



Magherafelt District Council - Northern Ireland

Magherafelt District Council, located North West of Belfast, decided they wanted to increase their already good recycling rates and meet their diversion targets with the addition of a 'Brown Bin' collection.

The material collected through the original brown bin scheme was composted using open windrows. However, with the introduction of the Animal By-product Regulation 2003 it became necessary to treat the material in a process that could meet the new regulations.

Using the OJEC system Magherafelt conducted a scoping study and tender process which was managed by RPS Kirk McClure Morton.

After evaluating a number of different technologies Magherafelt District Council decided to go for VCU Technology, who have a proven track record of obtaining Animal By-Product compliance in the UK and who had successfully delivered similar projects. Other reasons for the technology choice were the very small footprint required, low odour and leachate potential and importantly the flexibility to expand organically. The Council have since ordered a further two chambers to expand the plant. The expansion is due to take place in September 2007.