

Impact Assessment

Use of North Powys Bulking Facility to transfer collected residual waste (subject to Planning authorisation)



Impact Assessments (IA) are a process of assessing how our proposals and decisions might impact upon different types of people and communities and developing proposals in line with relevant legislation.

This is a legal requirement, and ensures the Council considers key legislation, including Equalities, Welsh language, Future Generations, Socio-economic Duty and Risk when developing proposals.

It will also help the Council make the best possible decisions for the people of Powys.

1. Proposal Information

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Proposal title	Use of North Powys Bulking Facility to transfer collected residual waste (subject to Planning authorisation)
Description of proposal	Residual waste collected from households is currently taken to a third party site in Welshpool for which a handling fee is charged. The North Powys Bulking Facility is already used to transfer collected recyclable material and is permitted by NRW to also accept residual waste. This would, however, require Planning authorisation.

2. Savings and Consultation

Profile of savings delivery

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028+	Total Savings
0	£50,000	£50,000	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Further information

The total saving of £100,000 is the annual saving in the handling fee to use a third party facility.

Consultation requirements

Consultation required?	No
Union consultation date	Click or tap to enter a date.
Staff consultation date	Click or tap to enter a date.
Public consultation date	Click or tap to enter a date.

Consultation plan (or justification where no consultation is required)

The site is already being used as an operational base and a transfer facility for recyclable waste so the further impact on the public of also transferring residual waste would be negligible. Furthermore, NRW have undertaken an extensive consultation exercise during the permit application process.

3. Impact on other service areas, geographical areas, and data protection

1a. Impact on other service areas

None

1b. Impact on geographical locations

There would be a negligible impact on the immediate area of Abermule due to minimal additional vehicle movements when residual waste was collected by artic lorries up to three times a week. There are already a number of artic loads leaving the facility each day.

1c. Data protection impact assessment

Will the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals?	No
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Is Powys County Council the data controller?	Yes
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Further information

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4. Impact on well-being goals including Welsh language and equalities

1d. A prosperous Wales

Impact	Local employment opportunities at the facility are available
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Impact Rating	Good
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Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.
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1e. A resilient Wales

Impact	With vehicles tipping at the same place as they are parked, i.e. at the end of their round, the reduction in vehicle mileage will reduce carbon emissions. The use of the site will also provide a long term sustainable strategic solution for the bulking of residual waste in the north of the County.
Impact Rating	Good
Mitigation	Route optimisation will further improve efficiencies and reduce carbon emissions form the fleet of vehicles.
Mitigated Rating	Very good

1f. A healthier Wales

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1g. A Wales of cohesive communities

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1h. A globally responsible Wales

Impact	The reduction in vehicle mileage will reduce carbon emissions. The use of the site will also provide a long term sustainable strategic solution for the bulking of residual in the north of the County for onward transfer to an Energy from Waste facility.
Impact Rating	Good
Mitigation	Route optimisation will further improve efficiencies and reduce carbon emissions from the fleet of vehicles.
Mitigated Rating	Very good

1i. A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Using Welsh

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Promoting Welsh

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Sports, Art & Recreation

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.

Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.
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1j. A more equal Wales

Age

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Disability

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Gender Reassignment

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Marriage or Civil Partnership

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.

Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.
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Race

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Religion or belief

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Sex

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Sexual Orientation

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Socio-economic Duty

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1k. Evidence

Vehicle movements are quantifiable as there will not be the requirement for additional mileage for vehicles to travel to an alternative bulking facility. It is clear that having a strategically located north bulking facility will provide long term resilience.

5. Impact on key guiding principles & workforce

1l. Sustainable development principles

Long-term

Impact	The proposal provides a long term sustainable solution for bulking up residual waste collected from the kerbside, which will allow the Council to maximise value for money in any future contractual arrangements.
Impact Rating	Very good
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Collaboration

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Involvement (including Communication & Engagement)

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Prevention

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Integration

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1m. Impact on the workforce

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1n. Impact on payroll

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1o. Welsh language impact on Staff

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1p. Impact on apprenticeships

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1q. Evidence

Having a strategically located bulking facility for residual waste will clearly benefit vehicle movements in Powys and hence the impact on Wales and globally. As the site is currently already in use as a base for vehicles as well as for bulking recyclable material, any further impact on local residents will be negligible.

6. Likelihood and risks

Risk 1

Not receiving authorisation from Planning to accept residual waste at the site

Likelihood score	2	Impact score	4	Risk rating	8
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Mitigation

The site is already operational for the bulking up of recyclable material and can accept residual waste under the NRW permit, so there is no technical reason for authorisation not to be granted.

Residual likelihood score	1	Residual impact score	4	Residual risk rating	4
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Risk 2

Local and political opposition as it has been a long standing issue to not accept residual waste at the site

Likelihood score	4	Impact score	2	Risk rating	8
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Mitigation

The site has been operational as a bulking facility for recyclable material for a number of months with no issues. The use of the site for residual waste would have little if any further impact on the locality. There is a negative perception of using the site for residual waste, so effective communications with concerned parties will be essential.

Residual likelihood score	2	Residual impact score	2	Residual risk rating	4
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Risk 3

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Likelihood score	Choose an item.	Impact score	Choose an item.	Risk rating	Choose an item.
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Mitigation

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Residual likelihood score	Choose an item.	Residual impact score	Choose an item.	Residual risk rating	Choose an item.
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Risk 4

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Likelihood score	Choose an item.	Impact score	Choose an item.	Risk rating	Choose an item.
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Mitigation

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Residual likelihood score	Choose an item.	Residual impact score	Choose an item.	Residual risk rating	Choose an item.
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Risk 5

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Likelihood score	Choose an item.	Impact score	Choose an item.	Risk rating	Choose an item.
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Mitigation

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Residual likelihood score

Choose an item.

Residual impact score

Choose an item.

Residual risk rating

Choose an item.

7. Overall summary and judgement

Outline assessment

The North Powys Bulking Facility, located at the Abermule Business Park, is already fully operational as the base for the Waste and Recycling vehicles as well as for the bulking and transfer of collected recyclable material. The NRW Environmental Permit allows for residual waste to also be bulked and transferred at the facility and any impacts on residents are already being mitigated through the current compliance with the permit.

The impact will be positive in terms of providing a long term sustainable solution for waste and recycling in the north of the County. This will mean that Powys is able to achieve and exceed the Welsh Government's Statutory Recycling Targets as well as contributing to the circular economy and carbon reduction objectives.

Cabinet reference

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8. Additional evidence

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9. Monitoring arrangements

The potential savings will be immediate on using the Council owned facility as opposed to a third party. Any impacts on residents are already mitigated against through compliance with the NRW permit which requires the Council to operate to a very high standard which is then monitored by NRW.

Review date

03/03/2025