

Hampshire County Council – Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Planning Application:

Eastleigh Borough Council, Neighbourhood Services, Waste and Recycling Service

The Waste and Recycling Service are in support of the application for the building of a new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Chickenhall Lane in Eastleigh.

Given the release of the Governments Resources and Waste Strategy and subsequent consultations, we agree with the Governments desire for higher recycling targets and an increased range of recycled materials including plastic pots, tubs, and trays, and cartons. Eastleigh Borough Councils residents have been asking to be able to recycle more items for many years now, and the borough council is often criticised by its residents for not being able to recycle these materials, this new infrastructure will not only enable residents to recycle more, but will enable Eastleigh Borough Council achieve national recycling targets and mean fewer materials are sent for incineration.

Given the expected housing growth in Eastleigh and across Hampshire as a whole, it is likely that existing infrastructure which was built many years ago, will not have the capacity to deal with the amount of recycling being generated.

As a waste collection authority with responsibility for recycling collections we need to start planning our future services and have the confidence that we can meet the requirements of the Environment Act and provide our residents with the option to recycle more than they are currently able to, the new MRF gives us the confidence to plan for the future, and that recyclable material's will be processed within Hampshire.