

## Press Release

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### First Step Taken in Redevelopment of Denby Dale Road Waste Recycling Centre

Shanks is taking the first step in the redevelopment of the Denby Dale Road Household Waste Recycling Centre ('HWRC') in Wakefield today, with the demolition of the site.

To commemorate the event Shanks hosted a demolition ceremony with Wakefield Council, and Kier Group who is managing the construction, to mark this milestone in the process which will revolutionise waste management across the Wakefield District.

After demolition, the site will be rebuilt with a new design to improve its efficiency and functionality. The improvements include safer traffic management, a new Transfer Station, a new facility building, gatehouse and a covered HWRC.

The new Denby Dale Road HWRC will fall under a network of four HWRCs which are part of Shanks' 25 year PFI contract with Wakefield Council. The contract also includes a residual waste treatment facility at South Kirkby, which will run on energy created from within the facility and is due to open in 2015. This site will treat and recycle up to 230,000 tonnes per annum of municipal solid waste from around 156,000 households in the Wakefield District, transforming it into valuable by-products and green energy. It will push up the local authority's landfill diversion rate towards 90%.

Peter Eglinton, Managing Director of Shanks UK, said:

*"We are delighted to join with Wakefield Council and Kier to mark this significant milestone in the redevelopment of our Denby Dale Road Household Waste Recycling Centre, and look forward to rebuilding a safer and more efficient waste facility for the people of Wakefield."*

Cllr Maureen Cummings, Cabinet Member for Environment and Communities at Wakefield Council, said:

*"This is the next major step towards improving waste management for everyone in the district and protecting our local environment. I look forward to the new facility being built, providing a more sustainable future for our waste recycling services."*

John Nichols, Project Director of Kier's infrastructure business, said:

*"This is another important step for the project and the redevelopment of Denby Dale Road Household Waste Recycling Centre is a fundamental part of the overall scheme. We are proud to be working with Shanks UK and Wakefield Council as their construction partner for this facility, which will deliver clear improvements to the environment for residents in the area."*

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**Notes to editors**

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Shanks uses a range of cost-effective sustainable technologies to make valuable products from what is thrown away and generate increasing returns for shareholders. We produce green energy, recovered fuel, recycled commodities and organic fertiliser.

Shanks operates in four divisions that reflect our markets: Solid, Hazardous, Organics and UK Municipal. It has operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Canada and employs around 4,000 people.

In its target markets, the Group is at the forefront in providing sustainable waste management solutions for both the public and private sectors.

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