

INTRODUCTION

Waste Recycling Group is a leading UK waste management and energy company and runs the Arpley site.

Arpley Landfill has been open since 1988 and has since then been providing waste disposal services for local authorities and private businesses. There will always be materials that cannot be recycled or treated; Arpley Landfill provides a valuable service by taking waste from Warrington and surrounding areas.

WRG is proposing to extend the operating life of Arpley Landfill site by 12 years from the current permitted end date of 2013. This is not an increase in the volume of waste the site will receive but an extension of time to complete site operations and land restoration. This is needed due to the increase in recycling and the reduction of waste being sent to landfill. As part of the application, WRG will continue their commitment to

manage and operate the Moore Nature Reserve for a further 14 years (until 2030).

During this time, the landfill site will continue with its site operations, restoration of the former dredging land and the management of Moore Nature Reserve.

WRG have already held a three stage consultation programme, and consulted on all aspects of the proposal, including traffic, visual impact and the future profile of the site. Today's exhibition is to let you know the details of our application to Warrington Borough Council, ask any questions, and let you know the next steps.

Aerial view



CONSULTATION

Before deciding on the final details of our proposal, we carried out an extensive three stage programme.

This involved:

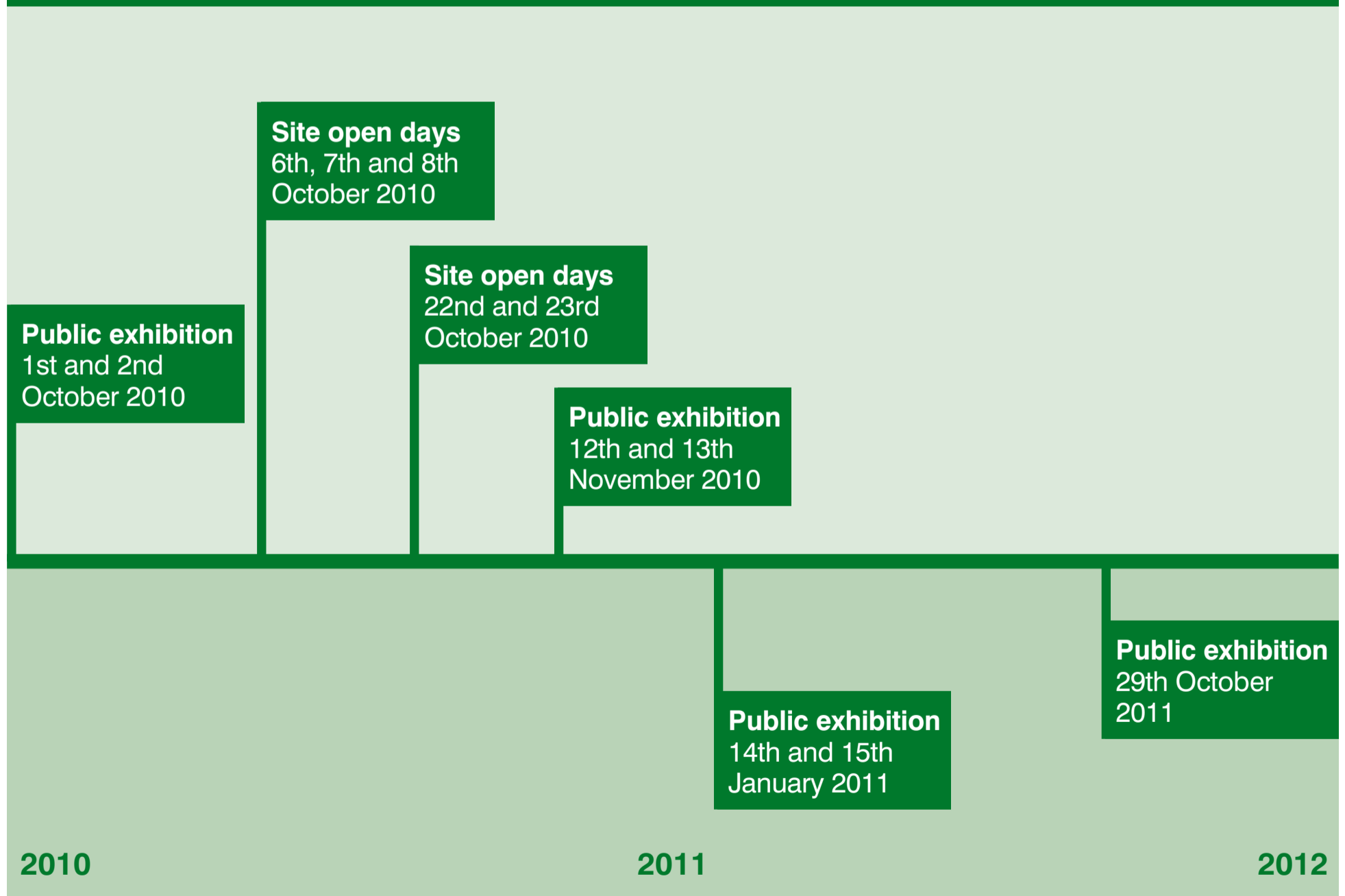
- Three public exhibitions: each took place over two days to ensure the maximum input from residents, Warrington Borough Council and local stakeholders, along with over 3,000 information leaflets delivered to local premises.
- Five site open days where visitors were given the opportunity to have a tour of the site and comment on the proposal.

In addition to the public events we have held a range of meetings with key local representatives, including Parish Councils and residents associations, as well as set up a Traffic Working Group involving local residence.

We now feel confident that the final set of proposals takes into account the feedback received during this period.



Consultation timeline



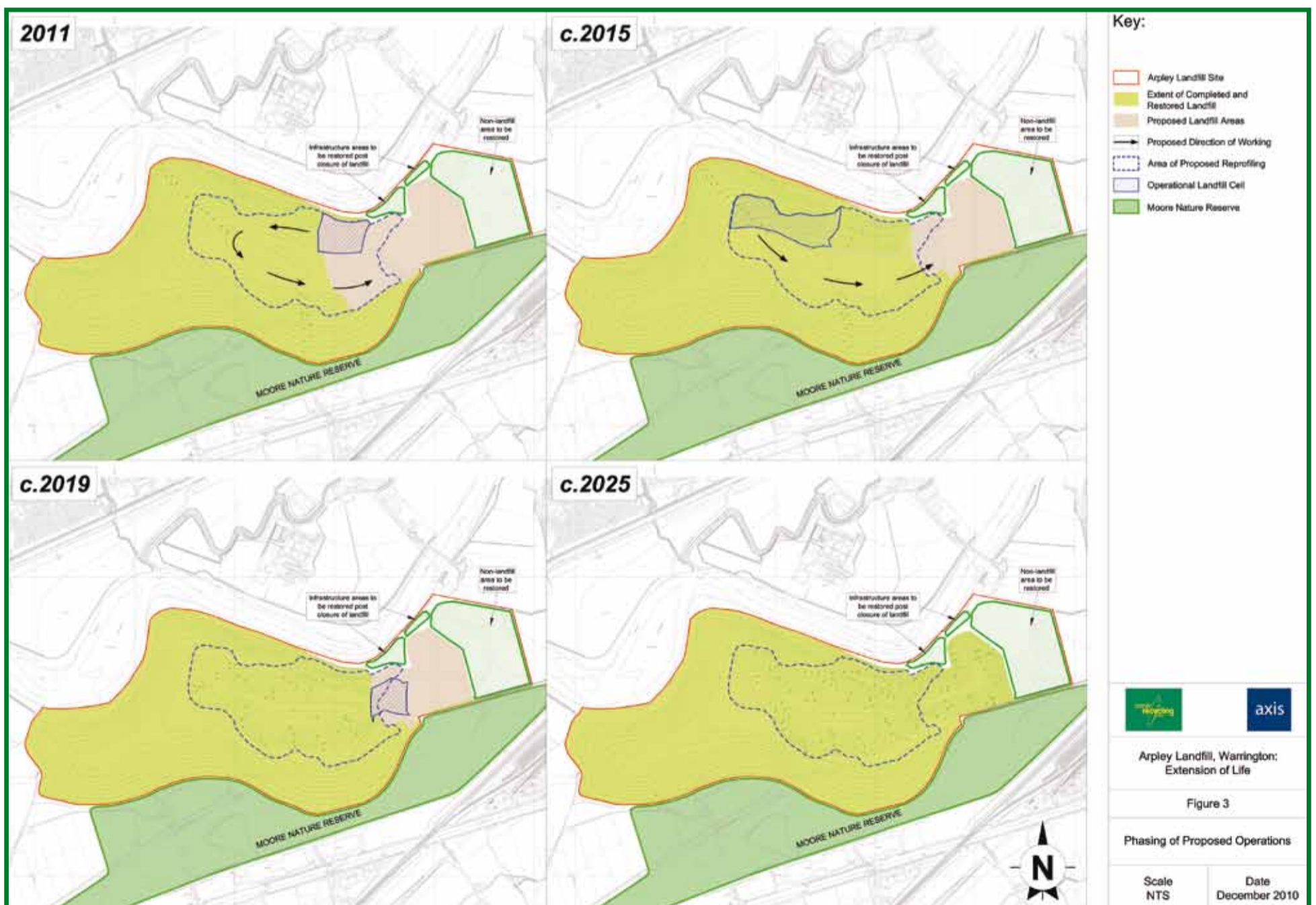
THE PROPOSAL

WRG is proposing to extend the operating time at Arpley Landfill by 12 years from the current permitted end date of 2013 (until 2025).

The main details are:

- Extend the operational lifespan and land restoration of Arpley Landfill by 12 years from the current end date of 2013.
- Re-profile the current landform. This will result in a reduction in the footprint of the landfill operations with typical increase in height by approximately 8 metres.
- The re-profiling will mean the distance between the landfill and the nearest residential areas is increased by 200 meters.
- Create a structured restoration programme which will limit the impact on nearby residents by ensuring that operational areas are kept to a minimum and are screened where possible.
- Commit to traffic related initiatives including, amongst others, a proposed cap on total vehicle movements to the site and a vehicle routing strategy.
- Continue the active management of the Moore Nature Reserve (until 2030).
- Continue to provide funding to WREN (which distributes landfill tax money to local community schemes).

Phasing of proposed operations – 2011 to 2025



OUR PROPOSED ROUTING STRATEGY AND WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

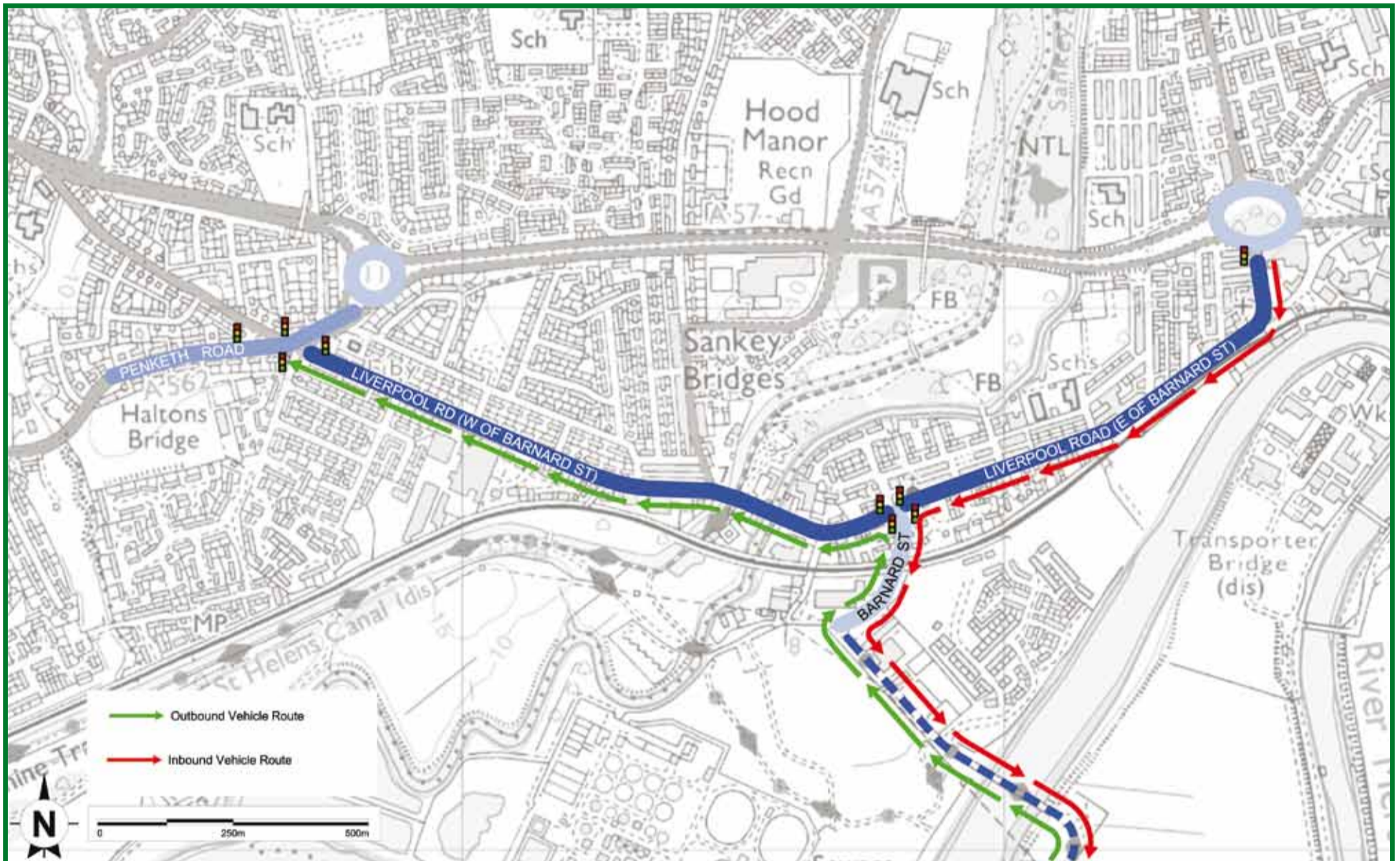
During the consultation process, we have listened to residents' views about traffic related to the site. As part of the planning application, we are proposing a clear routing strategy for vehicles accessing Arpley Landfill.

WRG is working towards minimising the impact of traffic and has addressed comments made by introducing:

- Active speed enforcement off-site.
- Cracking down on HGV vehicles that arrive at the site before 7.15am.

- A Traffic Working Group which has been set-up with local residents and other key stakeholders to identify concerns and potential solutions.
- Regular vehicle inspection surveys along Old Liverpool Road.

Proposed vehicle routing strategy



MOORE NATURE RESERVE

WRG is committed to the management of the award-winning Moore Nature Reserve, which currently attracts 30,000+ visitors a year.

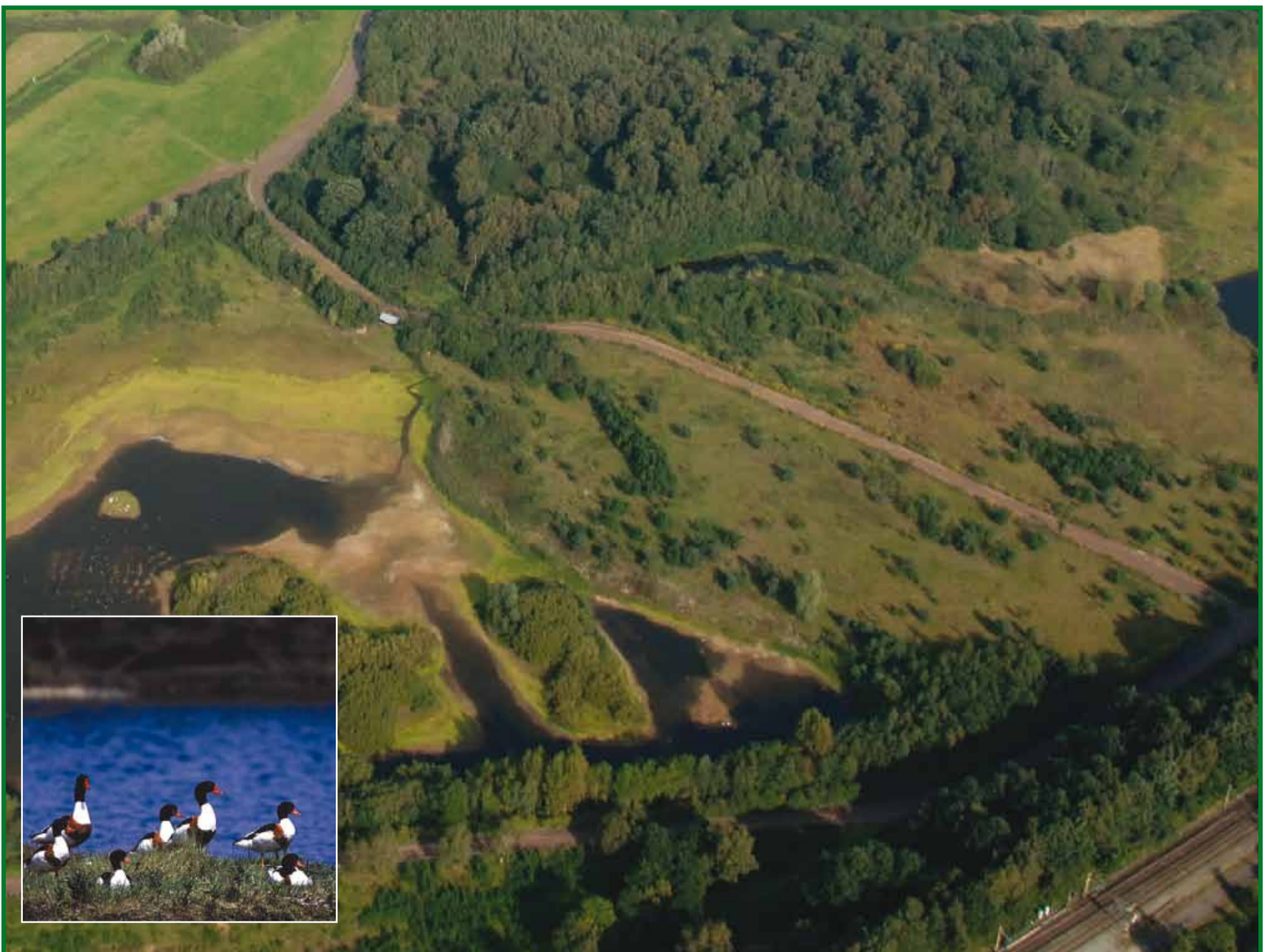
The long-term investment into Moore Nature Reserve is dependent on the landfill site remaining open as this will allow further opportunities for the management of the reserve.

One of the main details of the planning application is to extend the life of Moore Nature Reserve by 14 years (until 2030). As part of the current planning agreement WRG is committed to managing Moore Nature Reserve until 2016.

WRG will continue to sensitively manage the Reserve to ensure that the biodiversity and value of the area continues to improve.

As part of the application, WRG is committed to allow public use of the restored landfill and will open up areas as soon as practical. As part of the proposal, WRG will create 2.5km of new footpaths to encourage public access to closed restored sections of the landfill site, along with a new bird hide overlooking the River Mersey.

Birdseye view of the Reserve



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

WREN is a not for profit business set up by WRG to award grants to community, environmental and heritage projects around each of their sites. All funds are given to WREN by WRG as part of the national scheme, the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

Created in 1997, WREN is one of the largest environmental grant-giving bodies in the UK. Also, in the last two years, has granted over £1.6m to community projects in the Warrington area including the development of the Dallam play and sports facilities and Bringing the WOW Factor to Warrington Museum.

Other projects which have received WREN funding include:

- Sankey Canal Water Based Recreation.
- Warrington Police Museum Access.
- St John's church refurbishment.
- Penketh Pool Roof Replacement (2009) and Disabled Access (2005).
- Great Sankey Boat Park Play Area.
- Howley Park Play Area.
- Harbord Street Children's Play Area.
- Walton Hall Gardens Access Bridge.
- Whitecross Community Centre.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following this exhibition, we will submit our planning application to Warrington Borough Council in November 2011.

As part of the Council's determination of the application, it will consult with a number of agencies, including the Environment Agency and its own Highways Department before reaching a decision. Local residents' comments can be made to Warrington Borough Council and will be considered by the council prior to determination.

There are still several ways in which people can get involved and be kept up-to-date with the planning application and activities at Arpley Landfill:

- Joining the established Community Liaison Group which meets quarterly (subject to availability).
- Joining the established Traffic Working Group (subject to community interest and availability).
- Inviting us to present or give a talk to your organisation or group.
- Contacting us for a site visit.
- Requesting to join our mailing list (e-mail or by post).

You can also submit your thoughts and comments via email, letter or phone.

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