

Planning permission

A community composting scheme's storage and processing site, or 'hub', requires planning permission. This is obtained from Norfolk County Council, the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority. If you relocate your site at any time, you will have to obtain new planning permission from Norfolk County Council and a new licence/exemption from the Environment Agency.

You can obtain a copy of the planning application form online by using the following link:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/planning-applications/submit-an-application>

For a pre-application discussion, to make an informal enquiry or to obtain an opinion about whether your scheme is likely to be successful, you can contact:

Minerals & Waste Planning Section
Norfolk County Council
County Hall Martineau Lane Norwich
NR1 2SG
Telephone: 0344 800 8020
Email: mawp@Norfolk.gov.uk

You will need details of your scheme such as the location of the site, the volume and type(s) of waste likely to be handled, the type of machinery (eg shredders) to be used, and so on. This information is similar to what would be required for your application to the Environment Agency to register for a permit or an exemption to operate a community composting scheme under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2010.

You may also apply to Norfolk County Council for assistance with your planning application under NCRAS (Norfolk Community Recycling Advisory Service).

The following conditions have been imposed on community composting facilities across the county. However, this list is not necessarily exhaustive and not all listed conditions, for example landscaping, would necessarily be imposed on each application, as it would depend on the location and characteristics of your particular application and community composting site. This is where a pre-application discussion and/or NCRAS can help.

- Commencement of development within three years
- Development to be carried out in accordance with submitted details including location plan, planning statement, site layout etc
 - Provision and maintenance of site access visibility splay
 - Restriction on access to site to authorised collectors only
- Measures to be taken to ensure vehicles leaving the site do not deposit mud or other loose material on the public highway
 - Restriction on waste types to be brought on to site
 - Restriction on volume of waste to be delivered to site
 - Restriction on operating hours
 - Limitation of noise levels
 - Efficient silencing of machinery used on site
 - Dust prevention
 - Provision of landscaping
 - Drainage scheme
 - Measures to be taken to prevent run-off of contaminated water
- Bunding of drums and small containers for storage of oil and other chemicals