

Benefits

At a glance

- ✓ Land zoned for industrial use
- ✓ Key to efficient and cost effective recycling collections across the borough
- ✓ Support local jobs
- ✓ No on-site treatment or processing of any material
- ✓ Good access to collection routes
- ✓ All alternative sites that have been identified are outside the borough, which would mean longer journeys at greater expense to the taxpayer and a higher production of CO₂.



Improvements to the local area

- ✓ As well as possible changes to the road layout, the Council is considering improvements to pedestrian areas on Oakleigh Road
- ✓ Local improvements such as safety railings, underpass improvements, and enhancements to the bus stop could be part of the scheme
- ✓ Your views will help to identify potential improvements.

Feasibility work

Assessment work

- The final proposals will only be submitted once the appropriate assessments have been carried out, including:
- Ongoing environmental studies
- Traffic assessments consisting of traffic counts and junction surveys
- A full acoustic impact assessment
- A Land and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA).



Noise and visual

- Based on the results of the acoustic assessment, options to provide noise mitigation will be considered, including screening and landscaping
- As part of its plans, the Council is proposing to plant trees to provide natural visual screening
- There is also the potential to put up a noise abatement screen
- All of the Council's waste and recycling collection vehicles are fitted with 'white noise' reversing signals
- The refuse and recycling collection vehicles will typically operate between 6:20am and 4pm Monday to Friday, and between 6:20am and 2pm on Saturdays.

Traffic and access

- A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be put in place to minimise the impact of vehicles using the site
- Improvements to the road layout on Oakleigh Road South will be considered – early plans are available to view
- A fleet of 46 household waste and recycling collection vehicles will use the depot as a base
- These vehicles will generate approximately 127 additional vehicle movements, which is just under 1% of the existing traffic flow along Oakleigh Road on a typical weekday
- Staff vehicles, the Council's winter gritting fleet and other HGVs will also visit the depot
- Drivers will be briefed on best practice behaviour and instructed to follow the TMP.

Odour and litter

- Only dry recyclables and food waste will be brought to the site. There will be no residual waste (black bin) material
- All material will be unloaded into a covered area to avoid wind-blown litter
- Food waste will be brought to the site and stored in covered containers to limit smell. It will be removed from the site every day
- Recyclable materials will be taken away in covered vehicles to limit litter
- No recyclable material or food waste will be left on site overnight
- The site will be cleaned down at the end of each day so there is no loose material lying about.

You can get in touch with the project team on 0800 157 7346 or at abbotsdepot@communityrelations.co.uk