

# CHARLTON LANE ECO PARK NEWSLETTER

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SITA Surrey is working on behalf of Surrey County Council to develop an Eco Park at Charlton Lane, Shepperton.

At the end of last year we sent a newsletter to confirm that a planning application to build an Eco Park at Charlton Lane, Shepperton had been submitted to the County Planning Authority. We advised that the earliest date it could be considered by the Planning and Regulatory Committee was 16 February 2011.

The application is now provisionally scheduled to be considered at a Special Meeting of the Surrey County Council Planning and Regulatory Committee on 30 June 2011, at County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston KT1 2DN. The committee date was deferred because of some questions raised by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). These queries have been addressed and the application can now be determined. More information on the HSE's involvement is overleaf.

Additionally, in April the European Commission updated its guidance regarding the recovery of waste from energy, so additional information needed to be submitted and consulted on. However this has not changed the plans for anaerobic digestion, gasification and recycling facilities in the planning application.

## OUR PROPOSALS

The plans for Charlton Lane include:

- A gasification facility using batch oxidation system technology to process 60,000 tonnes of residual household waste every year;
- An anaerobic digestion facility to process 40,000 tonnes of food waste a year;
- Further improvements to the existing community recycling centre including a new reuse centre;
- A bulking facility for consolidating or 'bulking' materials in one location into single batches of recyclates (such as metals, plastics or wood);
- An education centre to inspire and motivate children and adults to change the way they think about their waste.

SITA Surrey is responsible for operating 15 community recycling centres and four waste transfer and bulking facilities on behalf of Surrey County Council. The company also works to encourage Surrey residents to minimise their waste.



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## THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE

As mentioned overleaf the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) raised some queries regarding the Eco Park proposal. The HSE is a key stakeholder and statutory consultee to the planning application and both the draft and final planning applications were registered on its consultation computer system. The HSE declined to comment on the draft application and raised no objection to the formal application.

When consulted by the Environment Agency as part of the Environmental Permit application, the HSE identified some issues that it considered needed to be addressed concerning the design and layout of the site. Experts from SITA met with HSE staff and discussed the detailed operation of the gasification plant and the site layout, to provide a greater understanding of how the proposed plant will operate.

As a result the HSE is satisfied that the issues raised can be dealt with during the post planning stage, prior to construction.

## THE ADVERTISING STANDARDS AUTHORITY

You may have heard that the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) was investigating our October Eco Park newsletter following a claim that some information within it was misleading.

After the ASA thoroughly scrutinised the newsletter it ruled to reject four of the five points raised and concluded that the information was not misleading. The ASA did uphold one point, which related to an image of the site. While the image was to scale, the top of it was cropped at design stage to fit the available space and the full stack height was not visible. This was a design error that was corrected in the next issue.

It is always our intention to provide timely and accurate information to the public as part of the Eco Park consultation process and we're pleased that the ASA rejected four of the five claims.

## BENEFITS OF THE ECO PARK

The Eco Park will have a number of benefits over the existing site including:

- Producing renewable energy;
- Reducing reliance on landfill;
- Reducing traffic levels;
- The addition of a reuse centre to the community recycling centre;
- Carbon savings;
- Extensive landscaping of the additional land.



### MORE INFORMATION

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