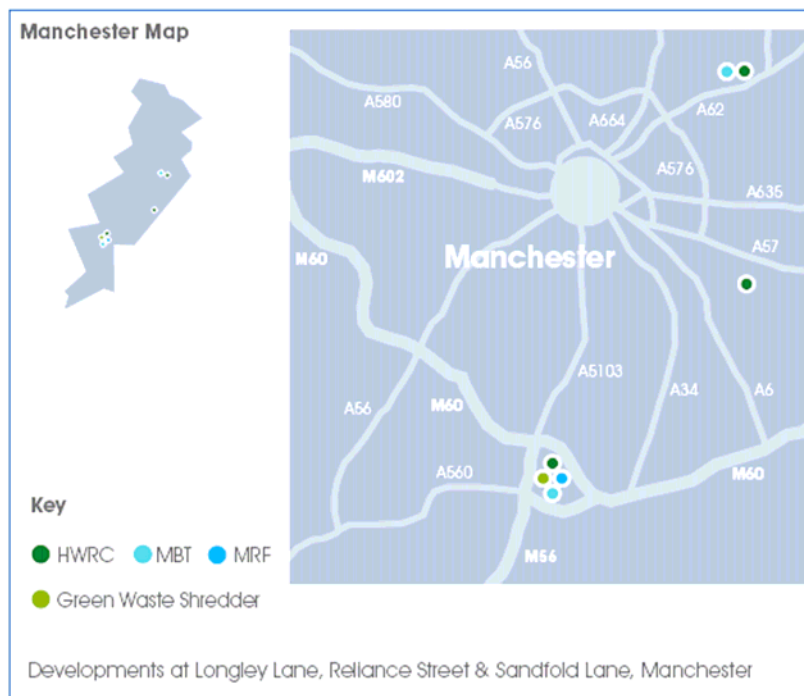


What's happening in Manchester?

As part of GMWDA's long-term waste strategy, Manchester'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.

Developments have been proposed at Manchester's three waste management sites:

- **Modernising** the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) at Sandfold Lane in the Gorton South ward, Reliance Street bordering the Miles Platting and Newton Heath wards, and Longley Lane in the Sharston ward.
- **Building** new Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) facilities at Reliance Street and Longley Lane.
- **Relocating** and improving the existing waste handling facilities at Longley Lane.



How will these changes improve our waste service?

The **HWRCs** at Manchester's three waste management sites will be redeveloped:

1. On **Longley Lane**, a new and enlarged HWRC will be built in the south-west corner of the site, to replace the current, dated facility.
2. On **Reliance Street**, the existing HWRC will be extended northward.

3. On **Sandfold Lane**, the HWRC will be extended and its layout redesigned.

These improvements will create modern, split-level HWRCs with:

- 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. Ultimately, this will reduce waiting times and provide a more comprehensive recycling service for local residents.

New **MBT facilities** will be built at two of Manchester's waste management sites:

- On **Longley Lane**, an MBT – consisting of a Mechanical Sorting Plant and Anaerobic Digester – will be built on the north of the site, on land currently occupied by the existing processing facility.
- On **Reliance Street**, a new Anaerobic Digester will be built on the east of the site, alongside the existing processing facility. Working in tandem, these facilities will constitute a new MBT plant.

The two MBT facilities will help Greater Manchester generate green energy and divert more waste from landfill.

In addition, the **existing facilities at Longley Lane** will be updated and relocated:

- The **Green Waste Shredding facility (GWS)** will be moved to a purpose-built structure on the north-east boundary of the site.
- **A new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** will be built on the site to recycle more materials each year that would otherwise go to landfill.
- **The Manchester County Council vehicle depot**, office and welfare building will be relocated to the far north east corner of the site to provide better access and a more efficient use of space.

Relocating these existing facilities will improve the overall efficiency of the Longley Lane site. A new office and education centre building will also be built, close to the new HWRC, to promote awareness of waste management to young people and other interested visitors.

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 sites do not disturb local residents:

- All new developments will take place **within the boundaries of the current sites**, meaning that no additional land will be required.
- The processing facilities will be **designed for minimum visual impact**, with extensive landscaping and shrub planting, and the colour schemes for both buildings and fencing following those currently used around the sites.
- The **MRF and MBT facilities will be self contained**, ensuring that all processes take place within buildings – with safeguards in place to prevent litter, odour and noise pollution.