



KNOWSLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK

PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A RAIL LOADING WASTE TRANSFER STATION

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Recycling and waste management company, SITA UK, has announced plans to develop a rail loading waste transfer station at Knowsley Industrial Park in Kirkby. This newsletter provides more information about the proposed development and the reasons why SITA UK is submitting a planning application.

Before we submit a planning application, we are keen to consult with members of the community. We are holding drop-in sessions in July so you can find out more and speak to members of the SITA UK development team – **see back page for details.**

WHAT IS A RAIL LOADING WASTE TRANSFER STATION?

This is a facility where waste is brought in by lorry and transferred onto trains within an enclosed building. At the proposed Knowsley Industrial Estate facility, the waste would then be taken by train in sealed containers outside of Merseyside to an energy-from-waste facility.



ABOUT SITA UK

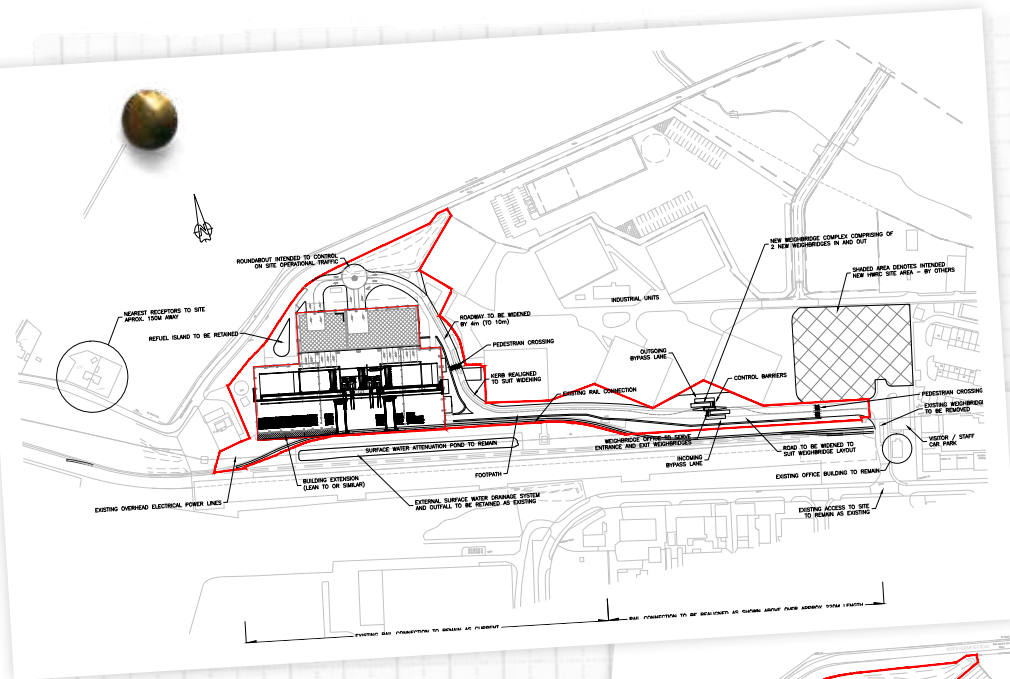
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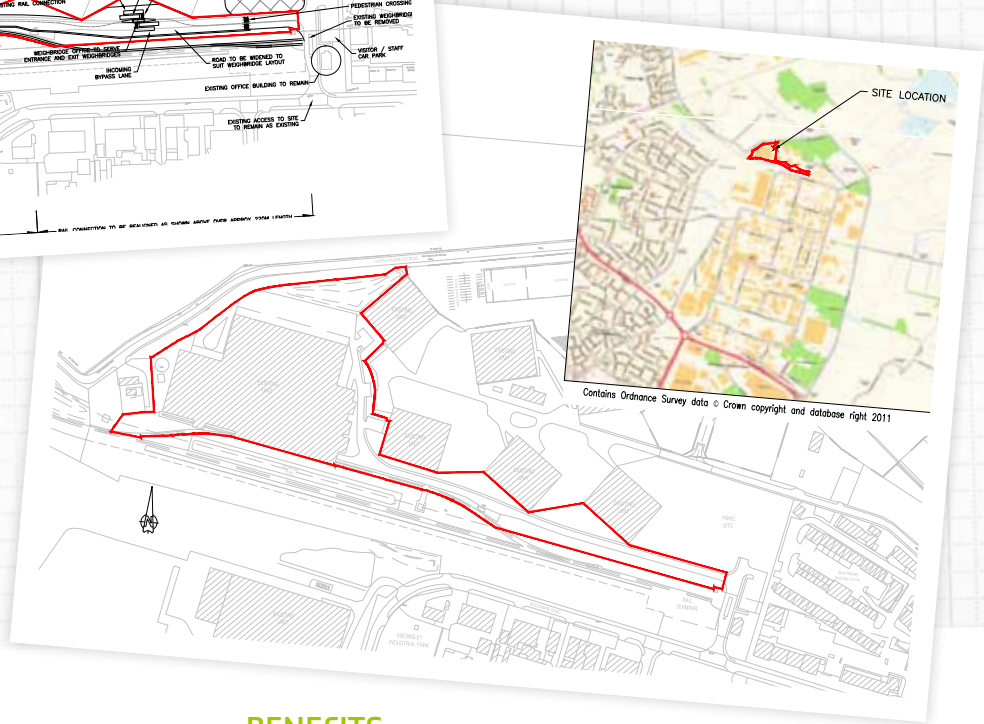
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Proposed development plans



Our plans

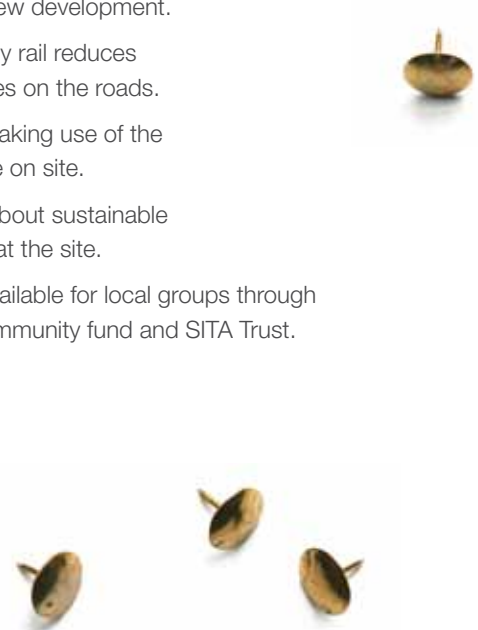
SITA UK is planning to develop a rail loading waste transfer station at the site currently operated by logistics company, The Potter Group, on Woodward Road, Knowsley Industrial Park in Kirkby. This development will only go ahead if planning permission is given and SITA UK secures the contract to manage waste on behalf of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (see page three for more information).

The facility would enable up to 500,000 tonnes of residual household waste per year to be bulked up and transported by rail to an energy-from-waste facility in Teesside in the north east of England. At the Teesside facility, non-recycled waste will be processed under controlled conditions to produce energy, recovering value from waste material that would otherwise be sent to landfill. SITA UK will not develop an energy-from-waste facility (incinerator) in Merseyside.

The Kirkby site is already operating as a rail transfer station and the existing buildings on the site would remain with minimal further construction work required. Making use of the existing rail link on the site would significantly reduce the number of lorries needed to transport this waste. The Potter Group would redevelop an adjacent site and transfer their operations and jobs there.

BENEFITS

- » The waste would no longer be sent to landfill.
- » 25 new, permanent jobs and additional construction jobs will be created.
- » Up to £15 million would be invested in Knowsley with this new development.
- » Transporting waste by rail reduces the amount of vehicles on the roads.
- » SITA UK would be making use of the existing infrastructure on site.
- » Visitors could learn about sustainable waste management at the site.
- » Funding would be available for local groups through a dedicated local community fund and SITA Trust.



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY RESOURCE RECOVERY CONTRACT

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) is responsible for disposing of household waste in Knowsley, Sefton, Liverpool, Wirral and St Helens. MWDA is also working with Halton Council to procure new waste contracts and facilities. It is currently in the process of choosing a company for a 30-year resource and recovery contract to manage waste left over after recycling. In 2009/10, over 400,000 tonnes of residual waste in Merseyside was sent to landfill. Sending waste to landfill needs to be reduced because:

- » The cost of sending waste to landfill sites is increasing for council tax payers each year.
- » Councils have strict new targets to reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill and face fines if these targets are not met.

The region therefore needs to look at new ways of dealing with waste to divert it from landfill and save council tax payers' money. Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is currently running a competitive procurement process for the Resource Recovery Contract and SITA UK is one of the remaining two bidders.

SITA UK will only develop the facility at Knowsley if we secure the 30-year contract with the MWDA.

Your questions answered

by Corrina Scott-Roy, Planning Manager, SITA UK

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE TRANSFER STATION?

Waste will be transported to the site by lorries, either from other waste transfer stations in Merseyside or directly from local authority lorries. Upon arrival, the waste will be tipped inside an enclosed building, where it will then be compacted or 'bulked' and placed in sealed containers before being loaded onto rail carriages for transport to Teesside. This process will be carried out entirely within the buildings of the transfer station to prevent dust or odours escaping.

WHAT WILL THE FACILITY LOOK LIKE?

The site is within an existing industrial area and is well screened. The proposed transfer station will operate from existing buildings on the site currently occupied by The Potter Group. As the site already operates as a rail transfer station only minor alterations to the external appearance of the buildings will be needed.

WILL IT CREATE MORE TRAFFIC?

The waste transfer station will help to reduce the number of lorries on the road by putting waste onto rail. As part of the planning application, we will be undertaking a Transport Assessment which will provide details of how much traffic is using the site now and the numbers that are predicted once the new facility is up and running. Initial indications suggest that there may be an increase in traffic going to the site than is currently the case, however, it would be less than the amount permitted for an industrial site of this nature. More information will be available at the drop-in sessions (see back page for details).

WILL THE FACILITY SMELL?

Vehicles bringing in the waste will be sealed and all waste going out of the facility will be contained on sealed trains so odours will not be a problem. There will also be a fast-action door on the facility to ensure that odours are kept within the building when the waste is being transferred to the train. An odour management system will also be incorporated into the facility.

We will be carrying out a full Environmental Impact Assessment as part of the planning process.



Inside the existing facility

BENEFITS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The new development would bring in up to £15 million of investment into Knowsley and create around 25 new, permanent jobs, plus additional jobs during construction.

Once operational we would welcome groups from schools and the community to look around the facility and find out more about how to manage their waste responsibly, with a visitor centre on the site for this purpose.

SITA UK is also proposing a dedicated local community fund for local groups and projects. This is in addition to funding that will be available for groups to apply for from SITA Trust. SITA Trust supports communities across the UK, making lasting improvements to the natural environment and community life. For more information, visit www.sitatrust.org.uk

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - HAVE YOUR SAY

SITA UK works hard to be a good neighbour and we are committed to delivering an open and inclusive community engagement programme. As part of this, we're holding drop-in sessions for the local community to find out more about our planning application, ask questions and give us your views.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We intend to submit a planning application to Knowsley Council during the summer of 2011 and hope to receive a decision by the end of the year.

The Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is planning to announce the successful bidder for its 30-year Resource Recovery Contract in spring / summer 2012.

If SITA UK is successful in both achieving the planning permission and securing the MWDA contract it would begin work on site in 2012 with the facility opening in late 2014 or early 2015.

CONTACT US

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PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD ON:

Wednesday 13 July 2011, 2pm – 8pm
at Kirkby Leisure Centre,
Cherryfield Drive, Kirkby L32 8SA

Thursday 14 July 2011, 2pm – 5pm
at Kirkby Suite, Norwich Way,
Cherryfield Drive, Kirkby L32 8XY

