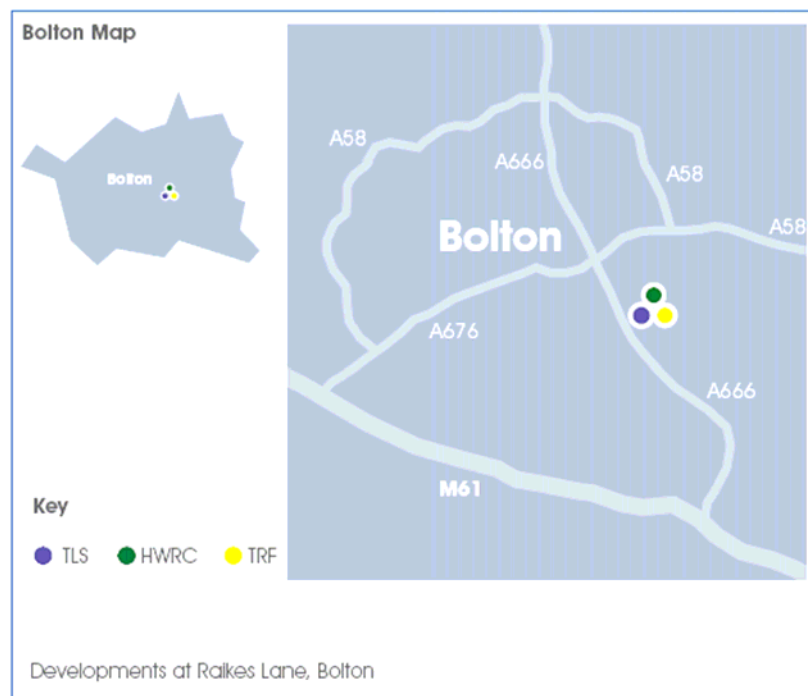


What's happening in Bolton?

As part of GMWDA's long-term waste strategy, Bolton's current municipal waste facilities will be upgraded with state-of-the-art technology, allowing the area to enjoy a world-class waste handling and recycling service.

The following developments have been proposed:

- **Relocating** the existing HWRC from Raikes Lane to create a larger, modern, purpose-built facility on a new site in the local area.
- **Constructing** a new Transfer Loading Station (TLS) within the boundaries of the current Raikes Lane site.
- **Upgrading** the equipment within the existing Thermal Recovery Facility (TRF).



How will these changes improve our waste service?

By creating a new, modern HWRC Bolton will have a purpose-built facility with extra space, allowing for:

- a more convenient site layout;
- separate access for operational vehicles and private cars, to increase safety; and
- better traffic management to eliminate off-site queuing – a current problem at the Raikes Lane site.

These improvements will reduce waiting times and provide a more comprehensive recycling service for local residents.

A new Transfer Loading Station (TLS) will be built at Raikes Lane to support Bolton's recycling schemes. The modern facility will receive both recyclable and non recyclable waste from local collections, ready to be sent on for reprocessing.

The recently upgraded Thermal Recovery Facility (TRF) will benefit from improvements to its existing machinery, enabling it to produce energy more efficiently – and helping to reduce Greater Manchester's use of fossil fuels.

Will there be any impacts on the area?

The utmost care has been taken to ensure that the construction and operation of these facilities can only have a positive impact on the local area.

The following measures ensure the site does not disturb local residents:

- **The Raikes Lane site** is bounded on three sides by woodland. Additional landscaping and planting will be carried out to further screen the development from local residents.
- **All facilities** will be designed for minimum visual impact, with the colour schemes for both buildings and fencing following those currently used around the site.
- **The TLS facility** will be self contained, ensuring that all loading, unloading and sorting take place within buildings – with safeguards in place to prevent litter, odour and noise pollution.