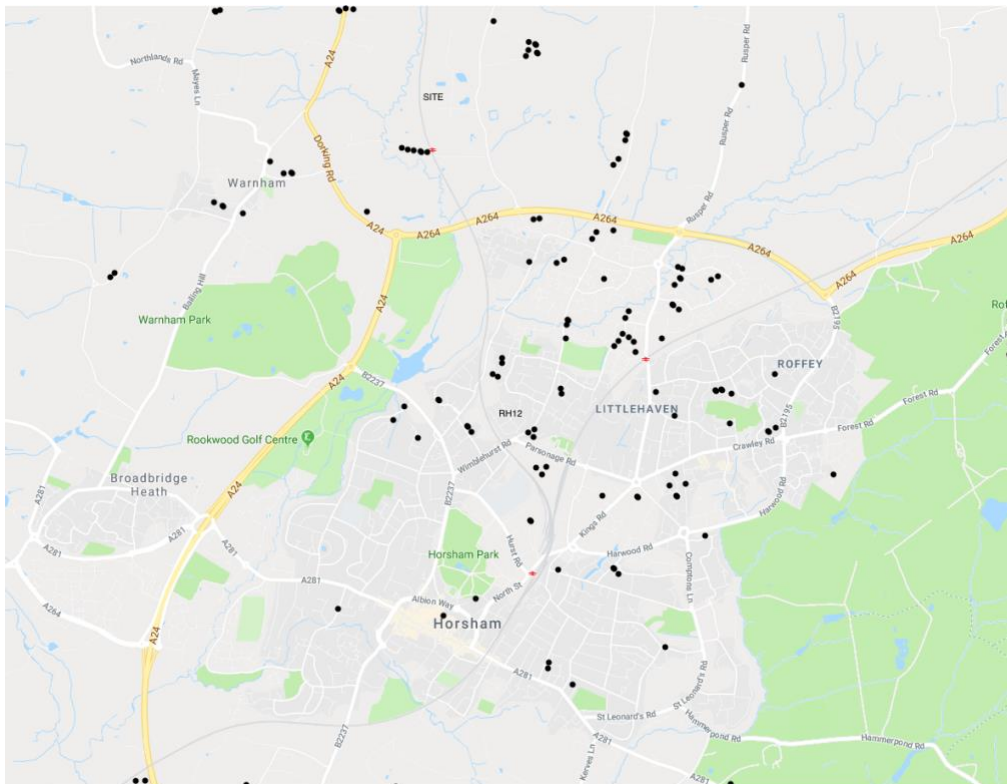


Figure 1 - Map of approximate locations of attendees to the 2018 exhibition, who gave address details

Visitors had heard about the exhibition through a variety of different ways, including the local parish council - who were sent a copy of the newspaper advert in advance of the exhibition, adverts in the District Post and County Times (placed by Britaniacrest), Facebook, other social media and/or leaflets through the door.

Britaniacrest approached Horsham Library in 2016 with a request to display a few panels and newsletters in the library. Unfortunately it was felt by the Library that the topic of the display did not fit in with the Library Service Policy. Prior to

the second exhibition, however, Horsham Library agreed to display a poster and provide leaflets for all to see and help themselves to, that came to visit the library. The Britania Bulletin leaflets were available at the library for the public to read and take from 19th January and a poster also promoting the exhibition was put up on the 22nd January before the exhibition.

5.2. Community Liaison Group

As part of the open approach to local residents and businesses to find out more about operations on the site, as described above, the extant local community liaison group was used as one of the vehicles for targeted engagement. The groups regular meetings have been attended by Britaniacrest senior management since August 2015 and since January 2016 the meetings have included an item on the agenda covering the 3Rs Facility and when applicable, discussions and presentations on the development have been held. To date there have been 8 meetings held since the proposals were first presented, with representatives present from the local community, the parish councils, Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council. Proceedings have been reported on the dedicated page on the Britaniacrest website <http://www.britaniacrestrecycling.co.uk/wealden-works-clg>.

5.3. Leaflet drop

Although there was no prescribed requirement to carry out a leaflet drop, Britaniacrest felt it was appropriate nevertheless to ensure that neighbours were informed about the forthcoming exhibitions, rather than just rely on the more general communication that was undertaken. As a result a leaflet drop of the Britania Bulletin issue 1 newsletter was undertaken to all homes in Langhurstwood Road and Station Road. Prior to the second exhibition the area of distribution was increased to include properties in Mercer Road, Bell Road, the east side of Church Street and Wyvern Place, in Warnham.

Britaniacrest undertook this task themselves for two reasons: (a) due to the isolated nature of the local residential area and limited number of houses in the area close to the site; and (b) to ensure that there was no doubt that the leaflets were delivered. All businesses in Langhurstwood Road also received the Britania Bulletin.

5.4. Advertisements

To raise the maximum possible awareness of the proposed development it was decided in consultation with the Liaison Group to advertise the public exhibition in the District Post and the West Sussex County Times. The West Sussex County Times is a paid for paper which has a circulation across the West Sussex area. <http://www.jplocalbusiness.co.uk/about/?ref=WSC>

For the first exhibition in 2016 adverts were placed in the District Post - which comes out on a Friday - on the 30th September (on the Friday 7 days before the exhibition) and the West Sussex County Times - which comes out on a

Thursday - on 6th October 2016 before the exhibition. Along with their online publications too.

For the second exhibition in 2018, adverts were placed in the District Post – again a whole week before the exhibition ie Friday 19th January. And for the West Sussex County Times Britaniacrest doubled the advertising to two Thursdays prior to the exhibition – namely the 18th January and then the 25th January 2018.

In both cases these timings were advised by each of the papers in question to give optimum outreach, and hopefully the best possible turnout to the public exhibition. See Appendix 3 for copies of the adverts.

In addition, the County Times ran an article on the proposed development and both newspapers have an online presence and gave coverage on websites about the exhibition. The County Times claims a digital audience of around 50,000 a month. Furthermore both papers shared details about the exhibition on their social media site.

5.5. Facebook

Social media in recent years has also become a much-used form of communication by a variety of groups within the community. This ranges from keeping in touch with friends both near and further afield, chatting online with friends or various groups and is often a useful way to find out what is going on in the local area. To a lesser extent it is also used by businesses as a means of promotion.

One key feature of Facebook is that it revolves around people sharing information. Therefore, to reach a broader and perhaps also potentially younger section of the community, Britaniacrest posted the advert informing about the forthcoming exhibition on the Britaniacrest Facebook page in advance of both exhibitions.

For the first exhibition this was posted on 30th September 2016 which received 25 likes and 3 shares by the local community. This Facebook page had 179 followers (likes) at the time. This was far more successful than Britaniacrest had hoped or expected. The Britaniacrest advert post was shared by the Horsham community Facebook page on the 1st October 2016. This site has an amazingly high number of followers totalling 27,006 followers (likes).

For the second exhibition the advert was posted on 17th January and received 13 likes with 3 further viewer shares posted on 22nd, 23rd and 25th January and included 4 further engagements on this facebook page, which now has 206 followers as of January 2018.

As before, details of the exhibition were posted on various other local facebook pages. The largest of these pages was the Horsham Community Facebook page which now has a large following of 27,425. To view the Horsham Facebook

page visit: <https://www.facebook.com/horsham.uk/?fref=ts>

Various other facebook pages promoted the exhibition too, with a further potential reach of around 15,200.

In summary, through social media alone there has been a significant number of people potentially reached in the Horsham area via a number of different community Facebook pages alone, and potentially on a number of different occasions leading up to the exhibition. With the number of households in Horsham being around 21,000 and a population of 49,000 makes this a substantial outreach into the local Horsham community.

To view the Britaniacrest facebook page visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=britaniacrest%20recycling%20ltd%20%200129%203%20820021>

6. Communication during the construction phase

6.1. Presentations, talks and visits

Britaniacrest believes in a pro-active approach to communication with all interested parties. It will, therefore, support presentations, talks and site visits during construction and operation of the facility with the co-operation of the relevant contractor and/or operating company. Of course, due consideration will need to be taken into account of site constraints and health and safety, and all appropriate safety equipment will need to be worn for site visits particularly during the construction phase.

6.2. Schools programme

The opportunity of creating links with local schools and colleges is something Britaniacrest would be happy to pursue if there is sufficient interest. It is, however, conscious of the pressure on teaching staff presented by the core curriculum and therefore will be led by the schools' preferences. The proposed development does, however, provide a unique opportunity for educational establishments close at hand to gain a practical understanding of the science and engineering, and various craft and trade skills involved with such a development. This can complement the classroom environment through a programme including site visits, talks and presentations from industry covering careers across the spectrum of employment possibilities.

The details of such a programme will need to be developed closely in partnership with each school or college to provide added value to their training and career development programmes.

7. Once operational

Once operational the facility will be able to cater for visitors for talks and tours of the

site. This will be utilised to promote recycling and recovery of waste to residents and businesses, schools and other interested parties.

Likewise, there may be a desire to continue with e-newsletters of Britania Bulletin along with the continuation of the community liaison group. In any event, the website will be maintained regarding the 3Rs Facility and kept up-to-date. Information about how the facility is operating, including emissions monitoring data, will be available on-line.

8. Summary

It is considered that the extent and variety of community engagement undertaken by Britaniacrest for the 3Rs Facility planning application has fully complied with the intent of the West Sussex Statement of Community Involvement and the ethos behind it, to provide open and honest information, to facilitate comment and input by residents.

Britaniacrest started communications about the existing use of the site in August 2015 and specifically its development plans for the proposed development at the site liaison group in January 2016. Communication with the public at large commenced in October 2016 and included two sets of two-day exhibitions. Britaniacrest has given consideration to comments received throughout the process, together with various other communications with local residents, businesses, councillors and officers. This community engagement over time has shaped the proposed development taking into account the opinion made by residents and the councils overwhelmingly wishing the building height to be as low as possible. This involved significant engineering redesign of the Facility, and a reduction of 16% from the 2016 design has been achieved.

Britaniacrest has truly sought to engage the local community and this is exemplified by the extensive outreach to local residents via the different methods deployed such as exhibitions, adverts in press, website, leaflet drops, Horsham Library, and facebook posts, which together with social media interaction has substantially increased community awareness and engagement.

In carrying out its Community Engagement Strategy, Britaniacrest has followed the principles set out by the Good Practice Guide as follows:

Research & Analysis – Engagement with the liaison committee commenced prior to the proposed development being formulated. Consequently basing the communication strategy around the committee was a natural development as it allowed the motivations, concerns and needs of residents that would live in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development to be identified at an early stage. It was also possible to share and discuss the objectives of the development.

Relationship building, knowledge and skills – the liaison committee allowed links with key groups and individuals to be developed and led to the consultation programme to be extended to the parish councils at an early stage.

Communications – care was taken to ensure that all communications were clear, in

plain language and accessible. Bulletins, social media, newspaper advertisements and display panels were used to provide sufficient information to tell people what they wanted to know, and to give a choice to decide whether or not to engage. Although the development inevitably includes a technically complex plant and machinery, as many options of choice were left open for discussion as possible throughout the consultation phase.

Timing – where possible a clear timetable for the project has been communicated at the various stages. Notification of the public exhibitions held followed advice from the media on timing of announcements so that residents had the opportunity to make arrangements to attend the events, without the notice period being so long that they forgot. At the exhibition held in January 2018 two design options were presented. It also followed with further consultation with WSCC and Horsham DC. The design was finalised following the public exhibition and the subsequent discussions.

Inclusive – the public exhibitions on both occasions were held at the Millennium Hall, Roffey due to its relatively close proximity to the development site. This was to ensure that a wide community view was heard, including under represented individuals and groups local to the development to ensure that groups specific to particular locations or locations that are remote from the development were not given undue weight of opinion and that all had an equal opportunity to be heard.

Monitor and evaluate - engagement was monitored as described in this report. It is considered that from the attendance at the public exhibition in January 2018, a representative level of outreach across Horsham and Warnham was achieved. Both verbal and written comments have been received during the consultation process, and as a result the design and colour scheme of the proposed development has been modified substantially. Attendees at the public exhibitions were requested to complete comment forms. Of those that did, there was a consensus in favour of the development and an attitude towards the development in stark contrast to that received at the public exhibition held in October 2016.

Continuing to engage – the Britaniacrest Community Engagement Strategy plans for continued engagement throughout the planning process and into construction and operation, subject to planning permission being granted. Engagement with the liaison committee will continue on the ongoing operation of the current site, regardless of the outcome of this application.

Learn from the process – the public engagement process on the proposed development commenced in early 2016. It has been as a result of this extended consultation that the design of the proposed development is what it is. As a result of feedback from the consultation process, the height of the main buildings have been substantially reduced and colour schemes have been adopted that are far more harmonious with the local landscape than was initially the case. The consultation process has been effective in influencing the proposal to produce what is considered to be a greatly improved solution.

To date feedback on the 3Rs proposals received has been on balance supportive and with the revised proposals this has increased. Local opinion has been considered and where possible taken on board. There was also a clear understanding emerging at the second exhibition that facilities such as the 3Rs Facility are required to deal with waste in and around West Sussex,

especially as landfill is now no longer available locally. There is also recognition that the development is in a location that has been handling waste for a considerable period of time.

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Appendices**Appendix 1****Exhibition attendants written comments****Summary of feedback statements received at Public Exhibition 26 & 27 January 2018**

RH12	Aesthetics a red herring Exhibition did not show any advantage for Horsham/Crawley Technology is uncertain Emissions will impact local population Height of chimney does not guarantee lower pollution No advantage for local residents	Negative
RH12	Understand and approve of incinerator if no noxious gases But do not like site Brutalises countryside and will impact new housing Nowhere else to go?	Positive but site negative
RH12	Fascinating presentation Site not suitable as impacts new housing Should be further away from population	Negative
RH13	Impact of hard Brexit should be made known to the Government Hope North Horsham housing not allowed to come close to site Prefer curvilinear option Improvement to environment is needed	Positive
Horsham	Excellent presentation Main concern was environmental, but all questions answered in full No concern with project going ahead Would like a bright colour scheme	Positive
RH12	Why commercial waste centre near new housing & schools development? What about health?	Negative
RH12	Concerns: Height of plant and chimney Site close to residential development 3% residues may release carcinogens What long term studies are there on impacts Site in more remote location	Negative
Horsham	Curved roof a significant improvement Much more in keeping with a modern development Rectilinear not design supported	Positive

RH12	In favour Curved roof preferred	Positive
RH12	Building very tall Will improve smells as no landfill	Positive
RH12	Can ZTV map be shown on website?	Neutral request
RH12	West Sussex needs this facility Exporting waste is appalling Could provide power for most of Horsham <u>No</u> health concerns We need to sort out our own waste	Positive
RH13	Committed recycler concerned about the amount of landfill Supports recovery of waste Concerned that the building is ugly, pollutants and no. of vehicles. Support proposal if above issues are properly addressed. Preferred a larger room as people were standing in way of the display boards	Positive
RH12	“A much softer site” What happens after 5 year contract expires?	Positive
RH12	Development unwelcome Site unsuitable Emissions a danger Totally against	Negative
RH12	All lorries will go down Langhurstwood Road, which has no footpaths Suggests: build new road through N Horsham development or a new road directly off A24 over railway.	Neutral
RH12	Please use curvilinear design	Positive
RH12	Excellent structure, badly needed in West Sussex Prefer curvilinear design Hopeful that the community will see advantages Is the site large enough for future expansion?	Positive
RH13	Consider small areas of brighter primary colours to highlight key points (of the structure) Have a green roof (not industrial cladding) Break curvilinear roof to lower the lower lying buildings	Positive
RH12	Why export fuel to Germany? Need cycle paths to protect cyclists from lorries Love to see how refuse is mechanically recycled for recyclables	Positive

	Vote for the curvilinear roof	
RH12	Want clarity on smells	Neutral
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RH12	Viewing platform at top of stack	Positive
RH13	Rainwater harvesting	Positive
RH13	Congratulations it is a perfect project. I wish you the best; to see you there in the near future. I will be very happy, many thanks. Very Interesting!	Positive
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Appendix 2

Britania Bulletin newsletters



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Local exhibition 7th & 8th October - see Page 2.



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The planning application will be submitted this winter 2016 to West Sussex County Council.



Site of former Wealden Brickworks off
Langhurstwood Road, Horsham

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Keeping you informed

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Why this Bulletin?

About a year ago Britaniacrest Recycling submitted a planning application to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) for the 3Rs Facility. The development proposed was based on the engineering design available to us at the time, but following consultation with the local community and WSCC, it was clear that there were features of the development that needed to be improved. In consequence, we withdrew the application and have spent the last year working with the architects, engineers and equipment suppliers to improve the proposal.

We have now completed that, and are ready to seek your views once again. The need for the Facility is still there and becoming ever more urgent. So a new planning application is being prepared and will be submitted soon. This bulletin presents our new proposals, but also recalls the background of why we are making the application in the first place.

Site History

The site, which is located off Langhurstwood Road is situated on the former Wealden Brickworks. Its industrial history dates back hundreds of years. Today, bricks are still manufactured on the site next door, and the mechanical/ biological waste treatment plant operated by Biffa sits alongside. The Brookhurst Wood landfill sits about 900m away.

The site has been handling waste materials from local businesses since 2015, and recently has assisted Horsham DC with its recycling vehicles. It is now also receiving waste from the MBT plant, prior to it being exported to Europe - because there are no facilities to treat it in the UK.

The site currently has planning approval to handle 230,000 tonnes a year of industrial, commercial and municipal waste.

A better solution - To enable the development of this site to achieve a more workable and viable facility, a new planning application will be submitted early this year to West Sussex County Council.

The site proposed for development is outlined in red



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The Proposal

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The Combustion Process

After separating out recyclable materials for reprocessing, the remaining waste will enter the combustion chamber where it will be fully burnt. Metals will be extracted from the ash & the ash recycled as an aggregate substitute. The hot gases produced in the combustion process will be used to produce steam to drive an electrical generator and potentially heat for export from the site.

Key Benefits

The key benefits of the Facility once it is built will be:

- Reduction in NOx pollution and climate change impacts
- Construction jobs with a peak of circa 300
- Up to 35 additional permanent jobs
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- Inclusion of facilities to enable visitors to the site
- Opportunities for education and training
- Additional environmental features such as rainwater harvesting
- Inward capital investment regenerating this historic industrial site
- The potential for local heat and power users

Main Features of the Application

- Capacity for waste treatment on the site will be unchanged
- Around 180,000 tonnes per year will be used to generate energy rather than going to landfill
- Diversion from landfill will be circa 90%
- Includes recovery of materials for recycling
- Generation of around 21 Megawatts of electricity - enough to provide heat, light and power for a small town
- Site staff circa 35 permanent positions

Construction facts

- Industrial construction project of circa 3 years
- Building envelope with offices, internal plant with extensive concrete structures, steel frame and walkways, containing mechanical machinery
- A peak of circa 300 construction site staff, skills: administration, construction, instrumentation, mechanical, electrical and civil engineering.

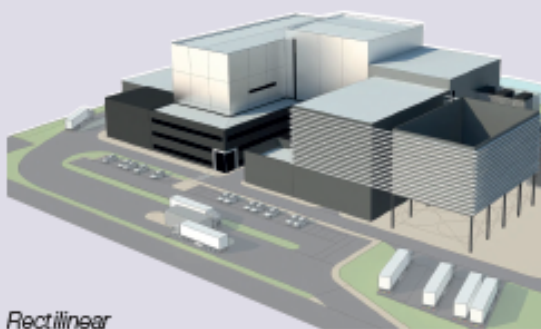
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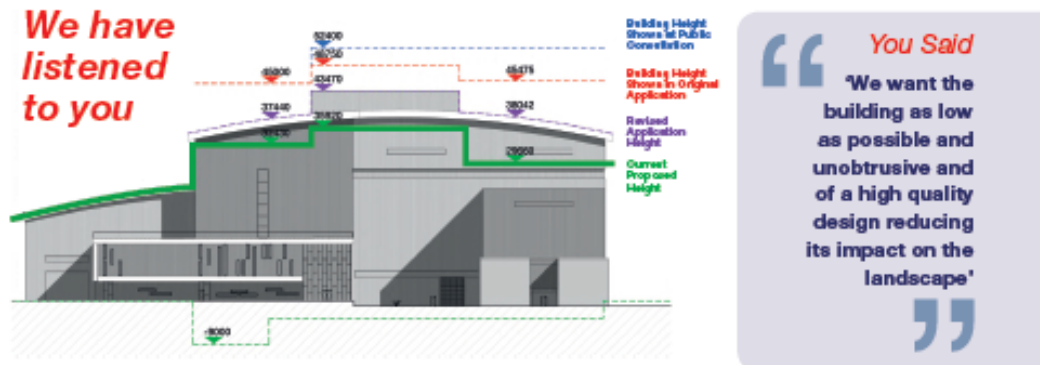
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Rectilinear



“ You Said
‘It is taking most of the
South of England’s Waste’

Not at all. There are several similar facilities in the southern counties in Kent, East Sussex, Hampshire and one under construction in Surrey. In fact the opposite is true as there is no such facility yet in West Sussex, which means the county as a whole is exporting waste to other parts of the country and even abroad. Continuing to do this is not a long-term sustainable solution and the UK is effectively supplying the European countries with cheap fuel at the UK taxpayer's expense.

- We have done our best to reduce the height and visual impact of the building so far as the technology and cost of construction allows;
- We have developed two alternative designs to seek feedback on the opinion and preferences of the local community;
- These two designs have reduced the building height from 48.75 metres (16 storeys) to less than 37 metres (around 12 storeys). See the designs below shown on this page.

"We want transparency and best practice in all activities"

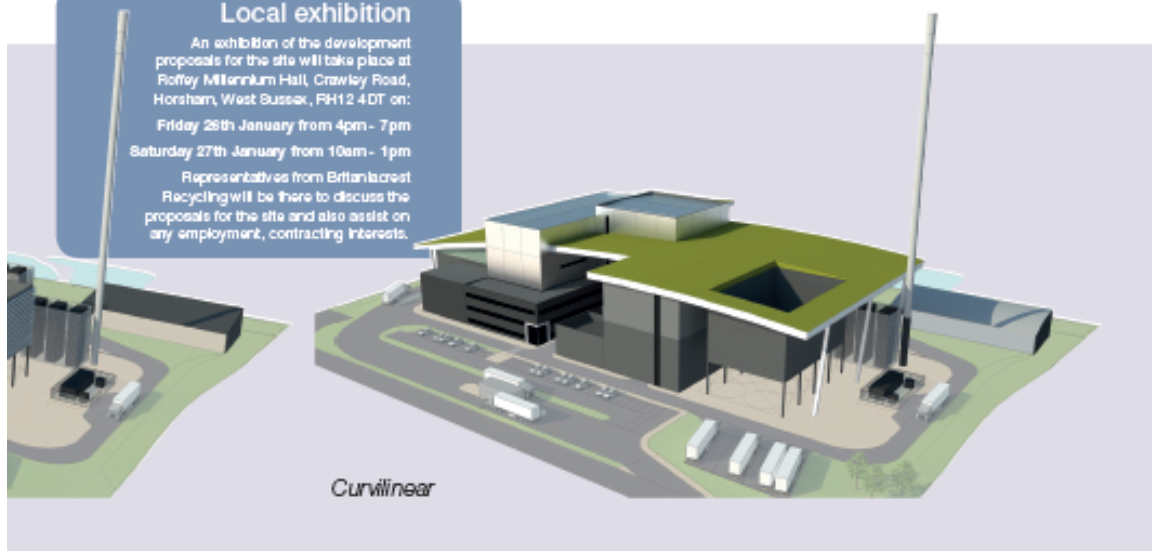
- The whole purpose of this brochure and our public exhibition is to tell you what we are doing and to receive your views;
- We have adopted the latest 2017 Environmental Impact Regulations (as opposed to 2015) and added "Population and Health" and "Accidents and Emergencies" to the assessments carried out;
- We are reducing both NOx pollution and climate change impacts compared to current waste management activities around Horsham.

'If built, we want it to process 'our' waste too'

- **Britaniacrest Recycling** is actively involved in both household and commercial/industrial waste management from within West Sussex and are open to developing this further.

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What about pollution?

Air quality is measured by Horsham District (HDC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at three air quality monitoring stations situated in Horsham, Storrington and Cowfold. There is also a network of passive diffusion tube samplers spread across the District. HDC currently monitor levels of two major pollutants: Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matter (PM10). Pollution is a concern for all of us. It is difficult to believe, but the 3Rs Facility will actually help reduce the amount of NO₂, particulates and greenhouse gases currently produced in managing waste in the area.

As part of our planning application we have carried out an air quality assessment to ensure that the 3Rs Facility, when fully operational, complies with all relevant regulations, which includes any emissions to air, land and water. These regulations are designed to protect human health and will be monitored and enforced by the Environment Agency - but HDC will also be able to keep a close eye on what the plant is producing.

The 3Rs Facility will have no adverse impact on human health. The gases from the combustion process will be cleaned to meet stringent environmental regulations by being injected with lime to neutralise acid gases, activated carbon to capture organic pollutants and then filtered to remove particulates and dusts. The residues captured by the filters will be taken from site in sealed containers and disposed of at a suitably licensed facility. The remaining cleaned gases will be finally released to atmosphere through the chimney.

Traffic

The 3Rs Facility will operate 24/7, but waste deliveries will be restricted to the period

0730 - 1700 hours Monday to Friday

0730 - 1200 hours Saturday

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The site already has planning permission for 123 vehicles per day, and the new planning application will not seek to change this. The proposed operational facility will not generate any additional HGV traffic at any time during the day - and indeed, may even reduce it, because much less material needs to be removed from the site than enters it.

The Approvals Process

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Appendix 3

Graphic panels and exhibition photos – January 2018





The Facts


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Action needs to be taken to deal with this major waste disposal problem.

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“and its not only us saying it”

Biffa
“Local availability problems will be experienced ...and already are being in some areas, particularly London and the South East. There are nine counties already with no landfill capacity at all and five England regions set to run out within the next 10 years, leaving half of English regions with no landfill capacity after around 2027.”
The Reality Gap 2017

Suez
“Our projections show that there is a serious long-term shortfall in the UK's vital waste management infrastructure and a potential disaster scenario now looming in the event of a hard Brexit...”
David Palmer-Jones, Suez Environnement

ESA
“The consensus position on waste treatment is that we will end up over five million tonnes short of energy from waste capacity by 2030.”
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Environmental Services Association



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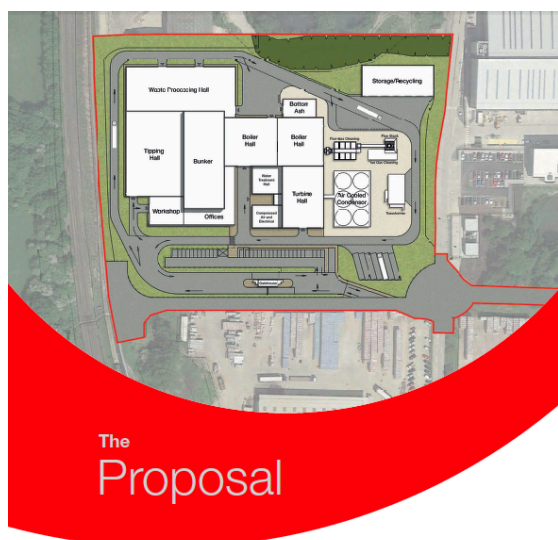


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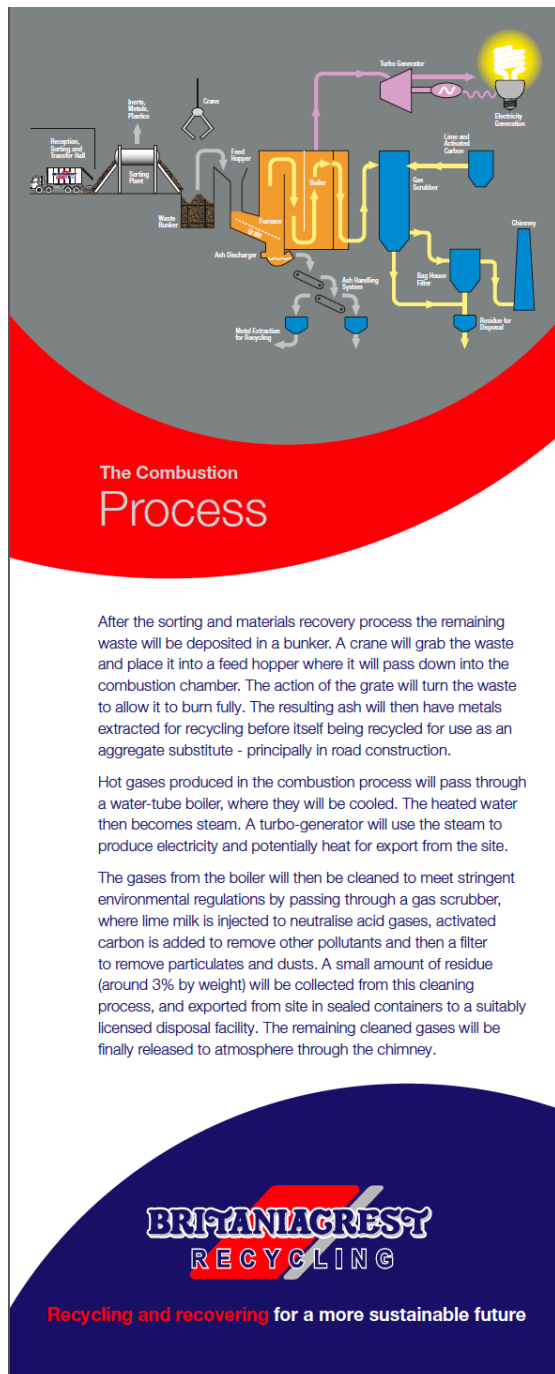
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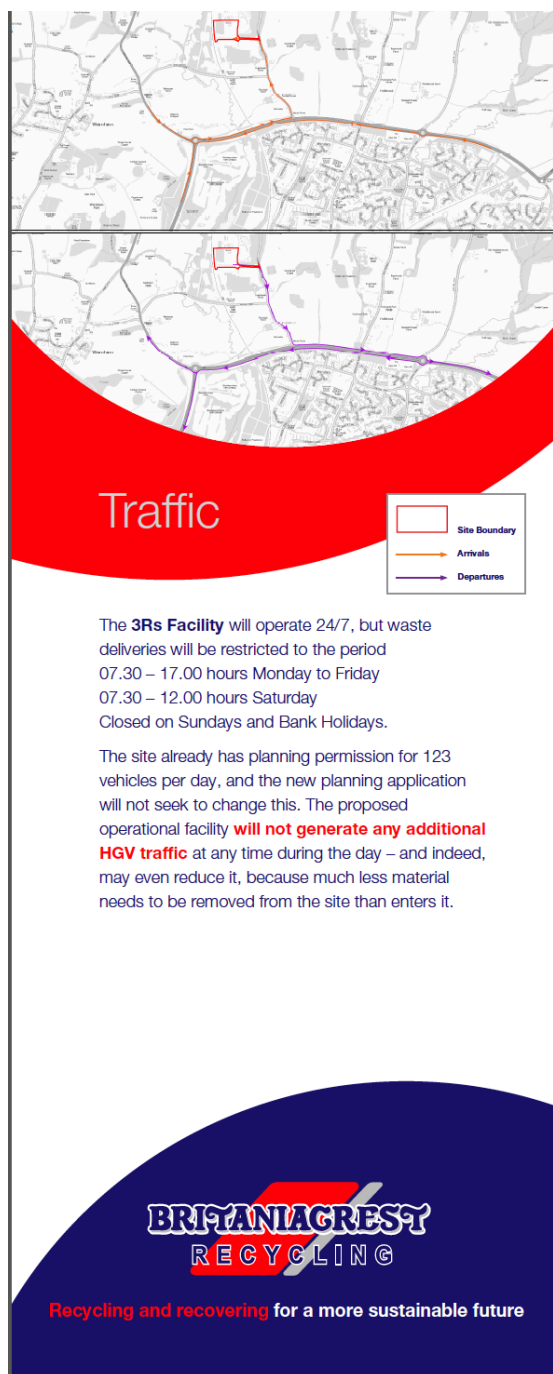
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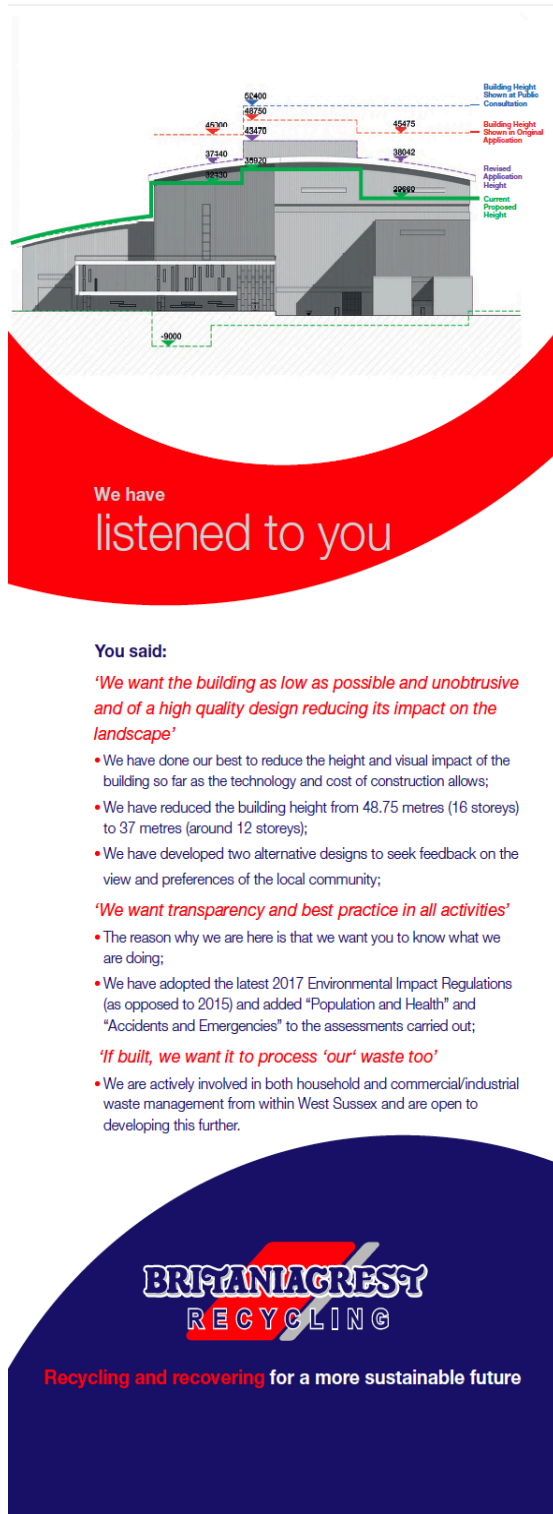
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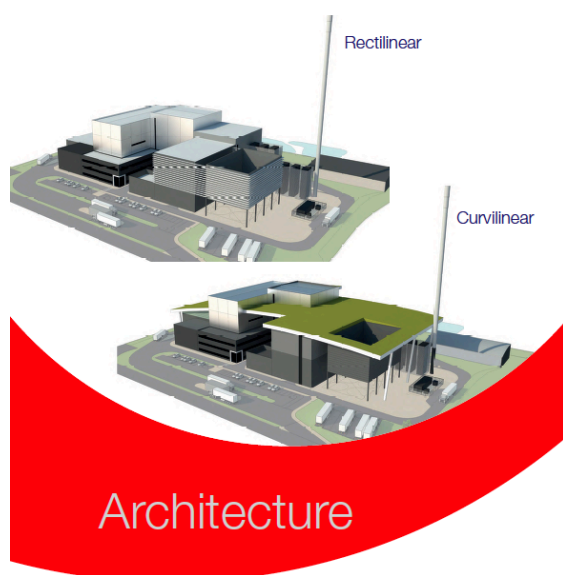
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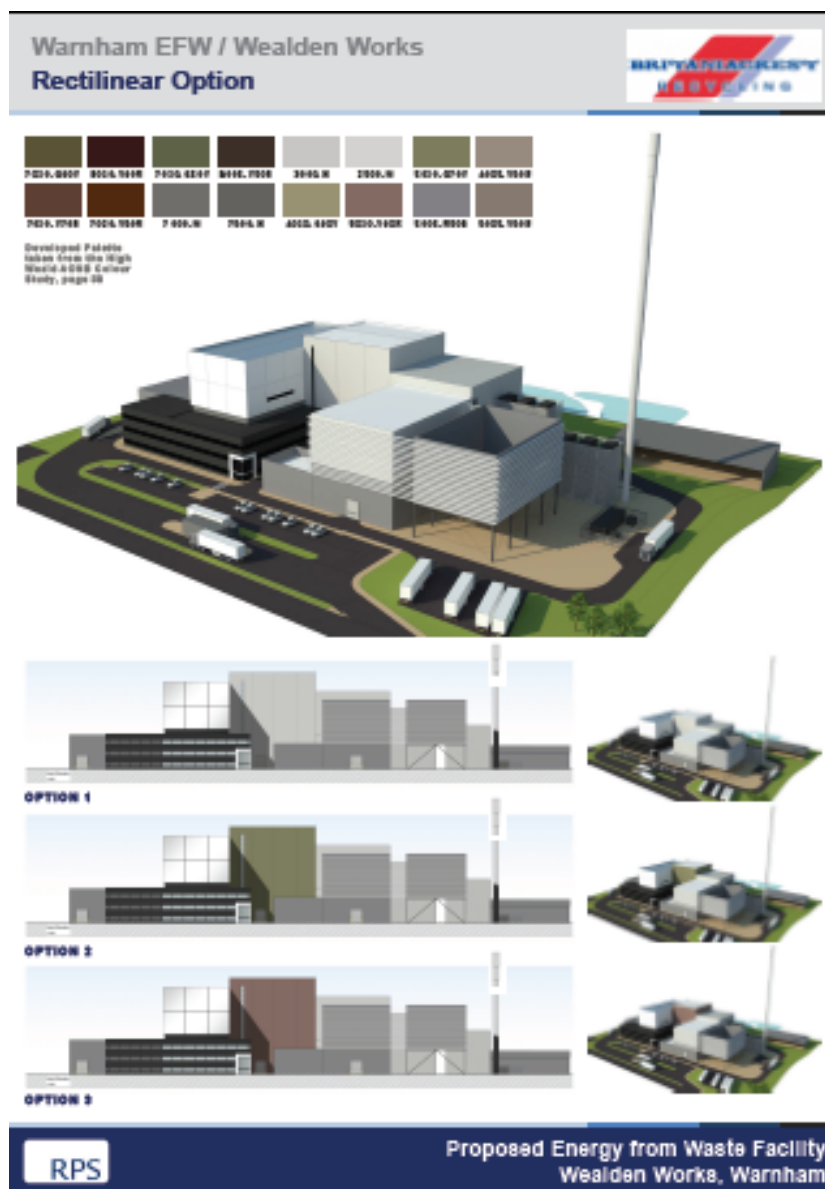
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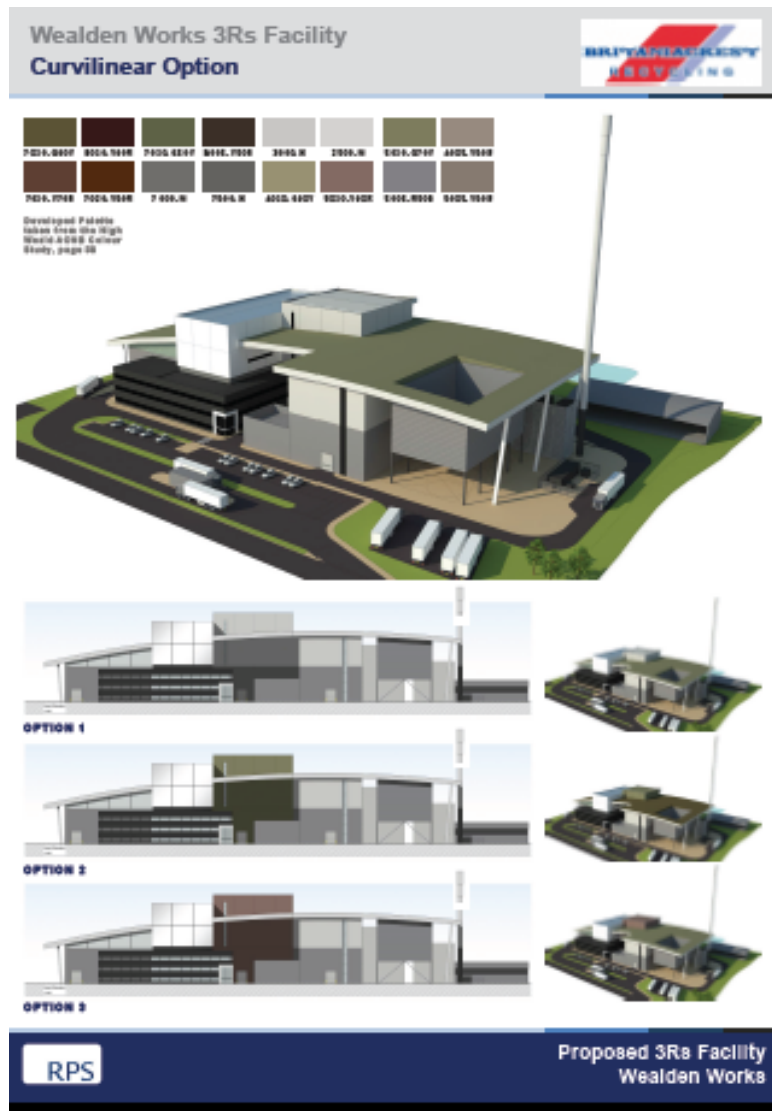
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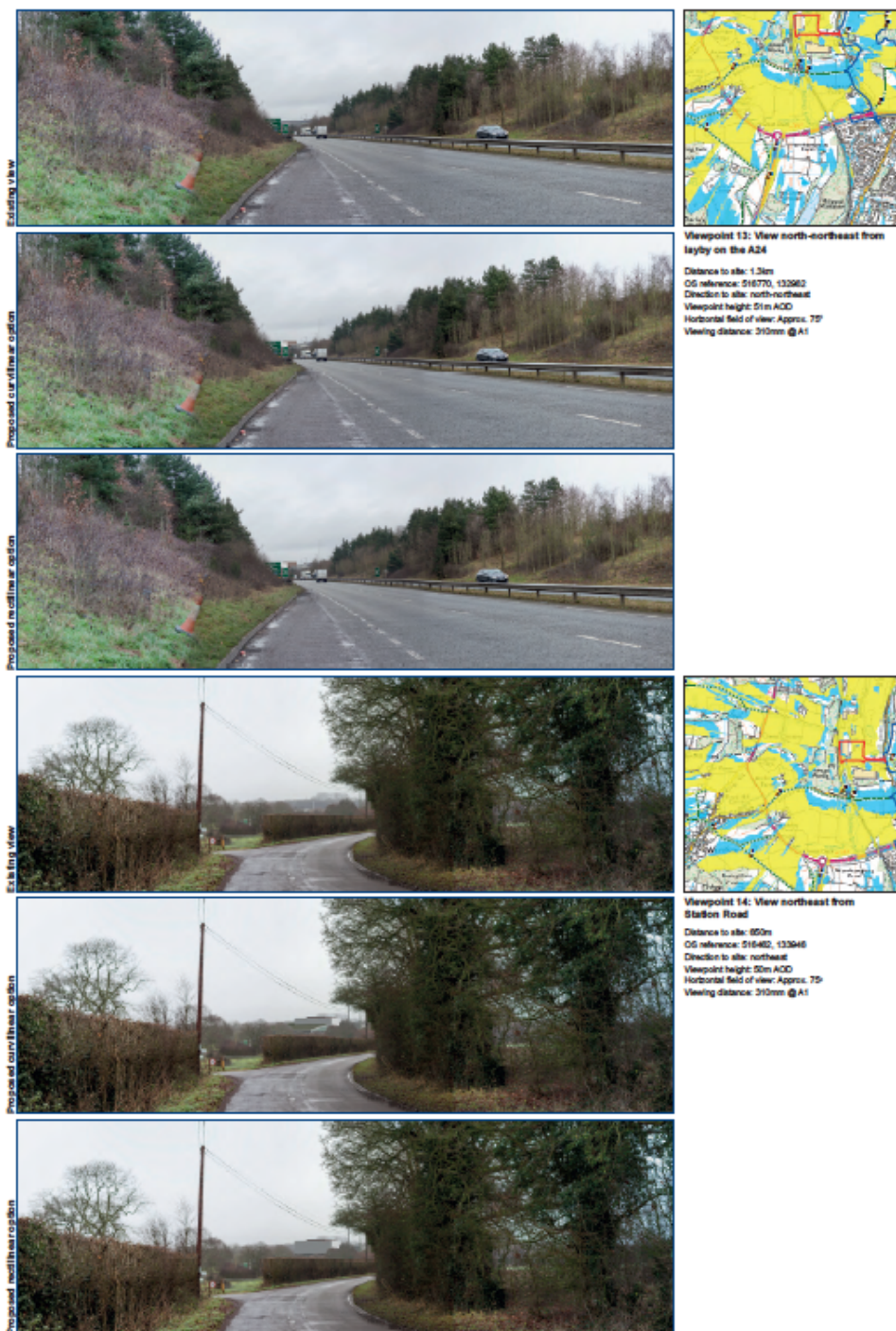


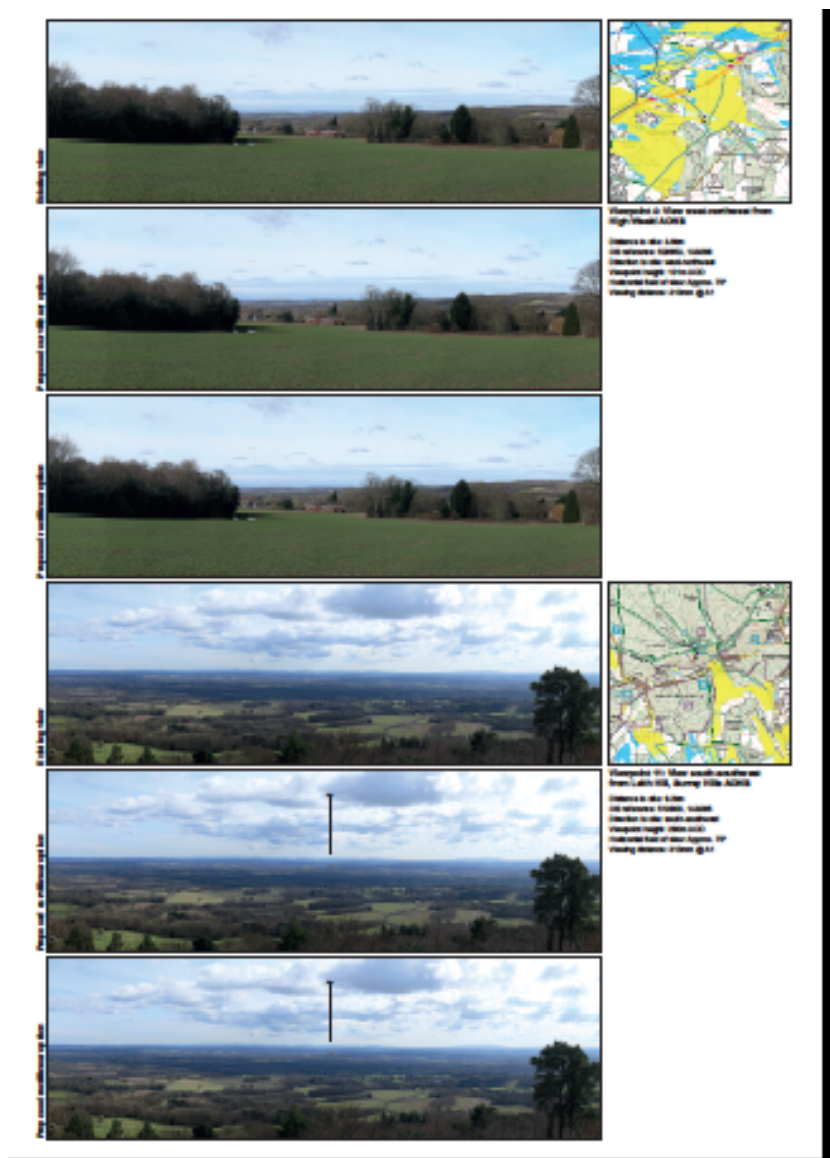
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A better solution

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The application is for a Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility (3Rs). This facility will take commercial and industrial waste or similar waste types and sort and segregate the materials such as metals, plastics and rubble and recover their value using the latest sorting technology. The residual materials will be used to produce energy using well established and proven thermal treatment technology. Electricity will be exported to the national grid enough to power a small town.

These activities will provide a sustainable alternative to landfill disposal, avoid the use of fossil fuels and save primary materials.





Key Benefits

- Construction jobs with a peak of circa 300
- Up to 30 additional permanent jobs
- Architectural design in keeping with the location
- Inclusion of facilities to enable visitors to the site
- Opportunities for education and training
- Additional environmental features such as rainwater harvesting
- Inward capital investment regenerating this historic industrial site
- The potential for local heat and power users.

To find out more ask a member of staff or express an interest at

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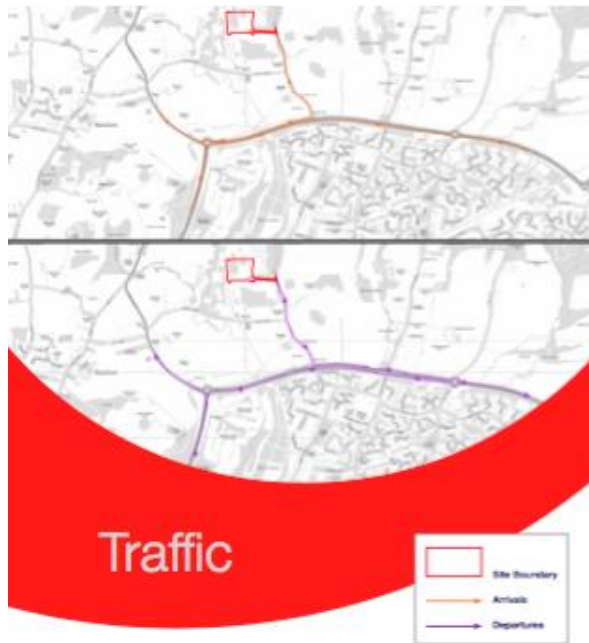


- Capacity for waste treatment on the site unchanged
- Around 180,000 tonnes per year being used to generate energy rather than going to landfill
- Diversion from landfill of circa 90%
- Recovery of materials for recycling
- Generation of around 21 Megawatts of electricity, enough to provide heat, light and power for more than 42,000 homes
- Site staff circa 35 permanent positions

Construction facts

- Industrial construction project of circa 3 years
- Building envelope with offices, internal plant with extensive concrete structures, steel frame and walkways, containing mechanical machinery
- A peak of circa 300 construction site staff, skills: administration, construction, instrumentation, mechanical, electrical and civil engineering.

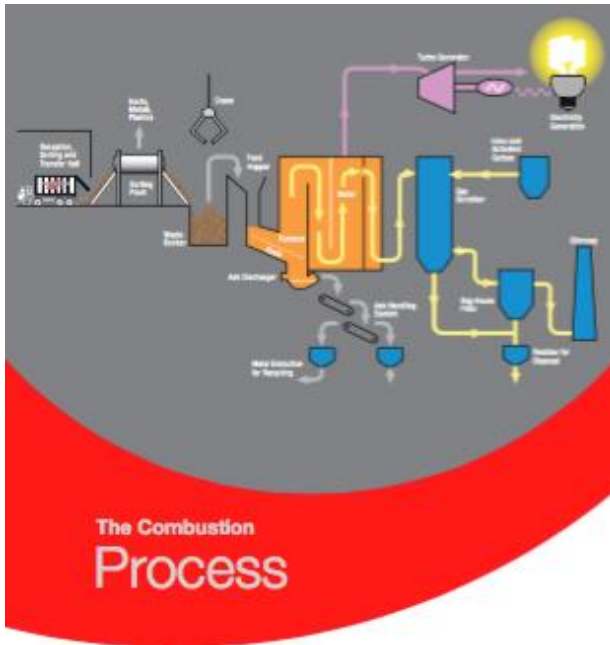




The **3Rs Facility** will operate 24/7, but waste deliveries will be restricted to the period 0700 – 1800 hours Monday to Saturday and 0800 – 1700 hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The site already has planning permission for 123 vehicles per day, and the new planning application will not seek to change this. The proposed operational facility **will not generate any additional HGV traffic** at any time during the day – and indeed, may even reduce it, because much less material needs to be removed from the site than enters it.



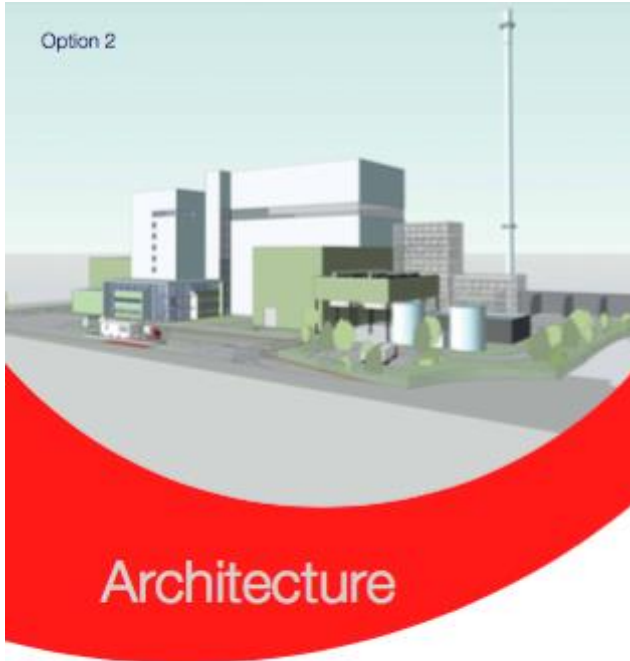


After the sorting and materials recovery process the remaining waste will be deposited in a bunker. A crane will grab the waste and place it into a feed hopper where it will pass down into the combustion chamber. The action of the grate will turn the waste to allow it to burn fully. The resulting ash will then have metals extracted for recycling before itself being recycled for use as an aggregate substitute - principally in road construction.

Hot gases produced in the combustion process will pass through a water-tube boiler, where they will be cooled. The heated water then becomes steam. A turbo-generator will use the steam to produce electricity and potentially heat for export from the site.

The gases from the boiler will then be cleaned to meet stringent environmental regulations by passing through a gas scrubber, where lime milk is injected to neutralise acid gases, activated carbon is added to remove other pollutants and then a filter to remove particulates and dusts. A small amount of residue (around 3% by weight) will be collected from this cleaning process, and exported from site in sealed containers to a suitably licensed disposal facility. The remaining cleaned gases will be finally released to atmosphere through the chimney.





Architecture

The aim of the building design is to complement the surrounding landscape setting and to reflect the site's industrial heritage, blending its working history with a more high tech modern feel, with clean modern lines enhancing the visual impact of the site. A sympathetic colour pallet will be used to select the finish of the building to blend it into its local environment. The layout of the site has been carefully considered to give a compact solution whilst maintaining full functionality.





As part of the planning application, various specialist studies have been undertaken by qualified experts to ensure the proposals are robust, appropriate and do not cause harm, or undue nuisance to neighbours - be they business, residential or wildlife - during construction and in operation. These include: **archaeology, ecology, air quality, emissions, noise, odour and traffic.**

Before the facility can become operational, in addition to the planning permission from the County planning authority, an environmental permit will need to be obtained from the Environment Agency and building control approval given by Horsham District Council.

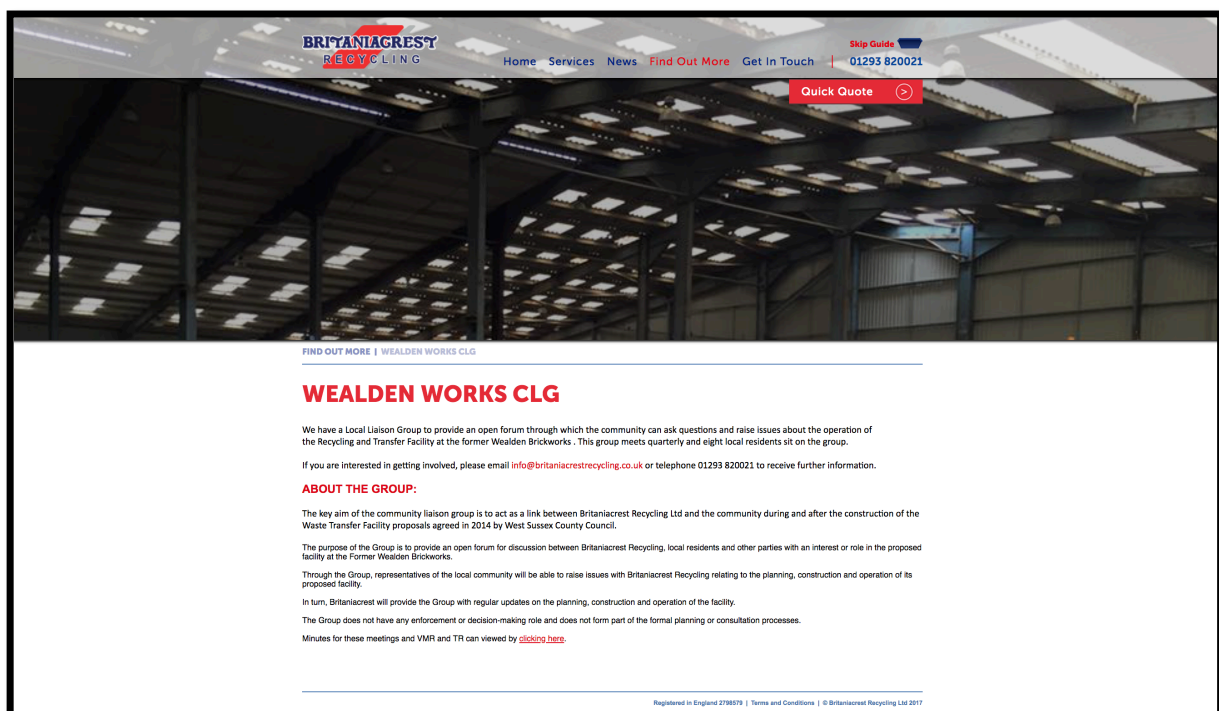
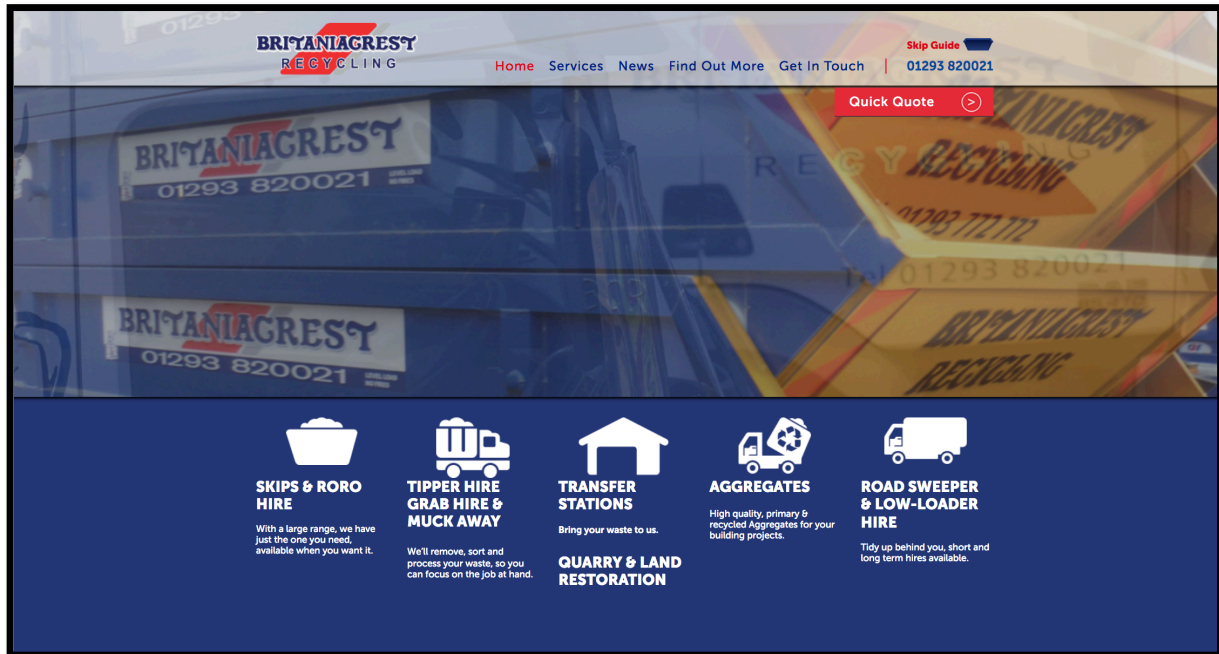


Photos of the exhibition



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