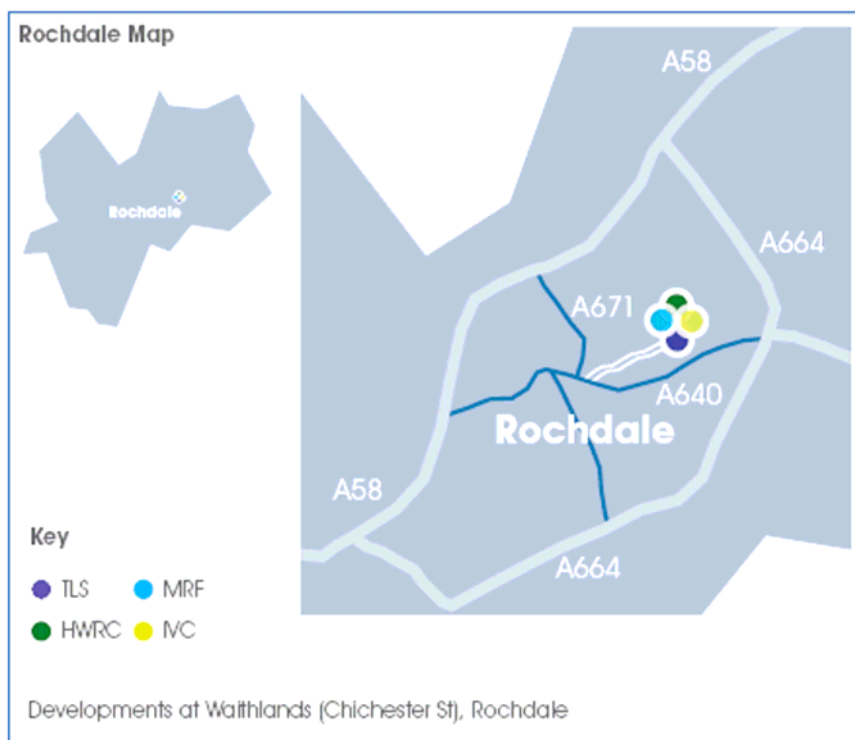


What's happening in Rochdale?

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

Two developments have been proposed.

1. An upgrade of the current Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) on Chichester Street in the Waithlands industrial estate.
2. The construction of new handling and processing facilities, also located on the Waithlands industrial estate. Planning approval has already been given for this element of the proposal.



How will these changes improve our waste service?

The HWRC will have its existing border extended by about 20 metres to the rear of the facility, as viewed from Chichester Street.

This extra space will allow for:

- a larger storage capacity;
- more convenient site layout; and
- better traffic access

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

The waste handling and processing facilities will be built on a site formerly used for landfill, to the rear of the current HWRC, allowing for a more efficient transfer of materials. The proposed development will have two sections:

1. **The Transfer Loading Station** will receive and sort both recyclable and non-recyclable waste from local collections, ready to be sent on for reprocessing.
2. **The In-Vessel Composting Facility** will process kitchen and garden waste collected from across Rochdale and Oldham into compost for use in landscaping, farming and horticulture.

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:

- Substantial landscaping and planting with shrubs and trees will be carried out, in addition to the established tree line which already provides a natural 160 metre buffer zone.
- The 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 facilities will be self contained, ensuring that all processes take place within the buildings – with safeguards in place to prevent litter, odour or noise pollution.