

New Alconbury Transfer Station Opens

A groundbreaking waste contract between Donarbon Waste Management Limited and Cambridgeshire County Council began on the 1st April with the opening of a new waste transfer station at Alconbury Hill.

As part of the new contract, Donarbon will treat all waste not sorted for recycling from all councils across the county at its Waterbeach Waste Management Park; the Alconbury transfer station was built to provide Huntingdonshire District Council with a local tipping point for its refuse trucks. To mark the opening of the transfer station, a ribbon was cut by Bernard Warr, Head of Waste at the County Council, to allow the first refuse truck of the day across the entrance.

The 28 year, £730 million waste PFI contract between Donarbon and the County Council was officially signed on the 8th April, and will see the building of a major Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant at Donarbon's Waterbeach site, which will sort recyclable and compostable material from black bin rubbish collected by the councils, plus an education centre and innovative in-vessel composting technology. Eventually all green waste from Huntingdonshire will also be delivered to the Alconbury transfer station as part of this contract.

When complete, the Waterbeach site will provide Cambridgeshire with the most modern recycling facilities in the eastern region, and will help ensure that both Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council stay at the top of national recycling league tables and meet their Government targets.



The new Alconbury site will allow Huntingdonshire District to tip waste in an enclosed area without going onto a landfill site and will help improve the cost effectiveness and efficiency of their service. There will also be a facility for local residents to collect compost and dispose of asbestos waste, and for local businesses to tip waste.

The site buildings were designed by architects Burkes Green, who were part of the planning and design team for Donarbon's Waterbeach site, that recently won a Royal Town Planning Institute Award for climate change, in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council's waste planners.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Matt Bradney, who has responsibility for waste and recycling, said: "Not only is landfilling bad for the environment but it will cost Cambridgeshire millions of pounds in Government imposed tax and fines. The waste PFI contract means we can manage our waste more sustainably and economically and will see Cambridgeshire continuing to lead the way in waste management."

Mark Davenport, Managing Director for Donarbon Ltd. said, " We are extremely pleased to be working with both Huntingdonshire District and Cambridgeshire County Councils on this exciting new project, and are proud that the contract has got off to such an excellent start. We look forward to moving forward with local residents as well as the councils to promote more recycling through the new facilities we are building and the new education centre. This site at Alconbury is the first of many new developments."

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Notes for the Editor

1. To mark the formal signing of the Waste PFI contract between Cambridgeshire County Council and Donarbon Waste Management Limited, there will be a photo opportunity at the Waterbeach Waste Management Park at 2pm on Tuesday 8 April. For more information and to arrange for a photographer to attend this opportunity contact Mark Shelton, Waste Promotions Manager, Donarbon

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2. For more information regarding the new Alconbury waste transfer station contact Mark Shelton, Waste Promotions Manager, Donarbon Ltd. tel. 01223 861010 or e-mail marks@donarbon.com

3. Picture (258) shows a Huntingdonshire District Council refuse truck, with driver Eddie Woodfine, at the entrance to the new Alconbury Waste Transfer Station with (from L to R);

Steven Howell, Health and Safety Coordinator, Hunts DC

Paul Smith, Supervising Inspector, Hunts DC

Bernard Warr, Head of Waste, Cambs County Council, cutting the ribbon

Sarah Clover, Business Development Manager, Donarbon Ltd

Dave Wagland, Operations Manager for the Alconbury Site, Donarbon Ltd

Jason Starling, Site Manager for Farrans the construction company.

4. Picture (317) shows a Huntingdonshire District Council refuse truck unloading its waste in the new transfer station.

5. Donarbon will be happy to arrange a visit to the new Waste Transfer Station for reporters.