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LANDFILL DISPOSAL COMPLETES



Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) can confirm that the transfer of 18 former landfill sites, comprising of some 526 acres in Greater Manchester has been successfully completed for an undisclosed sum. The sites have been transferred by GMWDA to Landcare (Manchester) Limited (Landcare).

Following a rigorous selection process undertaken by GMWDA and its advisors Jones Lang LaSalle, and an extensive due diligence programme undertaken by Landcare, agreements were completed on the 17th December 2012 for full freehold and environmental responsibility to pass to Landcare at the outset. Operational support will be provided by Landcare's sister company Thornton Facilities Management.

Landcare specialises in providing 'managed exits' to a variety of blue chip clients in the UK and Europe, seeking to divest redundant liability 'Brownfield' sites. Landcare, being part of the wider NPL group, is able to call on in-house expertise covering environmental management, facilities management, development planning, laboratory analysis, renewable energy and waste management operations to offer unique solutions to its extensive client base.

GMWDA Chair, Councillor Neil Swannick said "The next logical step was to look at better ways to manage some 18 former landfill sites. The sites were a legacy from the past when the majority of waste was disposed directly to landfill. The Authority was very clear that a transfer with on-going commitment to proactive site management was the priority. As such we are delighted that Landcare, a specialist professional company with the right expertise and the opportunity to bring the sites into more beneficial use, be that through focussed community engagement or in some cases through redevelopment has been selected".

NPL Group's Managing Director Simon Towers added "This transaction cements Landcare's standing as the UK's leading liability divestment company. We are delighted that the Authority has placed its trust in Landcare to take over responsibility of the sites which have been managed well for the last 20 years or so. We will over time look at ways in which sites can be enhanced through funding and in some cases through redevelopment, but our core focus is retaining the levels of care and maintenance and ensuring that the sites continue to no longer pose a risk to the environment".

John Lafferty, Associate Director, Planning and Development, at Jones Lang LaSalle in Manchester, said: "Landcare have a proven track record for being an excellent custodian of similar assets and of dealing with this type of site, making them an ideal partner."

Landcare was advised by Squire Sanders (UK) LLP's partner Mark Gaffney.

Active site management works are underway, and positive plans to bring some of the sites into beneficial use are already being promoted by Landcare.

NPL Group's Energy Team are currently drawing up plans to create a series of biomass plantations on up to 3 initial trial sites in partnership with stakeholders, with the Adswood site in Stockport taking the lead as a pilot site.

Landcare's Managing Director, Roger Warren reported that "discussions are underway with Stockport Borough Council to plant up to 35 acres of short rotational willow coppicing at Adswood, with works commencing in Summer 2013. If this trial goes well, we will look to roll out this renewable energy solution on additional sites."

The 18 former landfill sites and addresses are listed below:

| Landfill Site | Location |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Bolton | |
| Cox Green | Cox Green Road, Egerton Bolton BL7 9UX |
| Red Moss | Futura Park, Horwich Bolton BL7 9UX |
| Bury | |
| Drinkwater Park | Clifton Road, Prestwich M45 7JZ |
| Manchester | |
| Pink Bank Lane | East Road, Gorton, Manchester M18 7RN |
| Oldham | |
| Deanshut Clough | Dingle Terrace, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Tameside OL6 8AH |
| Hardman Fold | Hardman Fold, Broadway, Failsworth, Manchester M35 0DX |
| Rochdale | |
| Peel Lane | Peel Lane, Heywood, Rochdale OL16 2AU |
| Salford | |
| Brookhouse | Stannard Road, Eccles, Manchester M30 7PN |
| Carrington Street | Carrington Street, Swinton, Salford M27 8GQ |
| Lumns Lane | Lumns Lane Clifton, Swinton, Manchester M27 8LN |
| Stockport | |
| Adswood | Adswood Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5QA |
| Tameside | |
| Ash Road | Ash Road, Droylsden, Manchester M43 6QU |
| Glent Quarry | Wakefield Road, Heyrod, Stalybridge SJ15 3BY |
| St Annes Road | St Annes Road Tameside M34 3FA |
| Dunkirk Lane | Dunkirk Lane, Hyde SK14 4NL |
| Trafford | |
| Cob Kiln Lane | Cob Kiln Lane, Urmston, Manchester M41 9JT |
| Stretford | Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 6QU |
| Torbay Road | Torbay Road, Trafford M41 9JT |

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