

## Halving Waste to Landfill

## Sustainable Construction: Topic Support Network

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#### **Zero Waste Scotland**

- Single dedicated delivery programme for the Scottish Government Zero Waste Plan
- One-stop-shop for support to all key audiences
- New Business Plan (2011-15)
- Four programmes:
  - Business Support
  - Campaigns
  - Market Development
  - Resource Management







A society where we:

- avoid unnecessary waste
- treat waste as a resource not a problem
- benefit from the economic potential of waste/resources
- minimise the impact of waste on environment

2013

50% Household waste

2020

60% Household waste 70% Construction and Demolition waste

2025

70% Recycling all waste 5% Landfill





- Passed by parliament 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012
- Focus on ALL wastes, regardless of source...
- Waste is a valuable resource!

Information on key points outlined in the new Waste (Scotland) Regulations available at:



http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/waste-scotland-regulations





- For ALL businesses, by end 2013, mandated source segregation of dry recyclables: Paper, Card, Plastic, Glass, Metal.
- This means a legal minimum of...











• For **FOOD** businesses, by end 2013, **mandated** source segregation of food waste e.g...

- Preparation waste;
- Leftovers;
- Plate scrapings;
- Out-of-date ingredients etc...

Smaller food businesses (<50 kg per week) exempted until end-2015

• Ban on the use of macerators / food waste disposal units / some de-watering equipment





"By end 2013, all businesses to take **all reasonable steps** to apply the Waste Hierarchy to their products, services and operations"



#### **High Savings**







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# CONSTRUCTION WASTE ISSUES





#### **Construction waste in Scotland**

Construction industry single largest producer of waste in Scotland = 7.47Mt in 2010\*

approx. 44% of total Scottish waste

26% of construction waste is packaging

13% raw materials discarded unused

\*SEPA Waste Data Digest 12





## Why take action?

#### Take action to:

- Reduce costs (linc. Landfill tax, true cost of waste);
- Reduce environmental impact; and
- Meet UCCCS targets for waste reduction, recycling and responsible disposal.
- Eliminate common causes of waste across all stages of construction.
  - Procurement;
  - Design; and
  - Construction.









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# HALVING WASTE TO LANDFILL - ACTIONS





### **Halving Waste to Landfill Commitment**

"We agree to play our part in halving the amount of construction, demolition and excavation waste going to landfill by 2012.

We will work to adopt and implement standards for good practice in reducing waste, recycling more, and increasing the use of recycled and recovered materials"

- >750 signatories to date
- >£40bn of projects have set procurement requirements
- Scottish Government has signed up to the Commitment
- Local Authorities following too.....





## Some selected signatories....











The Scottish

Government







































Scottish Federation of **Housing Associations** 









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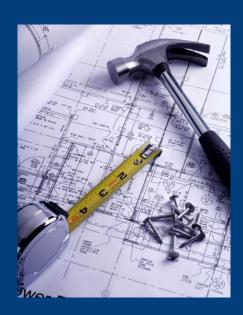




## **Clients and Developers - Actions**

#### "We will:

- 1. set a target for reducing waste to landfill and assign a team member with responsibility for delivery;
- 2. embed the target within corporate policy and processes;
- 3. set requirements in project procurement processes and engage with your supply chain;
- 4. measure performance at a project level relative to a corporate baseline; and
- 5. report annually on overall corporate performance.







#### **Specialist and SME Contractors - Actions**

#### "We will:

- 1. estimate how much waste we will produce on our projects;
- 2. work with our clients and suppliers to find ways to reduce waste;
- 3. avoid waste on-site by proper handling, storage and use of materials;
- 4. find ways to recycle more waste; and
- 5. record the waste we produce (where we manage our waste), and report this to our clients."









## Collaborative working is important



**Pre-construction** 

Tendering & appointment

**Model wording** 



**Outline design** 

Prevent waste

Designing out waste tools/guidance



**Detailed design** 

Construction

Forecast waste Reduce waste Increase RC **Net Waste Tool** 



**Post-construction** 

Waste reduction Waste recovery Measure performance

Review performance Benchmarking SWMP Tracker Reporting Portal







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## **CASE STUDIES**





#### **Dunedin Canmore & Lovell**

Collaborative working with client, designers and contractor leads to savings.

- Escalating porch costs due to:
  - unforeseen ground conditions affecting the substructure; and
  - requirement to divert services to where the porches were to be built.
- Re-design the porches to:
  - omit some glazed panels;
  - omit specialist cladding, replace with larch; and
  - omit feature steel.

Saving of £4,000 per porch structure Total savings = £68,000 (over 17 porches)







#### **Robert Gordon University**

Garthdee Campus – working together to minimise waste to landfill.

- BREEAM "Very Good" rating;
- Model wording used to set targets through tendering, procurement and appointment.
- Contractor Standard Work Instructions designers to assist in meeting project waste targets.
- Recovery of 80% construction waste.
- <1.3% project waste to landfill Oct 2011 to Apr 2012.</li>





#### **University of the West of Scotland**

Ayr Campus – innovative waste management approach achieves exemplary recovery rates.

- BREEAM "Excellent" rating;
- Recycling and Waste Services dedicated waste compound on site;
- Data reporting and identifying of poor practices;
- 96% waste diverted from landfill (~1152 tonnes); and
- 87% waste produced reused or reprocessed / recycled.







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## **SUPPORT & GUIDANCE**





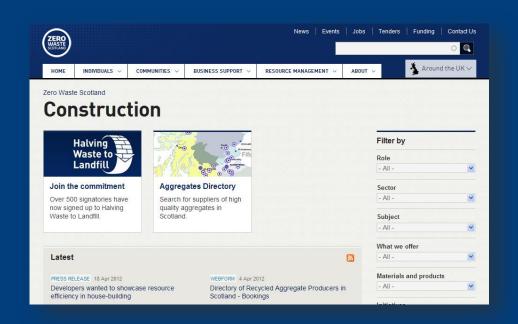
## Support

FREE support available at:

http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/category/sector/construction

#### Areas included:

- Halving Waste to Landfill;
- Tools and guidance;
- Waste reduction;
- Aggregates Directory;
- Case studies; and
- Events and training.







#### **Guidance**

#### FREE publications available include:

- SWMP Template;
- Trade information sheets;
- Waste recording and reporting;
- Case studies;
- Construction waste packaging guide;
- Working with your waste and recycling contractor; and
- House builders guide.







#### Site Waste Management Plan 'Lite'

#### Clients, design teams and contractors.....

- Three worksheets:
  - 1. Estimated waste
  - 2. Actual Waste Movements
  - 3. Project Summary



Data entry on only two sheets... third sheet automatically provides summary of previous two....

Tool available at: <a href="http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/site-waste-management-plan-template-%E2%80%98lite%E2%80%99">http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/site-waste-management-plan-template-%E2%80%98lite%E2%80%99</a>



#### **Designing out Waste module series**



1.25 hours CPD credit

Available at: <a href="http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/designing-out-waste-">http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/designing-out-waste-</a> video-tutorials





#### **Available summer 2012**

- Construction Material Exchange; and
- Poster creator.

#### Currently available:

 Business Reuse and Recycling Database (BRRD) – <a href="http://brrd.zerowastescotland.org.uk/">http://brrd.zerowastescotland.org.uk/</a>







## **Summary**

- Waste (Scotland) Regulations step change! Moving from waste disposal society to closed loop...
- Taking action to reduce, reuse and recycle wastes is key important for legal compliance and to meet targets (i.e. UCCCS)
- HWTL actions will help manage wastes and to deliver resource efficiency improvements under new agreement 2013
- Case studies collaborative working and setting targets key to waste reduction.
- Plenty of guidance and support available to you and your suppliers...





## **Questions?**

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