

Wingmoor Farm East: Integrated Waste Management Facility

Introduction

Welcome

Thank you for sparing the time to come and visit our exhibition. We are holding this exhibition so local residents can fully understand not only our existing operations, but also our long term plans for the site. Grundon employees and some of our professional consultants are here and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The display panels describe the operations that take place on our Wingmoor Farm site and also look at some of the key issues of our forthcoming planning application to extend the site life. We are applying to extend the site life because:

- the 1995 planning consent required the permitted activities to cease on or before 12th May 2009
- since the 1995 consent was issued, it has not been possible to restore the site within the time granted. The 1995 consent tied the restoration end date to that of earlier permissions, but did not allow for the additional void space that had already been permitted. Together with the increased emphasis on recycling and the introduction of the Landfill Tax Scheme – which have both reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill – completing the site by May 2009 has proved to be an impracticable expectation
- by May 2009, over 40% of the site – generally the northern and eastern slopes of the approved landform – will have been restored. However, the mineral resources will not have been fully extracted and restoration will be incomplete
- following consultation with Gloucestershire County Council, Grundon is seeking a new consent so the approved restoration profile can be completed within an agreed timeframe
- the application will seek to continue the existing operations of mineral extraction and restoration using wastes brought on to the site
- the end of active waste use will be the completion of the final cell in the centre of the site and the removal of all internal haul roads, offices and plant. We anticipate this will be in 2029.

As the application is only to extend the life of the site, most elements of the operations would remain the same. We expect there to be no change to the:

- footprint (area) of the landfill. The remaining operational area would actually be reduced by 14% to accommodate stand-offs and surface water management ponds
- range of waste types permitted by the Environment Agency
- methods of operation, although a leachate treatment plant and additional landfill gas engines are proposed
- total number of vehicles
- restoration profile
- operating hours.

Once you have looked at the exhibition panels, you may have elected to go on a site tour. If you have, please listen carefully for the call for your timed tour.

We hope you find the rest of our exhibition both interesting and informative.



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