



On behalf of South West Devon Waste Partnership

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South West Devon Waste Partnership announces bidders shortlist.

Three bidders proposing five solutions overall have been shortlisted to manage residual waste for the South West Devon Waste Partnership project.

MVV Umwelt, SITA UK and Viridor have been selected to go through to the next stage of the process to put forward more detailed plans for managing this waste for the South Devon area.

The companies have submitted outline plans for their waste solutions with possible sites, but these could still change as the process continues. The final solution and location will be selected by the partnership as part of the ongoing procurement following which a planning application will be submitted when members of the public will be invited to comment and give their views.

Various sites have been proposed as potential locations for waste management facilities: Ernesettle, North Yard Devonport, South Yard Devonport and New England Quarry. MVV Umwelt and SITA have offered proposals for both Ernesettle and Devonport whilst Viridor has put forward its own site at New England Quarry.

The South Yard and North Yard Devonport sites are not formally allocated in Plymouth's strategic waste planning document but this does provide criteria against which new sites can be considered. The partnership's procurement process also allows bidders to propose any site that could meet the project's needs but the bidder will need to demonstrate that the site is available and that planning and permitting permission could be achieved - these factors will be

considered further by the partnership as the procurement continues. In addition, before any development can take place, the contract will need to be awarded to a bidder, who will then need to receive planning permission.

The partnership will ask the bidders to develop the five proposals further before being assessed again in late Autumn to shortlist further.

The new chair of South West Devon Waste Partnership, Cllr. Roger Croad, Cabinet Member for Environmental and Regulatory Services at Devon County Council said: "The partnership is keen to achieve a sustainable long term solution to deal with our waste in the South West Devon region. Recycling is very much a priority and we want to make a real effort to increase our rates across the whole area. However, there will still be waste that needs treatment and so we are working with the industry to establish the best solution. The next task is to establish the most viable solutions to go forward to the next round, so we will be examining the bidders' proposals very rigorously."

Cllr Michael Leaves, Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability at Plymouth City Council said: "It is important that people can comment on this process and we welcome different points of view. We have a website that has a great deal of information available, but we are also looking to engage with the public. There will be a one day exhibition of the proposals in the Guildhall Plymouth in August, and we are setting up a series of roadshows around the region later in the year. It has always been our aim to inform people as much as possible throughout this process"

More information on the work of the partnership and the roadshows' schedule when finalised will be on the website swdwp.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors □The overall contract value for the 25-year period is expected to be in the region of £800m.

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