

Find out more and tell us what you think

SITA UK is keen to hear your views on the proposals to amend the closure date of Binn Farm landfill site from June 2014 to June 2018.

We are holding three public exhibitions detailing our plans in January 2011, so that you can find out more and feed back any issues you would like us to take into account as we develop our planning application.

The exhibitions will take place between **3.00pm** and **7.30pm** at the following locations:

Tuesday 11 January 2011 – Gateside Village Hall

Wednesday 12 January 2011 – Glenfarg Village Hall

Thursday 13 January 2011 – Masons Hall, Abernethy

All are welcome.

Contact us

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Recycling and resource management company SITA UK has submitted a Proposal of Application Notice to Perth and Kinross Council to amend the end date of our landfill site at Binn Farm, near Glenfarg, from June 2014 to June 2018.

Thanks largely to improved recycling awareness and initiatives in Scotland, the amount of waste now being landfilled has reduced significantly over the past few years. With forthcoming measures planned to help Scotland recycle even more, the quantity of waste being sent to landfill is expected to continue to decrease across the country. At Binn Farm, the current amount of waste going to the landfill site each year has fallen by over a third since 2007 from 230,000 tonnes to 150,000 tonnes.

As a result, SITA UK is proposing to continue using Binn Farm landfill site to dispose of non-recycled waste for a further four years beyond its current permission. This would mean we would continue to fill the site until June 2018, rather than ending in June 2014 as currently permitted.

If approved by the Council, this amendment would not mean we would increase the amount of waste going into the landfill site nor amend any other details of the current planning permission. It would allow us to fill the landfill space over a longer time period, ensuring all of the permitted space is used as originally planned.



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Why keep the site open for longer than currently planned?

The amount and type of waste now being sent to landfill has changed significantly since we calculated how long it would take to fill the Binn Farm site in 2000. Thanks mainly to improved recycling initiatives, new facilities and better public awareness, people in Scotland are now recycling more and throwing away less.

The Scottish Government's proposals to increase recycling rates and to ban certain materials (including food waste) from landfill mean that the quantity of waste sent to landfill is expected to continue to decrease across the country. At the current rate we are landfilling at Binn Farm, we believe the site has a remaining life of around eight years, with the remaining space anticipated to be filled by 2018.

This extra time will allow us to fulfil the original design of the landfill site as previously agreed with the Council, which is very important to the future of the site after the landfill closes. As well as ensuring the landscape returns to natural-looking, pre-designed contours, it would prevent any potential negative impacts occurring on the long-term maintenance of the site including drainage and the efficiency of our landfill gas collection system.

Though we would not accept any more waste than originally planned at the site, keeping the site open for a further four years will allow us to continue to provide waste disposal services to Perth and Kinross, as well as to the other facilities being proposed at Binn Eco Innovation Park. No other details of the current scheme would be changed by this application.



How does landfill fit in to the Eco Park proposals?

SITA UK, like the Scottish Government, is striving to recycle and recover energy from waste wherever possible. Existing facilities at Binn Farm such as the materials recycling facility are already helping to drive down the amount of waste going to the landfill site, and proposed facilities such as the gasification plant aim to recover energy from even more of this waste.

However, there is always going to be a need for some waste to go to landfill. Though the facilities being planned for the Eco Park will all help to divert household and business waste from the landfill site, they will also produce a small amount of non-hazardous, non-recyclable residue as part of the process that needs to be sent to landfill. Being able to deal with this waste on the same site it is produced is an important part of the Eco Park proposals.

SITA UK also uses the gas produced by the waste in the landfill site to generate energy. Over the past 12 months the site generated 23,800 MWh of electricity – enough to power over 5,000 homes. By displacing electricity produced by fossil fuels, this energy helps to save over 10,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions each year. The planned installation of an additional engine in spring 2011 will further increase electricity generation at the site.



Binn Eco Innovation Park concept illustration