

Altens East Recycling and Waste Management Facility

Members of Cove and Altens Community Council and a representative from Doonies Farm were given an in-depth guided tour of the new Recycling and Waste Management facility in Altens.

The Materials Recycling Facility is a hi-tech operation which will shortly be in full production to separate and sort all of the recycled materials that are collected by the Council from homes and businesses across Aberdeen.

Also housed there is a refuse derived fuel facility which will accept all of the residual (black bin) waste collected from homes, shred the material, extract any metals for recycling and prepare it for use as a fuel. Recovering this non-recyclable waste that was previously sent to landfill and turning it into fuel will offset the use of fossil fuels.

This is a new, modern building with welfare facilities for the Council's waste collection staff and a depot for Aberdeen City Council's waste and recycling collection vehicles.

SUEZ recycling and recovery UK and Aberdeen City Council are working together to fulfil the Aberdeen Recycling and Energy initiative, in line with Scotland's Zero Waste Plan and the Council's Waste Strategy.

Currently, the people of Aberdeen recycle about 38,000 tonnes of recyclables per year, leaving around 61,000 tonnes to be disposed of each year. There is still a significant amount of recyclables in this material.

In addition to this, from 01 January 2021, in Scotland it will be illegal to put any biodegradable municipal waste into landfill.

The message we have taken back is to recycle as much as you can and if you are still not sure what can be put in your bin, more information is available from the City Council's Waste and Recycling Team.

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