

REUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRE COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Gerpins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre

The civic amenity site at Gerpins Lane, Upminster is currently owned and operated by Havering Council. From Summer 2002, the site will be operated by Shanks under an agreement with the Council – to provide a recovery and recycling facility for local residents. This agreement is part of a new approach to waste management for the whole East London Waste Authority area, which covers Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham and Redbridge.

Shanks is planning a number of improvements to the site and has submitted a planning application to Havering Council.

To promote participation in recycling the new facility will be renamed a 'Reuse and Recycling Centre'.

In the future, residents will be able to bring the following materials to the Centre for recycling:

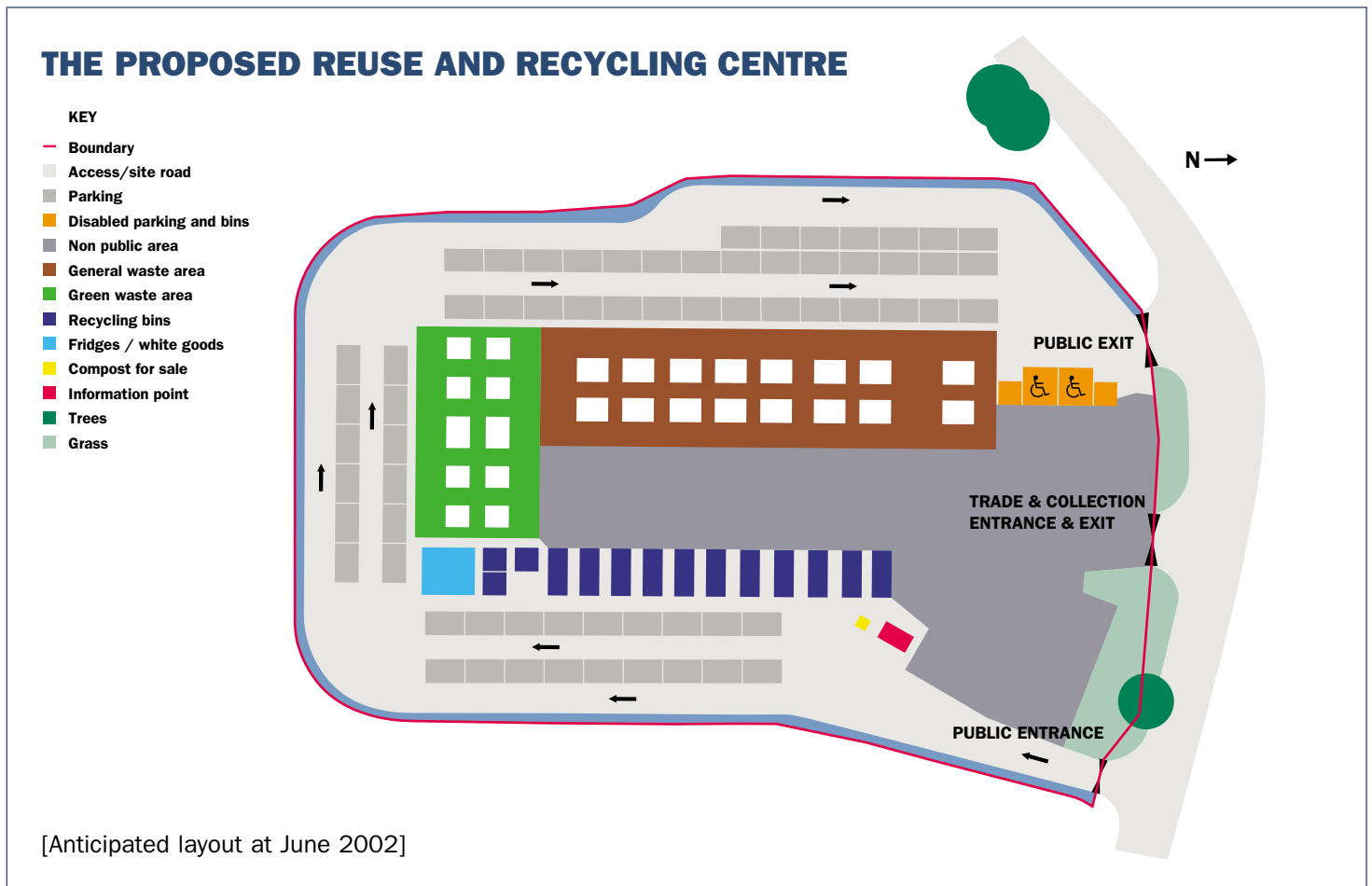
- Paper & cardboard
- Rubble
- Timber
- Glass
- Plastics
- Scrap metal
- Textiles
- Batteries
- Oil
- Fridges / white goods.



What is proposed?

- Improved traffic management at the Centre, with more parking and unloading areas – to reduce queues on and off the site
- Better layout to speed up progress through the Centre
- New recycling bins to increase the separation of materials for recycling
- Separate tipping areas for public and trade waste – to keep HGVs away from the public
- Collection of green waste for composting and the resale of compost
- New covered tipping & waste handling areas
- More helpers at the Centre to assist local residents with sorting and unloading
- The improvements will allow up to 41,000 tonnes of rubbish to be collected each year. Shanks aims to recycle 50% of this – 10 times more than at present.

The site is in the Green Belt and new tipping areas have been designed with this in mind. The existing, highly visible netting surrounding the site will be removed, resulting in improved local views.



How will it work?

THROUGH ROUTE

All public visitors will follow a one way route through the Centre, with additional parking bays and queuing areas provided to reduce queuing on public roads. Roads through the Centre will be clearly marked to separate through routes from parking and unloading areas.

NEW RECYCLING FACILITIES

A new, wider range of recycling bins will allow more materials to be separated for recycling. All will be clearly marked to ensure rubbish is correctly separated. Separate public and trade waste tipping areas will be provided – all under one roof which will help reduce

noise and smells and stop litter from blowing off the site.

HELPERS AND SECURITY

The Centre will be fully staffed during opening hours. Employees, who will be available to help the public, will wear uniforms with name badges. CCTV cameras and improved lighting will be installed at the Centre to increase security.

What effect will it have on the local area?

The site is already used for waste management and is in need of considerable investment. The improvements proposed by Shanks will allow the facility to operate more efficiently and to promote more recycling. No change of use on the site is proposed.

There are no plans to change operating hours, which are:

07.30 to 17.45 Monday to Sunday.

The improvements proposed will be undertaken in phases and every effort will be made to keep the Centre open during redevelopment. All work will be completed during Summer 2003.

Key benefits

- Ability to increase recycling to 50% at the Centre
- £600,000 investment in an improved facility
- New employment created at the Centre
- Reduced traffic queuing
- Covered tipping and handling areas
- More bins to increase recycling
- New low level bins for mobility impaired and older residents
- More help for local people using the Centre.

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9.00am - 5.00pm



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