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A public consultation will start on 6 March 2015 to give people the opportunity to make early comments on proposals for a new site bringing together waste services for west Suffolk, including a transfer station and a household waste recycling centre, together with a waste depot.



Last month Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury and Suffolk County councils, working in partnership to develop the site, all approved moving to the next stage. This proposal could enable all three authorities to move facilities to one site, freeing up existing sites for potential future development. The new site would include:

- a depot to manage the councils' vehicle fleet;
- a waste transfer station; and
- a public household waste recycling centre (to replace the one at Rougham Hill).

A planning application is expected to be submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council, as the local planning authority, in late spring 2015, but before then the partners want to hear from those who may be affected by the site's location at Hollow Road Farm.

The pre-application consultation starts on Friday 6 March and closes on Monday 6 April. Information about proposals for the site and an online comments form is available on the website from the date the consultation opens (6 March): www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh (<http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh>) and there is also a drop-in event at Great Barton Village Hall on Monday 16 March from 3pm to 8pm. Other ways to make comments include by email: wsoh@westsuffolk.gov.uk (<mailto:wsoh@westsuffolk.gov.uk>) or by sending a letter to: WSOH, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU.

Cllr Peter Stevens, St Edmundsbury Cabinet member for Waste and Property, said: "We are still in the early stages of planning this site and public comments are especially welcome so we can submit the best possible planning application."

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste: "We hope this ambitious partnership project will enable joint public services to be delivered in west Suffolk. As part of developing our ideas, it is important that we get the views of local people and businesses before a planning application is submitted."

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