

# PROPOSED NEW PROCESSING FACILITIES TO IMPROVE RECYCLING FOR ABERDEEN

***Plans are being developed for a new facility to recycle and process the majority of Aberdeen's household waste in a bid to increase recycling and reduce the city's £5m landfill tax bill.***

In response to Aberdeen City Council's 'Aberdeen Recycling and Energy' initiative, SITA UK is submitting a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to the Council outlining how it plans to consult with the public on its proposal to **create a Materials Recycling Facility and Refuse Derived Fuel centre on the north eastern side of the Altens Industrial Estate, just off Hareness Place.**

If the Altens East facility gets the go-ahead, it is envisaged that it will be open during 2016, significantly increasing recycling, reducing landfill and creating new jobs both during the construction and operational phases.

The plans include a new Materials Recycling Facility, where mixed recyclables

collected from homes and businesses can be sorted before being sold on for reprocessing.

The Refuse Derived Fuel Facility would process residual waste (waste material that remains once all viable attempts to recycle it have taken place) to extract metals.

The remaining material would then be securely baled and stored prior to onward transfer out of the area, where it would be diverted from landfill and put to better use through the recovery of energy.

The development site will also include a replacement depot for the council's waste collection vehicles, currently located on Powis Terrace.

**Public exhibitions about the plans are being held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14, from 1pm to 8pm in the Kemnay Suite of the Thistle Hotel, Souter Head Rd, Aberdeen AB12 3LF. Everyone is welcome to attend.**