## "South Tyneside's Recycling Village - Ten Years On"

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### First – a look back ...

- Image
- Open skips
- High lifts
- Environment
- Little or no recovery

























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## Re-defining "waste" as a <u>resource</u> to be <u>used</u> was to be the foundation of our approach



## Changing the perception of waste will:

- Give us greater access to recycling opportunities
- Help us progress towards our recycling targets
- Aid in complying with the Landfill Directive, ODS, WEEE, HHW ...
- Help reduce the landfilling of BMW
- Increase participation in recycling



# A "state of the art" RECYCING VILLAGE



the cornerstone of our approach to waste



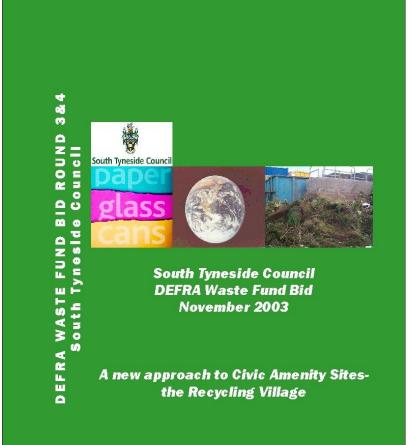
## An <u>opportunity</u> to influence and change the mindset of the public with regard to waste

- Image change recycling rather than tip
- More room to segregate materials for recycling / reuse
- User-friendly traffic management regime
- A better and new experience



#### **DEFRA Rounds 3 & 4**

- Detailed Application
- Accurate Costing
- Outline of design
- Benefits





#### Design Brief

TENDER FOR THE DESIGN OF A "RECYCLING VILLAGE" / HWRC

South Tyneside Council

Papel

Glass

Cans

South Tyneside Council Brief for Tenderers for the design of a Recycling Village / Household Waste Recycling Centre

A new approach











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## **Proposed Design**

- Prestigious, state of the art designed by experienced consultants.
- High degree of sensitive landscaping and planting.
- Split level no steps to climb for recycling.
- Part covered, protecting against the weather preventing "peaks" of demand.
- Adequate footprint for segregation of materials.
- Clear on-site signage and education information.



## **Proposed Design (2)**

- Traffic management to prevent congestion
- Easy access to containers.
- All materials to be under cover.
- Separate area for reusable items.
- Separate area for electrical items.
- Large range of containers for recycling materials.
- Access to recycling containers at waist height.
- Retail outlet for refurbished items and compost, etc.



## **Site Management**

#### **New contract regime:-**

- Very stringent specification.
- All staff are direct employees of competent contractor.
- High cleanliness standard no litter / dust.
- Recycling facilities always available.
- Regular inspections from Council Officers.
- No trade materials will be accepted <u>but</u> redirected to separate TS site.



## **Impact Mitigations**

- Prestigious Development not "tip".
- Signage of traffic through main routes
- Extensive opening hours to prevent fly-tipping.
- Swift removal of "waste"
- Sympathetic site operations such as "warble tone" reversing alarms to prevent noise.

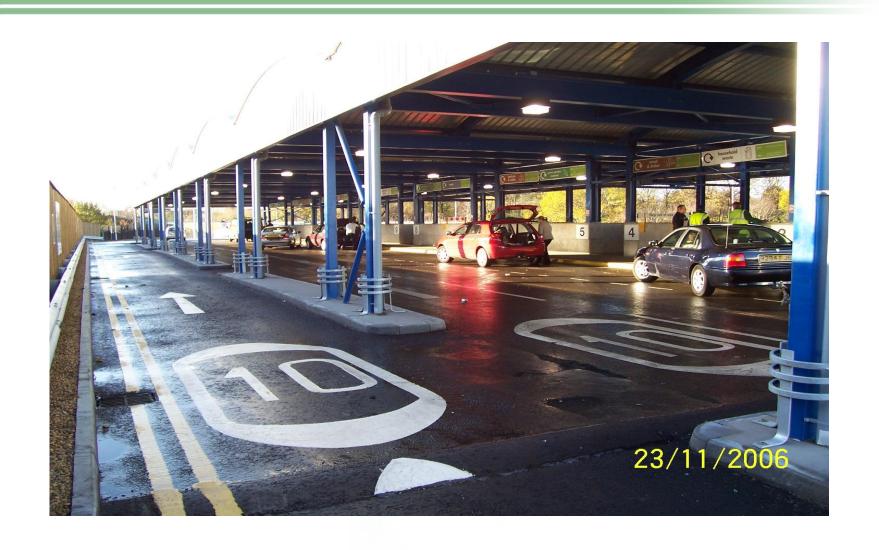


## **Design Brief**

- Sent to three internationally recognised Design Consultants
- Date set for submission of outline proposals





















Flexibility – able to adapt to seasonal material demands and tonnages

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2011/12 - 10665 tonnes (63% recycling/recovery)
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2012/13 – 10770 tonnes (64% recycling/recovery)

2013/14 - 13426 tonnes (59% recycling/recovery)

2014/15 - 14250 tonnes (60% recycling/recovery)

2015/16 - 15300 tonnes (59% recycling/recovery)

- Protection against the weather preventing "peaks" of demand. All materials under cover.
- Adequate capacity for segregation of materials.
- Clear on-site signage and education information.





Easy access to containers, at waist height.





Guide Rails – preventing damage – none in 10 years





Flexibility in operation







Retail outlet for refurbished items and compost, etc.







Separate area for electrical items.





Large range of containers for recycling materials.





## **Areas of Concern**

Victims of our own success?





### The End Result

It does exactly what it says on the tin!















