

# What's happening in Tameside?

As part of GMWDA's long-term waste strategy, Tameside'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 changes have been proposed:

- Redeveloping the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) on Ash Road, Droylsden, and on Bayley Street, in Stalybridge.
- Constructing a new Transfer Loading Station (TLS) on the Bayley Street site. Tameside Council Planning Committee gave planning approval for the Bayley Street elements of the proposals at the beginning of November.



## How will these changes improve our waste service?

The HWRCs on Ash Road and Bayley Street will be redeveloped to the latest standards, with the facility on Ash Road extended north of the current site. By expanding, the centres will be able to operate on two levels – providing extra space that will allow for:

- a more convenient site layout;
- better traffic management to eliminate queuing off-site; and
- separate access for operational vehicles and private cars, to increase safety. These improvements will reduce waiting times and provide a more comprehensive recycling service for local residents.

A Transfer Loading Station (TLS) will also be built at Bayley Street, on land in the north-west of the current site. The TLS will receive and sort both recyclable and non-recyclable waste from local collections, ready to be sent on for reprocessing – helping Greater Manchester divert more of its waste from landfill.

## 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 will ensure local residents are not disturbed:

**The Ash Road HWRC:**

The HWRC on Ash Road will be designed for minimum visual impact and will include planting to the north and east of the site, in addition to existing woodland which will provide a natural buffer.

**The Bayley Street HWRC and Transfer Loading Station:**

- Already located in a mainly industrial area, the development will remain within the current site boundary. Additional landscaping along the perimeter of the facilities will further conceal the proposed developments from residents living to the north. The new TLS building will be built to the height of just nine metres, with a pitched roof to minimise visual impact.
- The TLS facility will be self contained, ensuring that loading, unloading and sorting of waste will take place within the building – with safeguards in place to prevent litter and odour.
- Waste Collection Authority (WCA) collected green waste will cease to be treated at Bayley Street and in future will be taken direct to Bredbury (apart from HWRC activity which will be transferred direct to Longley Lane).