

## **South Kirkby Business Park**

The former South Kirkby Colliery has been reclaimed by Wakefield Council utilising £3.77 million funding from The National Coalfields Programme and the European Regional Development Fund ReCHAR II Programme.

- The site is allocated for employment use in the Local Development Framework.
- Approximately half the site has been reformed to create green public open space.
- A further 26 hectares (64 acres) is being re-developed into a business park.

Confirmed plans to date are as follows:

### **Wakefield South East Training Centre**

In November 2008 Wakefield Council allocated £3.25 million targeted capital grant from central government to support the development of a vocational training facility.

The funding has been made available as part of the national drive to engage all young people in learning through varied and flexible routes through school and into post-16 education and training.

The building is leased by the Council to the South East Learning Community and became fully operational from September 2011.

#### **The role of the South East Centre is to:**

- Work closely with local businesses, support the needs of local employers and develop relevant projects.
- Focus provision on enterprise activities.
- Support increased delivery of diplomas, foundation learning and apprenticeships to support the 'skills agenda'.

### **Waste Management Facility**

A third of the site has been designated for a waste management and recycling facility for Wakefield Council and planning consent was granted in November 2008. The PFI contract was signed in January 2013 and construction started Spring 2013, with completion anticipated in 2015

The scheme is part of a £750M Private Finance Initiative between Babcock/Shanks and Wakefield Council and will also include a Visitor/Education Centre to promote recycling and environmental awareness in the community.

The Wakefield Waste PFI has been funded by the Green Investment Bank and a group of leading international banks; BayernLB from Germany, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation from Japan and Barclays.

Further information can be found on [www.shanks-wakefield.co.uk](http://www.shanks-wakefield.co.uk)

**The plant will include:**

- A new Household Waste Recycling Centre
- A Visitor/Education Centre - to promote recycling and awareness in the community.
- A Green Waste Composting Facility
- A Materials Recovery Facility - which sorts mixed recyclable material collected from households.
- An Autoclave Plant - to treat general household waste
- An Anaerobic Digestion Plant - to produce sustainable electricity to run the plant.

The new hi-tech waste treatment plant will combine a mixture of modern technologies for dealing with waste, with improved waste recycling centre across the district. It will enable more to be recycled and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills.

The new contract will create approximately 200,00 tonnes per annum of solid waste, helping to increase the local authority's recycling rate from 40% to a minimum of 52%.

In addition to building the various technologies on site, Shanks will also take over the operation of the District network of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and transfer stations.

**West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS)**

WYFRS has planning consent in place for the construction of a fire station and accommodation unit. Construction will take place in 2014.

**Other**

Developers CDP and Langtree are still bringing forward proposals for the remainder of the site.

A dedicated access to the site, which connects to the Hemsworth A1 Link Road, opened in November 2009, representing £24.2m of investment.