



Four become three in race to treat and dispose of Northamptonshire's and Milton Keynes's black bag waste

The end of August saw the announcement of the remaining three bidders that will continue into the next stage of bidding as part of Project Reduce.

The successful bidders are:

Covanta Energy Ltd

**Shanks Group Plc /
Wheelabrator
Technologies
Inc.**

**Waste Recycling
Group Ltd.**

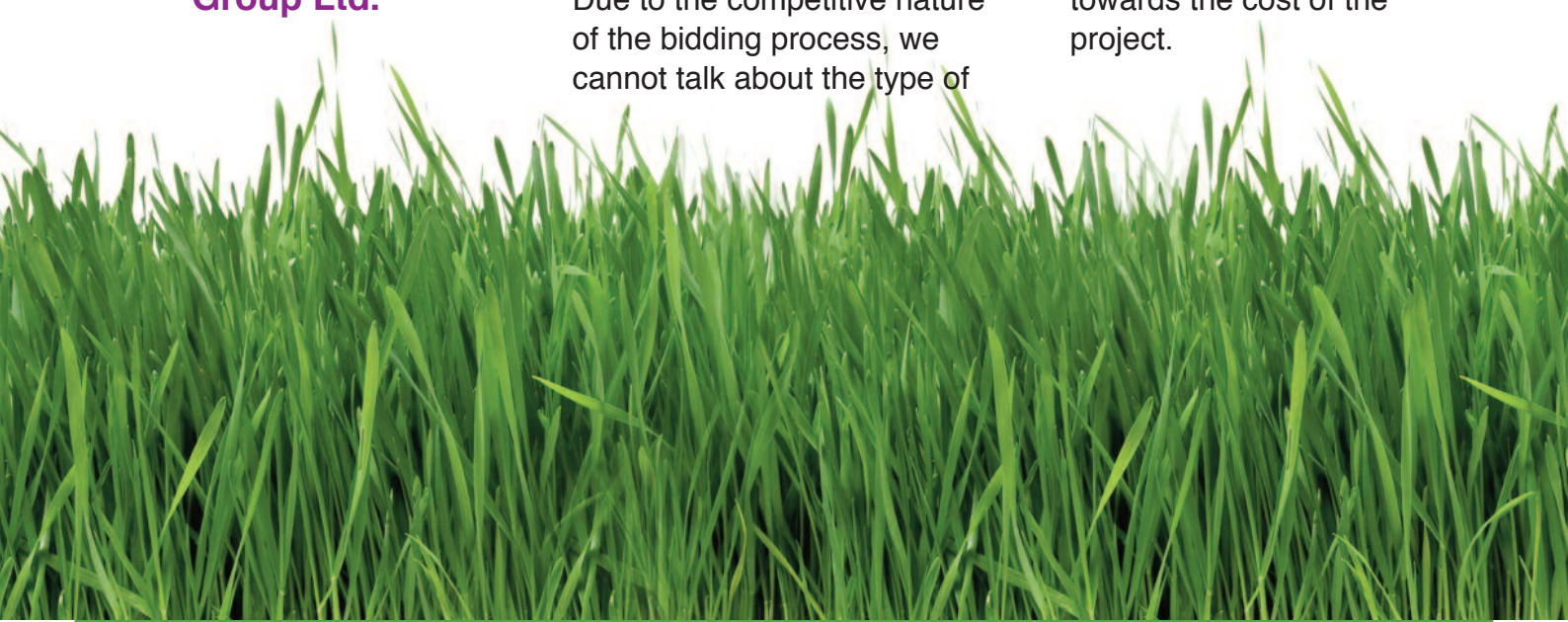
The winning bidder, to be announced in June 2011, will ensure that as much black bag rubbish is recycled and re-used as possible and that it is no longer sent to landfill.

It is anticipated that the Project's efforts, in combination with the established recycling initiatives in both authorities will prevent almost 90% of all waste going to landfill from when the project begins in 2014.

Due to the competitive nature of the bidding process, we cannot talk about the type of

technologies that will be used to treat and dispose of the waste at this time, but whichever solution is chosen, it will have to adhere to the environmental policies of each council.

Both authorities will benefit from increased recycling rates and substantial reductions in carbon footprint as a result of the project and it has the backing of the government, being provisionally awarded £138 million of PFI (Private Finance Initiative) credits towards the cost of the project.



Councillor Mike Galloway, cabinet member for Environment, Planning and Growth for Milton Keynes Council, said: "This project is a landmark investment by both authorities for all of its residents. Landfill is unsustainable; both economically and environmentally, and we are planning for our future with the important decisions that are being made today."

Cabinet member for Highways, Minerals and Waste at Northamptonshire County Council, Councillor Heather Smith, added: "With increasing pressure on all councils to control spending, this project represents a long term cost saving that will be of crucial importance to both authorities."

We are reducing our impact on the environment by diverting landfill and investing in a more economical and efficient way of dealing with waste. We are confident that the successful bid will provide a solution that will meet the needs of both authorities."

The next announcement regarding the project is expected in November, when the two final bidders for the project will be selected – this will be covered in our next newsletter.

The UK still sends
2 MILLION TONNES
more waste to landfill
than any other country
in the EU.*

* source - LGA report 8th July 2010



Waste Facts and Figures

The UK has only
650 million
cubic metres of
landfill capacity
left. Three times
the volume of lake
Windermere



Britain is
set to reach its
landfill limit by
2018

Media Focus

The project in public

Leaflets

All the information about our project is available in a handy leaflet that is available from a variety of outlets including:

All council offices and one stop shops across Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes

All council libraries

Available to view and download through our website



Website

The website offers all the information needed about the project.

There are new features that allow updates to be emailed out on a regular basis and also to put questions to the team.



in both areas, the campaign has generated website hits of 500+ per week for the four weeks, almost three times that of the previous 6 months.

Radio coverage

Another four week radio campaign across Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire came to a close on the 12th of September. Using Heart FM

Since February 2010, through publications and face to face meetings, the project has communicated with over **150,000** people (not including those that have heard the radio adverts)

What would you like to know?

We are committed to providing as much information about the project to interested residents and organisations. Our next issue will be dedicated to answering as many of your questions as possible. Please email your questions to us at the address below

Project Reduce Timetable

Final two bidders are announced	November 2010
Preferred bidder is announced	June 2011
Contract awarded	December 2011
Construction is completed and operations commence	Winter 2014

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