



ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST DEVON WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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MORE than 200 people turned up to an exhibition staged by the South West Devon Waste Partnership (SWDWP) at the weekend to learn more about plans for a new residual waste treatment facility in the region.

Interested local people and residents visited the Guildhall in Plymouth to ask questions about the proposals, including the potential locations, technology and timescale for the project, which will treat the region's waste, diverting it away from landfill.

The event was a brief update prior to a series of roadshows across the region in November which will provide further details on the shortlisted solutions.

The exhibition also included information about Devonport, which recently emerged as a potential new site.

Mark Turner, the SWDWP project director, said: "It has been so heartening to see so many people interested in the project. We have had some very valuable feedback and it has been useful to allay some people's concerns. We are looking forward to doing a much broader series of exhibitions around the region in November. No site has been chosen yet as we are investigating the viability of the proposals before we can shortlist."

Three bidders proposing five solutions in total have been selected by the partnership to go through to the next stage. The proposed solutions cover sites at Ernesettle, Devonport and New England Quarry. The South West Devon Waste Partnership comprises Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council and Devon County Council.

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