

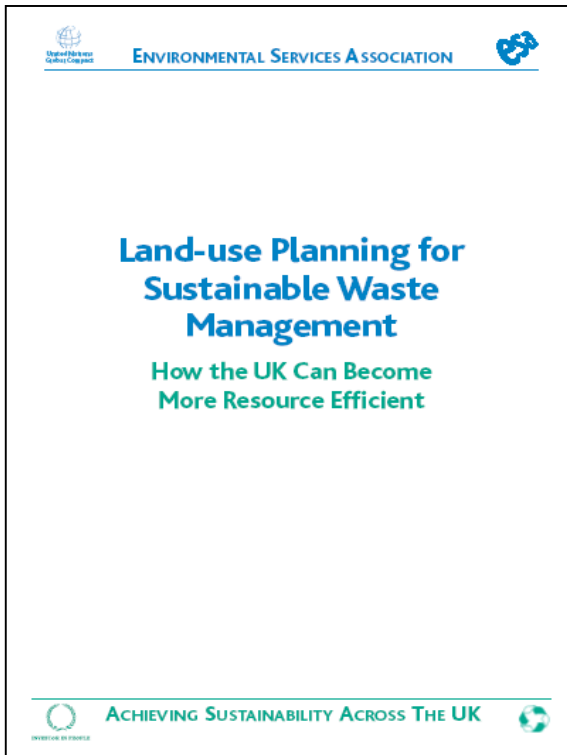
Sustainable land-use planning for waste in Warwickshire

An industry perspective

ESA

- The trade association for the UK's waste and secondary resource management industry.
- Over 150 Members, sector turnover is £5b
- effective and efficient land use planning is essential to deliver new waste management facilities to comply with EU waste legislation.

ESA recommendations published Summer 2004 to inform national waste planning policy review



Industry needs:

- Efficiency
- Certainty
- Coordination

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**New national waste planning policy
published July 2005 (“PPS10”), but....
Will it deliver?**

*“a good step forward, but national policy
needs to be translated into local action”*

....And “local action means”?

- **Regional:** strategic waste policies and waste management capacity apportionments - *25-30 new treatment facilities required in Warwickshire?*
- **Local:** waste planning policies, sites allocated for required facilities.....*and ultimately following it through by granting permission for “compliant” proposals!*

Efficiency

- **Standardise where possible, eg:**
 - **advice and information on technologies, site requirements etc (national info already available)**
 - **Model plans and policies**
 - **ESA is prepared to assist in drafting**
- **Sound decision making within reasonable and agreed timescales.**
- **Increased Permitted Development Rights for minor waste matters**
- **Improved liaison between regulators – eg Planning Authorities, Environment Agency, Health Authorities**

Certainty

- **Strong Leadership**
 - Nationally
 - Locally
- **Better Development Plans**
- **Better Statistics**
- **Timescales (for plan making and dealing with planning applications – “delivery contracts” ??)**

Coordination

- Between different local authorities and between local and regional bodies
- Within local authorities – eg waste management and planning functions
- Between land use planning and environmental protection regimes
- Between waste planning and other development planning
- On data and statistics

Local Authority planning resources

- **Councillors:** Specialist training essential (planning principles generally, waste planning specifically, what facilities look like and do)
industry can help deliver training
- **Officers:** Experience and knowledge of waste planning and more officers!
- **Funding:** from central government (eg Planning Delivery Grant) and internal budgets
- **E-Government** – keep it up please!

Working in partnership

- Liaison with local communities – *consensus unlikely but process is still beneficial*
- Elected Members and officers - need to work together to achieve sound decisions on difficult issues. Ensure planning decisions made on planning grounds, not political grounds or non-planning grounds
- Industry, Planning Authorities and other regulators need to work closely both pre-application and during the application – again, to assist with difficult public decision making

To bring projects forward industry needs:

- **confidence** to make major (£10M+) investment decisions - up to £200K just to apply for consents....double that for appeals!
- site allocations in WDFs, political support, quality pre- application advice, certainty over timescales all help increase confidence
- the planning system often seen as a “barrier” - but it also has an important enabling role too

ESA's Commitment:

In addition to investing billions of pounds to deliver the UK's compliance with EU Law:

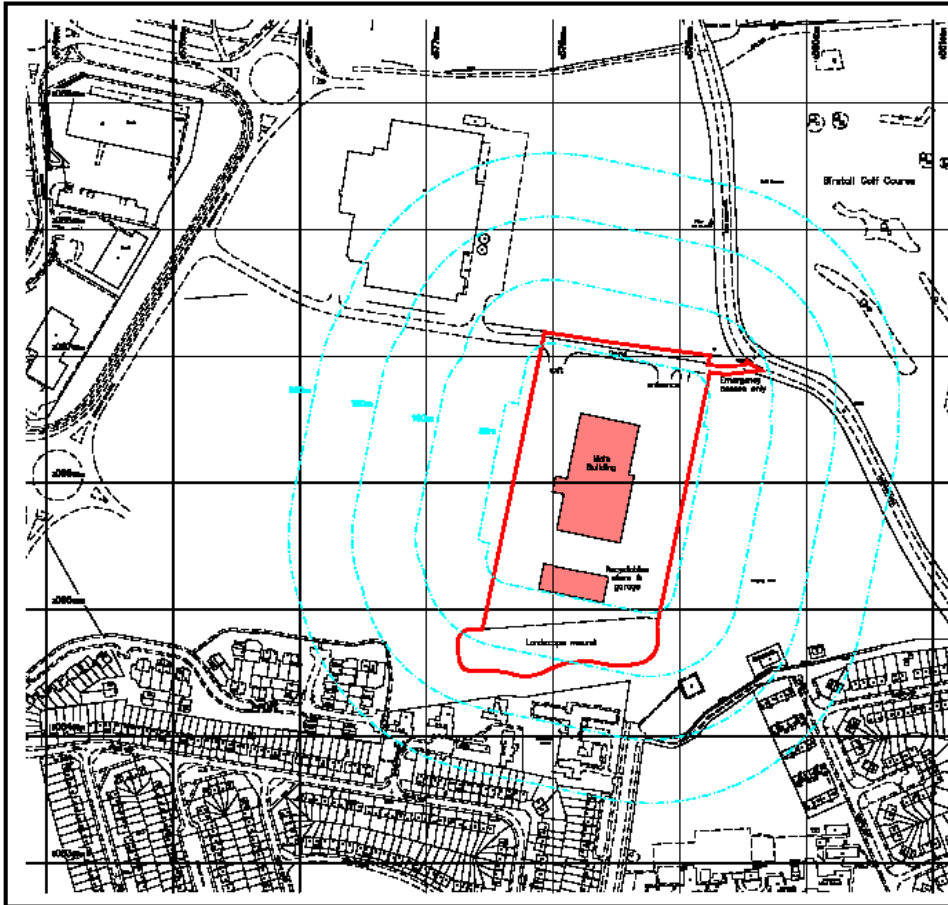
- Engage proactively with local communities when submitting major planning applications
- Engage in pre-application discussions
- Provide data on waste arisings
- Support training of councillors and local planning officers
- Encourage good design

Other points to remember

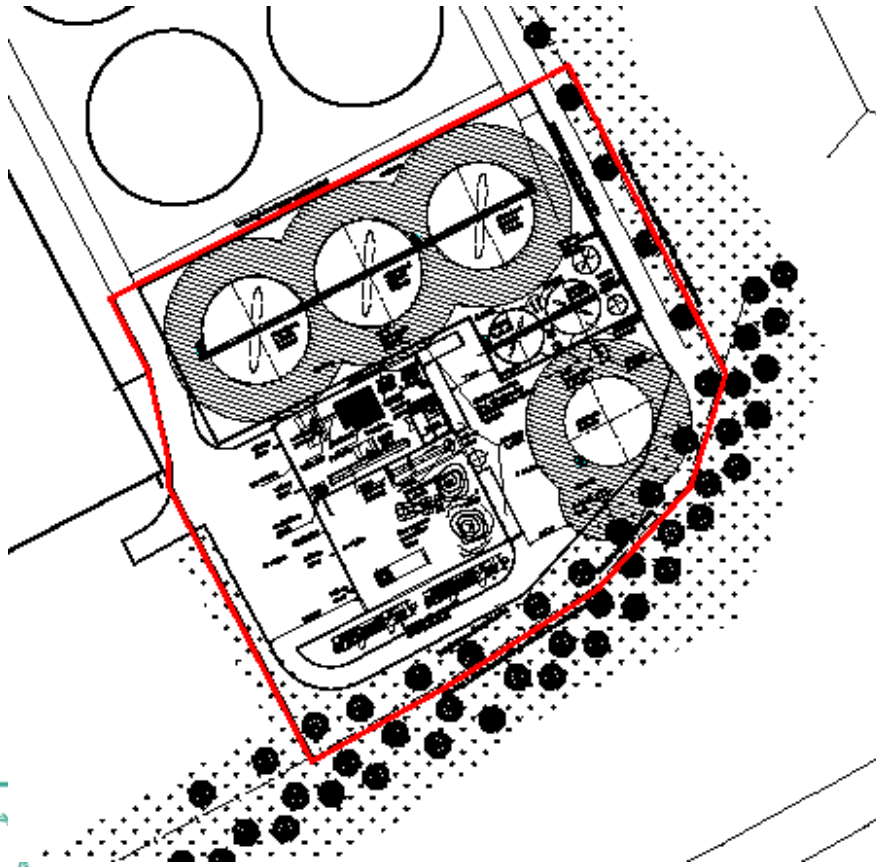
- Reports on future capacity are indicative and not absolute facts.
- ESA's Members can Deliver: Regulation + Planning + Economic Framework = Delivery of new facilities and compliance with EU and National Laws.
- No Technological Blockage: "new" Technologies are already operated by ESA's Members in their European Markets
- We are at the beginning of the revolution in waste management.
- Decisions cannot be delayed.

Some examples.....

Example: Recycling/Recovery plant



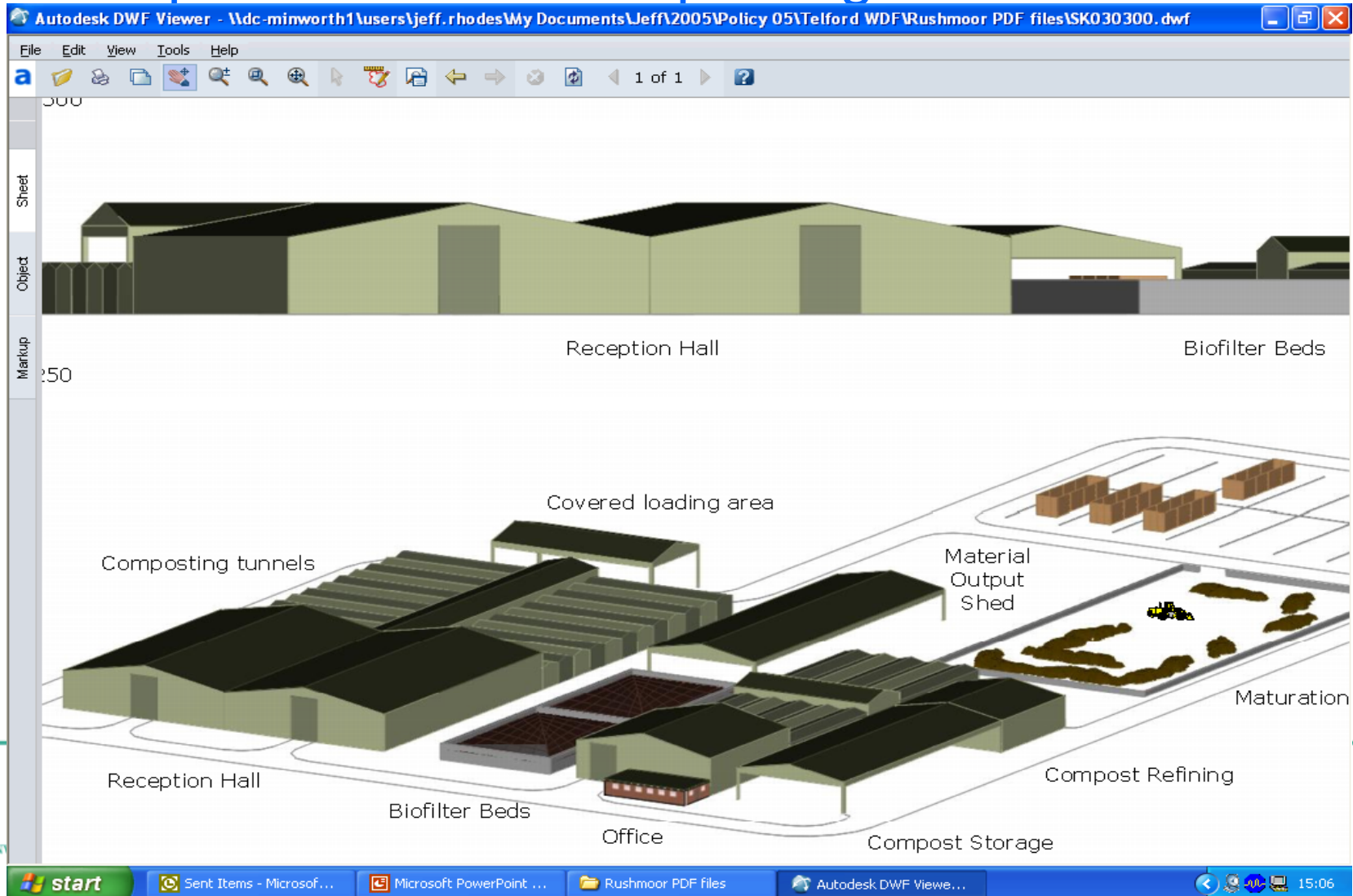
Example: Anaerobic Digestion (inc EfW)

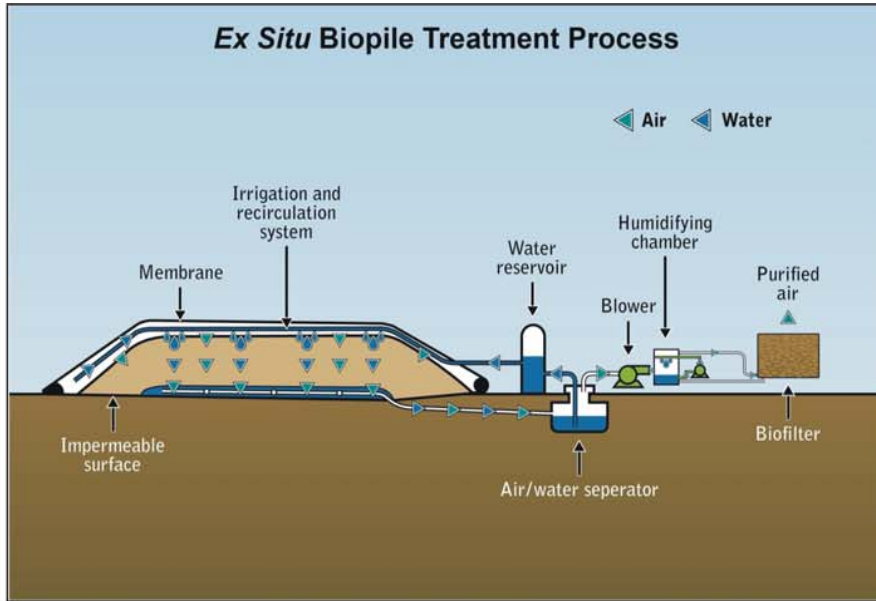


Example: Windrow composting (green waste)



Example: In-vessel composting





Example: Contaminated Soil Recycling (haz waste) –
Assisting the brownfield regeneration programme



Example: Landfill, inc. renewable energy (landfill gas)

