

Council Vehicle Depot

Oakleigh Road South (former Abbots Depot site)

May 2016 Newsletter

Work to begin in May 2016

With planning permission granted, Barnet Council has begun working with its appointed contractor, Willmott Dixon, to prepare the Oakleigh Road South Depot site, formerly known as the Abbots Depot site, ahead of construction starting.

Construction work will begin in May 2016 and will last for approximately 12 months. The depot should be built and operational in summer 2017. Once built, the depot will allow Barnet Council to operate its waste and recycling collection fleet from a single coordinated site, ensuring the most efficient service for residents across the borough.

The work to build this essential facility will take place because the proposals for the depot received the go-ahead from Barnet Council's Planning Committee and the Mayor of London's office.



Benefits to the local area

As part of the delivery of the depot we wanted to bring benefits to the local area, and having listened to residents' feedback these include:

- Reducing the number of HGV movements along Oakleigh Road South through the purchase of the lease for the Winters Haulage site
- Increasing the amount of trees screening the site
- Improving road safety through changes to the site entrance, the reinstatement of bollards along Oakleigh Road South's pavements, and the installation of speed warning signs and a zebra crossing
- Improving the condition of surrounding roads and footpaths
- Enforcing good practice by other companies on the trading estate with parking restrictions (e.g. yellow lines) along part of Oakleigh Road South
- Improving the underpass between Oakleigh Road South and Beaconsfield Road
- Sweeping Oakleigh Road South more often

Keeping local people updated

Barnet Council and Willmott Dixon will continue engaging with local people during the construction of the depot. There will be regular update newsletters on the progress of the construction, including an introductory newsletter from Willmott Dixon which will contain more information on the work involved. You can also find out more information on the project website: www.barnet.gov.uk/abbotsdepot.

Willmott Dixon will also carry out community engagement activities, including educational visits to local schools to teach about building site safety and careers in construction. Further information will be provided by Willmott Dixon in future newsletters.

The project

Why do we need the depot?

The replacement depot is essential to an efficient and cost effective waste and recycling collection service. The site is currently vacant and zoned for industrial use. It is located near to main road networks and the borough's waste and recycling collection routes. This will help keep a cap on the cost of refuse collections in Barnet by reducing the number of long distance journeys that have to be taken by the refuse and recycling collection vehicles.

Why are we moving the depot?

The site of the current depot in Mill Hill East has been identified by the Mayor of London as an area where land should be prioritised for housing and employment uses. Planning permission has been granted to re-develop the Mill Hill East area, meaning the Council has to move its depot to a new location. The Mill Hill development will generate £40million for taxpayers across the borough. This money will be

invested in public services and will help with things like increasing the number of school places for children and improving community facilities.

What will be on the site?

- An undercover bulking facility for food waste and dry recyclables
- A maintenance building for the Council's waste and recycling collection vehicles
- Parking spaces for the waste and recycling collection vehicles
- A cleaning bay
- A fuel pump
- A salt barn and winter gritting facilities
- A two-storey office
- Parking for staff cars

The depot will not:

- Handle residual waste (black bin material)
- Store any recyclable material or food waste overnight
- Treat or process any recyclable material or food waste

Considerate Constructors Scheme

Willmott Dixon is a founding member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This Scheme ensures its members act responsibly; respecting and protecting the people and places they work in.

This approach of working considerately is important to the Council, as we want to make sure that disruption to the local community and environment is minimised.

Companies registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme are expected to:

- Ensure sites appear professional and well managed
- Give utmost consideration to their impact on neighbours and the public
- Protect and enhance the environment
- Seek sustainable solutions – minimise waste, carbon footprint and resource use
- Attain the highest levels of safety performance
- Provide a supportive and caring working environment



You can find out more about the Considerate Constructors Scheme on its website: www.ccscheme.org.uk.

For more information

Residents can continue to get in touch with the Council via the project email account abbotsdepot@communityrelations.co.uk and project Freephone line **0800 157 7346**. You can also write to **FREEPOST COMMUNITY RELATIONS TEAM** (no postage required).

Further information can be found on the dedicated project website: www.barnet.gov.uk/abbotsdepot.