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### **Green plans for the east of the county**

Veolia Environmental Services has submitted plans this week for a crucial new waste transfer and recycling depot at Pebsham.

The waste contractor has submitted a planning application to East Sussex County Council which, if approved, will see the facility handle up to 85,000 tonnes a year of household recyclables and waste.

The new facility will give a critical boost to the county's need to meet recycling, recovery and landfill reduction targets and will provide a much needed long term waste transfer facility as part of the new waste infrastructure planned for the area.

The facility, which is planned to be operational by April 2007, will take household recycling and residual waste collected in the local Hastings and surrounding area and bulk it for onward transport to recycling companies and for energy recovery, in the form of electricity.

The facility's proposed location is at the former Reprotech RDF plant building, situated on the Freshfields Road, which historically processed similar amounts of waste materials. The proposals will be accommodated within the existing buildings and will include, subject to planning approval, the removal of the existing chimney stack.

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The proposed location is allocated for waste management uses within the adopted waste local plan and fits well with the Countryside Park proposals for the area. The plans also include relocating the area's refuse and recycling collection fleet from its current home at the Bulverhythe Depot. This will in turn help to reduce waste related traffic using the A259 coast road.

Chris Maltbaek, managing director for Veolia Environmental Services South Downs, said of the proposals: "The option of landfill is fast running out and there is no "do nothing" option. This facility will enable us to increase recycling and to start to recover energy from waste that is not recycled. In this way, we will manage waste more sustainably, reduce disposal of waste to landfill and help the councils in their critical efforts to reach their targets."

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### **Notes to the Editor**

1. The proposed depot is one of a range of new facilities planned for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove, as part of Veolia Environmental Services' 25 year Integrated Waste Management Contract. The Integrated Waste Management Service is designed to minimise waste being sent to landfill and increase recycling, composting and energy recovery.
2. The proposed facility is for waste generated in the east of the county.
3. Non-recyclable waste will be bulked and sent to an Energy Recovery Facility. This is an interim measure to allow recovery rates to be advanced and is being put in place while long term plans for the Newhaven Energy Recovery Facility at North Quay are developed.
4. The facility will increase diversion of waste from landfill, provide a long term facility for handling recyclables and assist in increasing recovery of energy from waste. This is crucial as there are now

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demanding targets for local authorities to meet under the Landfill Directive and the Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme (LATS), along with tough financial penalties. There are furthermore targets to be met for recycling and recovery.

5. Landfill in East Sussex may be closed as early as 2008. Therefore, a network of waste transfer stations is critical in order to provide local collection vehicles with a delivery point and to provide more efficient transport of waste to onward recycling, disposal and recovery points, as part of the council's Integrated Waste Management Strategy.

6. The planning application is available to view at East Sussex County Council. Documents can also be viewed on the Veolia website at [www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns](http://www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns) in the facilities section. A full copy of the application is also available on CD and can be requested by emailing [info.southdowns@veolia.co.uk](mailto:info.southdowns@veolia.co.uk)



**The former Reprotech site, where the proposed facility will be located**



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### **About Veolia Environmental Services in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove**

Veolia Environmental Services (formerly Onyx) has a 25 year contract for the delivery of an integrated waste management service across East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Working in partnership with both East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council, it is committed to providing a sustainable approach to managing the area's household waste. Providing this service requires the operation, development and construction of a network of strategically placed facilities, designed to increase recycling, composting and recovery and to reduce dependence on scarce local landfill.

Under its contract Veolia Environmental Services is not responsible for the household collection of waste or recyclables. This remains the responsibility of Brighton & Hove City Council and the five District and Borough councils within East Sussex.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the websites:

[www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns](http://www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns)

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling)

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cityclean](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cityclean)

### **About Veolia Environmental Services in the UK**

Veolia Environmental Services, formerly known as Onyx and part of the Veolia Group, is one of the UK's leading waste management companies operating in all of the industry sectors. With a sizeable presence throughout Britain, Europe and the World, Veolia Environmental Services employs 80,000 people worldwide, servicing more than 50 million inhabitants across 33 countries.

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