

MODERNISATION OF THE CAMPGROUND WASTE TRANSFER STATION



INVITATION TO A PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSION

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2011

Location: Wrekenton Methodist Community Church, Springwell Avenue, Wrekenton, Gateshead NE9 7JL

Time: Residents can drop in and see us anytime between **2pm and 8pm**

Recycling and waste management company, SITA UK, is preparing to submit a planning application to modernise the waste transfer station at Campground in Wrekenton. We are holding a public drop-in session so residents can find out more about the proposed improvements and speak to members of our planning team.

We plan to replace the current transfer station with a modern and purpose-built facility. Also, the remains of old buildings will be demolished.



IMPROVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

- + A new purpose-built and fully enclosed waste transfer station will be developed to replace the existing facility.
- + A new, environmentally friendly, on-site visitor and education centre will be developed.
- + The remains of old buildings will be demolished.
- + The height of the buildings on site will be lowered by around 10 metres.
- + Lorries will transfer waste behind closed doors reducing noise levels.
- + A specially designed system will control odours inside the building.
- + Renewable energy will be generated on site by a small wind turbine and solar panels. This will help power the site.

WHY IS SITA UK APPLYING TO REDEVELOP THE WASTE TRANSFER STATION?

The redevelopment of the transfer station is part of SITA UK's contract with the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership, which is made up of Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland councils. The Partnership's aim is to increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of household waste that is sent to landfill every year.

If you have any questions about the plans before the drop-in session please email campground@sita.co.uk or call **01628 513100** and ask to speak to a member of the communications team.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A WASTE TRANSFER STATION?

Transfer stations follow a simple process whereby non-recycled waste arrives at the site on lorries. This waste is then bulked up and transferred behind fast action doors on to larger lorries before it continues its journey to a energy recovery facility or landfill site.

In this case, waste will be sent to our energy-from-waste facility in Teesside, where the waste will be used to produce electricity.

The transfer station at Campground helps the environment by reducing the number of lorry journeys taking waste to Teesside.

SITA UK operates 59 waste transfer stations across the UK.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALSO BEING PLANNED AT THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE, WHICH NEIGHBOURS THE WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Gateshead Council is preparing to submit a separate planning application to Sunderland City Council to modernise the household waste and recycling centre at Campground. The household waste and recycling centre is adjacent to the waste transfer station operated by SITA UK.

The household waste and recycling centre allows residents to drop-off waste for recycling – from small electrical items, garden waste and timber to DIY materials and rubble. It is proposed that the current 20-year-old facility will be replaced by a modern, purpose-built centre to provide residents with an improved recycling service. The proposed redevelopment will provide:

- + Improved access and traffic arrangements
- + A roof to shelter users
- + Raised parking so it's easier to drop waste into containers
- + More containers so we can recycle as much as possible
- + Improved signs and perimeter fencing
- + Separate areas for cars and service vehicles to reduce service disruption

More information about this separate planning application will also be available at the drop-in session on 25 May 2011.



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