

**Update: In-vessel composting facilities**

This update follows the last of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**Item 6**

1. Currently Contracted Facilities

- Envar Ltd compost site near St Ives in Cambridgeshire - total quantity approx. 25,000 t/annum
- West London Composting Ltd compost site near Harefield - total quantity approx. 23,000 t/annum
- Cumberlow Compost Services Ltd compost site at Cumberlow Green - total quantity approx. 15,000 t/annum

2. Proposed Facilities

- The Agrivert Ltd programme for the construction of a facility near Ridge, to the West of Potters Bar states that the planning application will be submitted in week commencing 22 September 2008, the plant will be ready to accept green garden waste in the middle of May 2009 and will be ready to accept mixed wastes at the end of August 2009. The programme is described by the company as 'incorporating every aspect of delay which can be envisaged' and so the dates given are the latest anticipated. Agrivert have undertaken to 'shorten' the programme wherever possible. It is envisaged that the facility will cater for material from Broxbourne, Hertsmere, St Albans, Stevenage and Welwyn Hatfield councils.
- It is unlikely that Biffa Waste Services Ltd will construct a facility at Westmill Quarry, Ware. The company have reviewed operations at the site and stated that they no longer propose to build a composting site adjacent to the Gentleman's Field industrial estate. They have further stated that there is no other location within the Westmill area where a composting facility could be constructed.
- Cumberlow Compost Services Ltd have been contracted to expand their existing in-vessel composting operation at Cumberlow Green Farm. This will involve the construction of additional vessels which will increase the capacity to a maximum of 25,000 tonnes per annum. Officers of the County Development Unit have been consulted on the proposal and a planning application will be submitted shortly. If planning permission is given it is anticipated that the facility will be ready to accept mixed wastes at the end of October 2009. This facility would service East Herts and North Herts councils.

3. Overall Service

- The situation remains the same as at the last update in that the provision of all the above facilities, at a capital cost in excess of £12m, will, by early 2010 at the

latest, allow all district councils to institute meat, kitchen waste and cardboard included organic waste collections. This should, in conjunction with the garden waste collections at the HWRC, enable the councils of Hertfordshire to recycle all of the organic waste arising in residents' homes and gardens thus contributing significantly to meeting the 50% recycling target in the Herts Waste Strategy.

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