

INTRODUCTION

Waste Recycling Group is a leading UK waste management and energy company. We are focused on delivering integrated waste management and energy recovery solutions to meet national and local needs. We provide services for local authorities, such as Warrington Borough Council, and for private businesses.

There will always be materials that cannot be recycled and treated and Arpley landfill provides a valuable service by taking waste from the Warrington area.

WRG is proposing to extend the operating life of Arpley landfill site for approximately 12 years – an extension of the time, not the capacity. This will provide adequate landfill space for disposal of waste whilst recycling and composting initiatives are implemented.

During this time, the landfill site will continue with its restoration of the former dredging land and the management of the Moore Nature Reserve.

As part of the three stage consultation programme, WRG has consulted on all aspects of the proposal to extend the operational life of the facility, including traffic, visual impact and the future profile of the site.

Aerial view



CONSULTATION

First Stage

The first part of the consultation in early October focused on the reasons for needing to extend the life of the site and, in particular, around the profile of the site and the precise footprint that it occupied.

The preference from local people was 'Option 2', which involves re-profiling parts of the existing landfill, moving the boundary of the landfill further away from the nearest houses by increasing the height of some areas of the landfill. It is this option that will now be subject to a planning application.

Second Stage

Traffic issues formed the core of the second consultation event in November and we were keen to hear your views about traffic to and from the site.

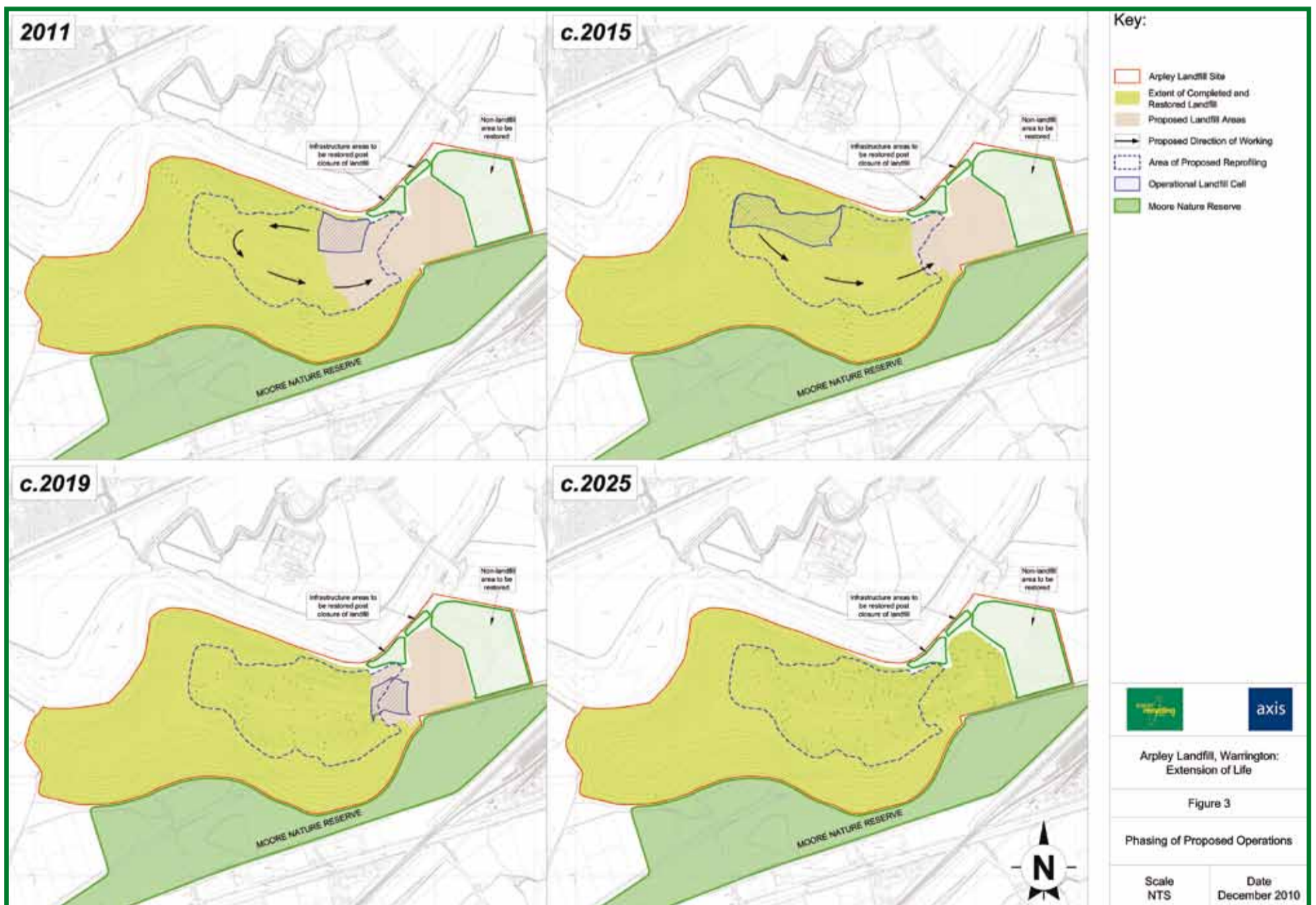
These views, along with those of the Traffic Working Group set up by WRG, have been taken into consideration to identify potential solutions, both for the current operation and for the future plans for the site.

Third Stage

During this, the final stage of the consultation, we will be reporting back on the consultation so far and giving you some of the details on the final set of proposals. Please let us know your thoughts on all aspects of what is being proposed, through discussions with a project team member, the feedback form or any of the contact methods listed on the final board.

The graphic below shows how the phasing of proposed operations will change between now and 2025.

Phasing of proposed operations – 2011 to 2025



WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR...

During the consultation process, we have listened to residents' views about traffic and other issues around the Arpley site.

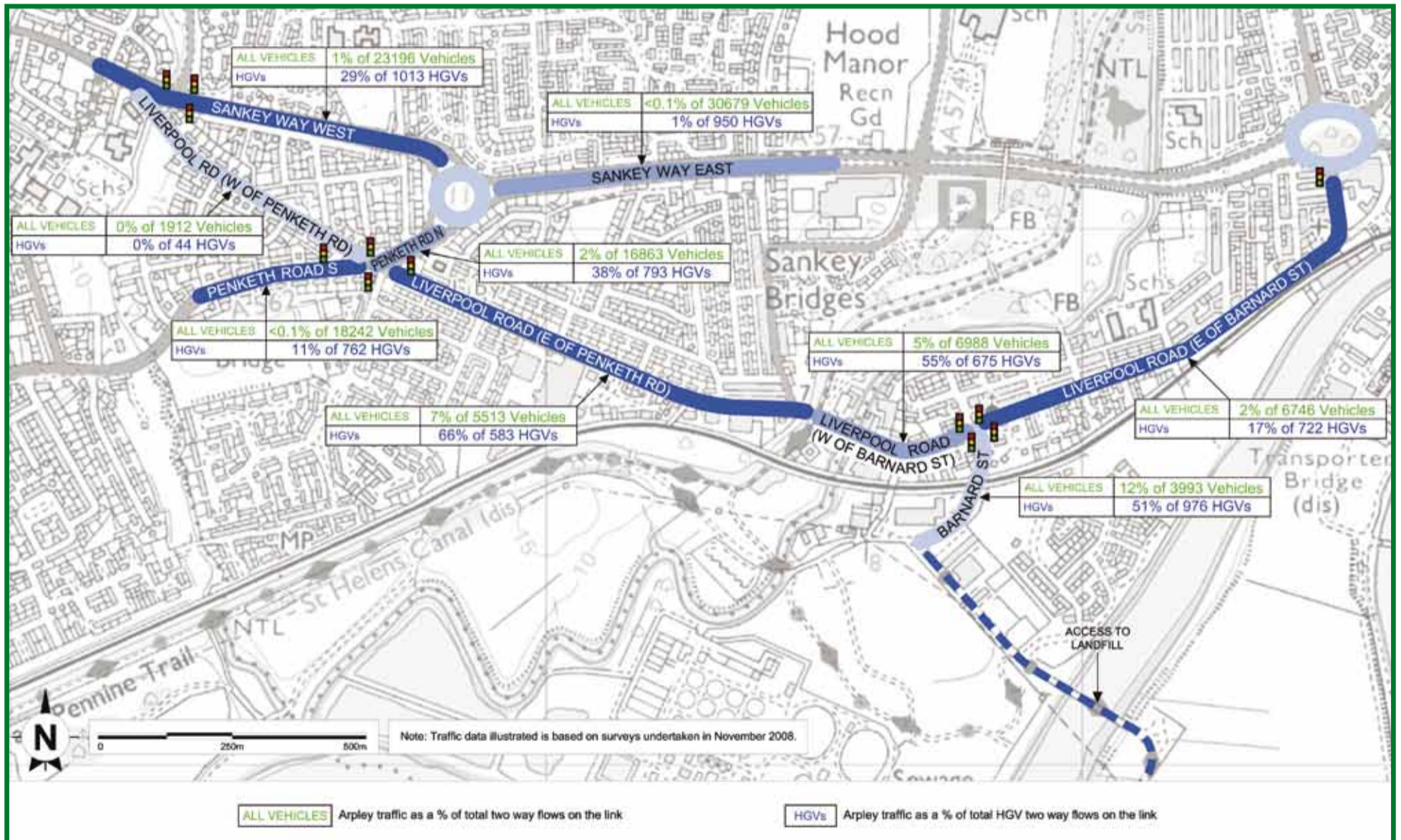
WRG has addressed these concerns by introducing a number of measures, which include:

- Active speed enforcement off-site
- Cracking down on HGV vehicles that arrive at the site before 7.15am
- Sending a road sweeper out more often, as well as covering the Saxon Park entrance
- Setting up the Traffic Working Group with local residents and other key stakeholders to identify concerns and potential solutions
- Regular vehicle inspection surveys along Liverpool Road

Being a good neighbour is important to WRG, so for the lifetime of Arpley landfill we will continue to listen to and address concerns residents may have.



Traffic flow from Arpley landfill site



TRAFFIC ISSUES: VEHICLE CAP

WRG is keen to minimise the impact of traffic on the local area. Although vehicle movements are an inevitable part of running the site, we are proposing as part of the planning application a variety of measures to reduce the impact of the lorries on the local area.

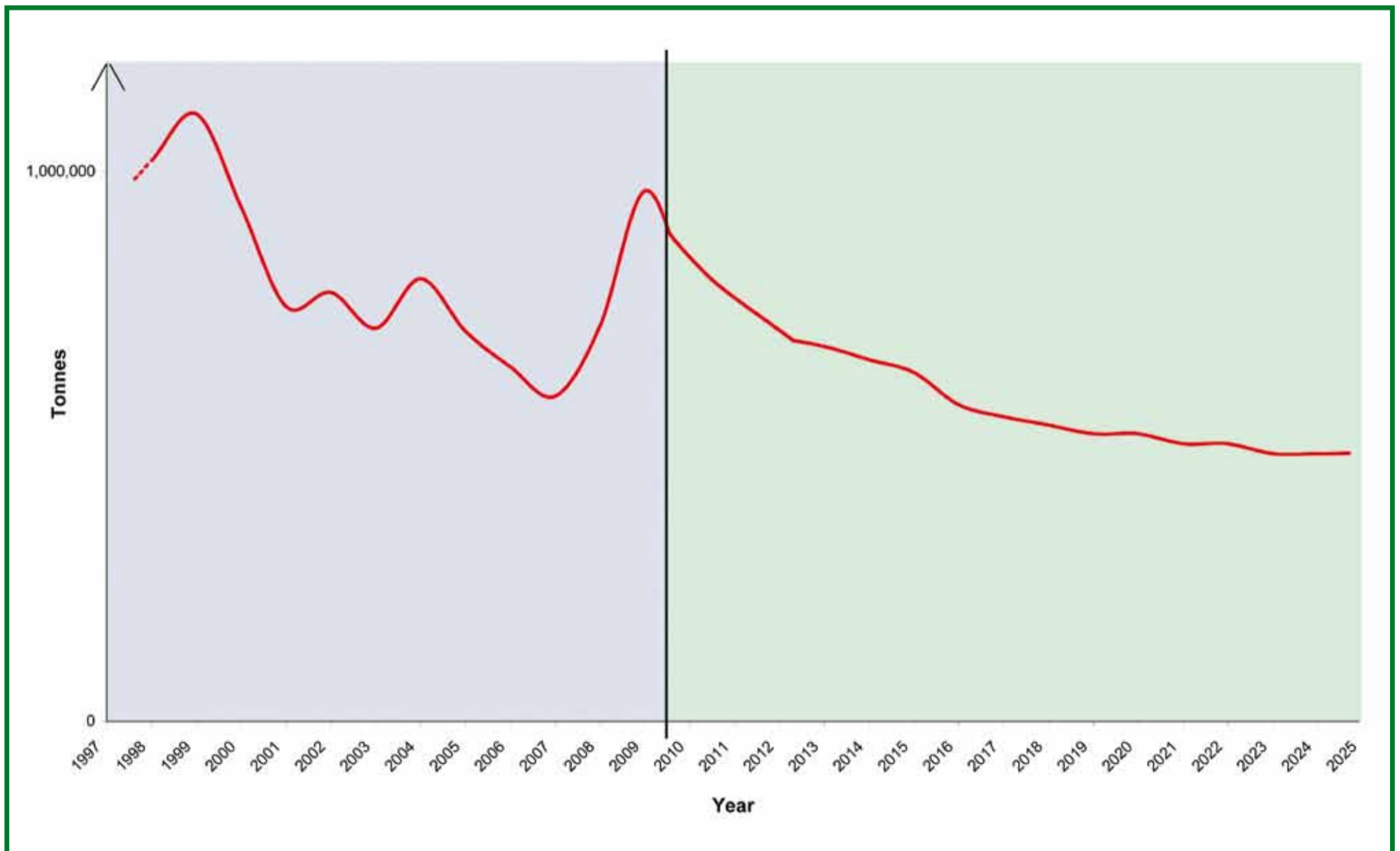
There will be no additional traffic as a result of this proposal – the peak year (2008) for the use of the site has passed – future years would not exceed the traffic levels experienced in 2008. The graph below shows how the annual volume of waste accepted at the site will decline over time and this will result in reduced vehicle movements.

We are proposing a cap on the total number of HGV vehicle movements for each year of the lifetime of the Arpley landfill extension.

This will form part of the planning conditions and is a commitment to see a decrease in traffic entering the site:

- We are committed to ensuring that at peak traffic times, in the morning and evening, traffic movements will be kept at a minimum
- We are running a Traffic Working Group with local residents to discuss how traffic and transport issues can be best addressed, both today's issues and the future of the site

Total waste landfilled annually (tonnes)



TRAFFIC ISSUES: FINAL ROUTING STRATEGY & ALTERNATIVE ACCESS POINT

As part of WRG's planning application, we are proposing a clear routing strategy for vehicles accessing the site.

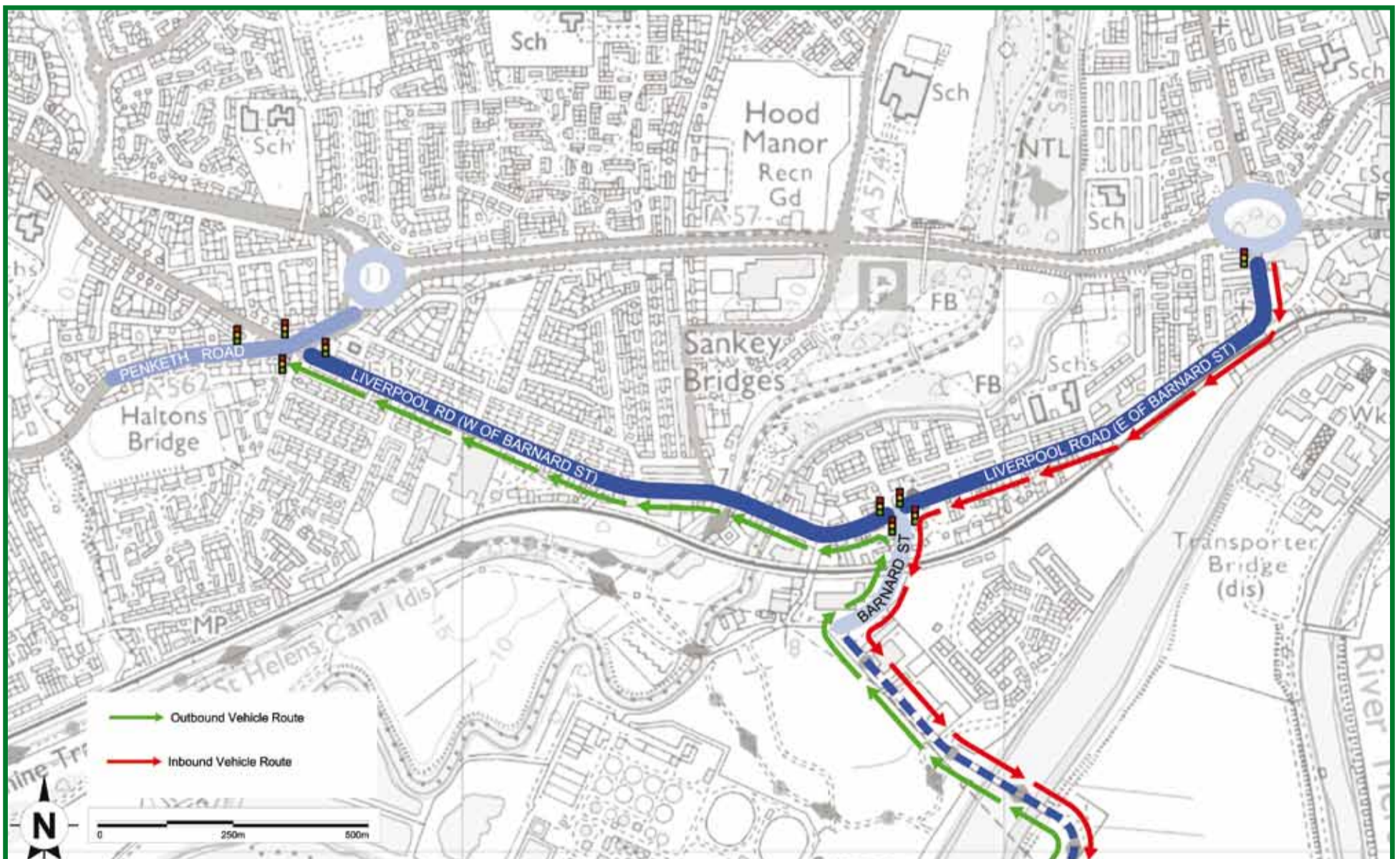
The routing strategy would restrict the movement of HGVs to and from Arpley along Liverpool Road with HGVs travelling in a one-way westerly direction along Liverpool Road. This routing strategy would help address many of the concerns raised by residents along Liverpool Road.

WRG has also investigated the potential for access via the South of the site. Unfortunately, the combination of physical obstacles and the state of the present structures has meant this is not feasible as a means of heavy vehicles accessing the site.

The problem is further compounded by most of the waste coming from the northern side of the Mersey, so crossing to the southern side would involve a significant increase of vehicular movements around Warrington's ring road and is therefore not considered a sustainable solution.

There is the potential for the waste to be delivered via the adjacent railway line. WRG has permission to construct a railhead if demand for delivery of waste via rail is established and commercially viable. However, at present none of WRG's customers use rail.

Proposed vehicle routing strategy



BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: WREN

WREN is a not for profit business set up by WRG to award grants to community, environmental and heritage projects around each of their sites. All funds are given to WREN by WRG as part of the national scheme, the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

Created in 1997, WREN is one of the largest environmental grant-giving bodies both in the UK and in Warrington. Since 1997, it has granted over £8 million to projects which benefit people living within 10 miles of the Arpley site.

WREN's aims are to maximise the amount of money allocated to successful project applicants, raise awareness of the fund so that organisations can apply for funds, and involve local people in the decision making process as to which projects receive funding.

In the last 5 years, WREN has granted nearly £4 million to community projects in the Warrington area.

These include:

- Sankey Canal Water Based Recreation
- Warrington Police Museum Access
- St John's church refurbishment
- Penketh Pool Roof Replacement (2009) and Disabled Access (2005)
- Great Sankey Boat Park Play Area
- Howley Park Play Area
- Harbord Street Children's Play Area
- Walton Hall Gardens Access Bridge
- Whitecross Community Centre

WREN within the community



Great Sankey Boat Park Play Area received a £50,000 grant from WREN



Penketh Pool benefitted from a £30,000 WREN grant to replace its roof



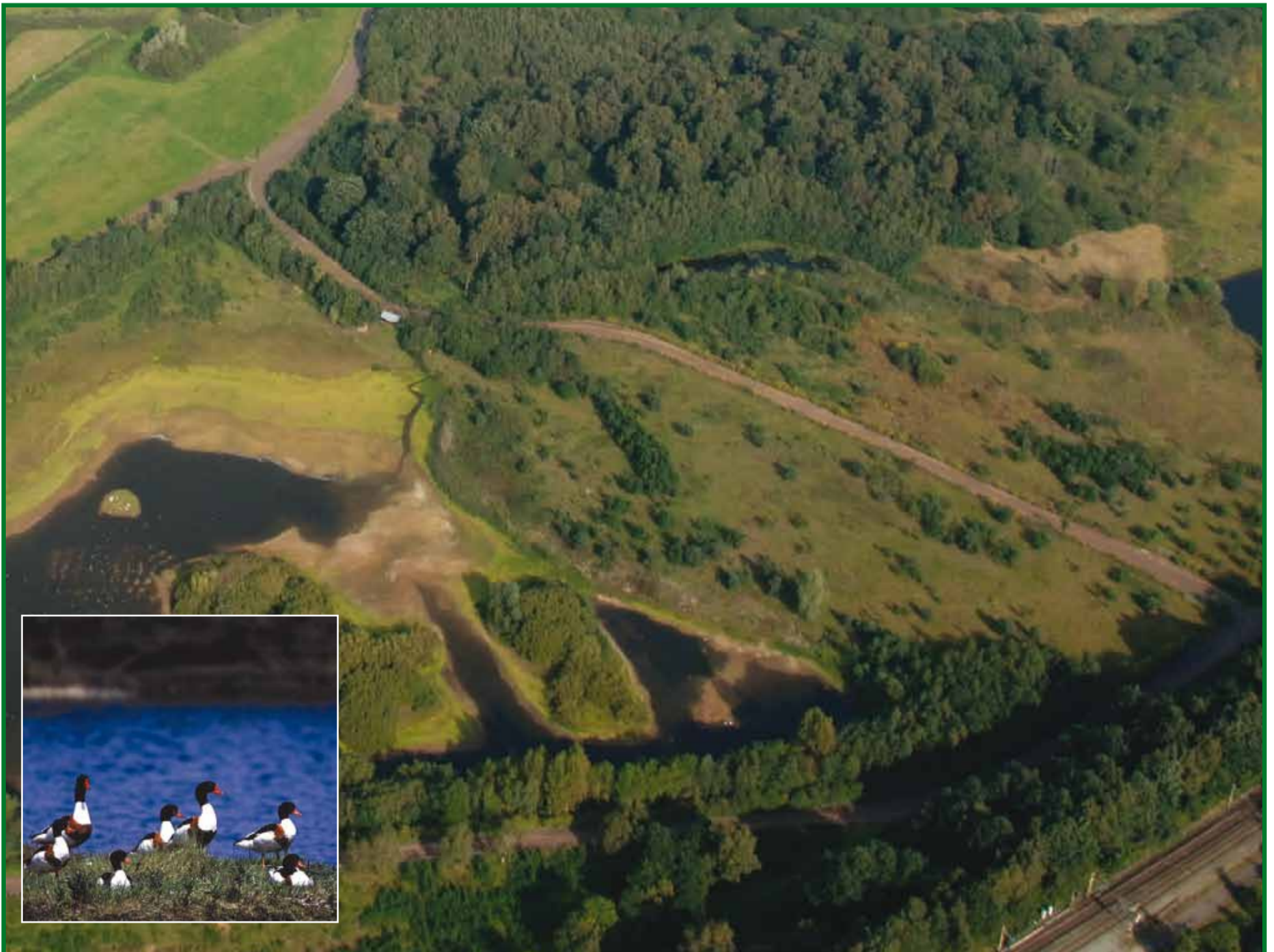
MOORE NATURE RESERVE

WRG is committed to the management of the award-winning Moore Nature Reserve, which currently attracts 30,000+ visitors a year. The operational life of the Reserve is dependent on the life span of Arpley landfill and if the time extension is approved, we would continue to pay special attention to the protection of the environment and wildlife.

WRG would continue to sensitively manage the Reserve to ensure that the biodiversity and value of the area continues to improve. As part of the proposal, WRG would create 2.5km of new footpaths to encourage public access to previously closed restored sections of the landfill site, along with a new bird hide overlooking the River Mersey.

As soon as it is practicable, we will restore the land and open up the site for public use and are currently consulting on landscaping options.

Birdseye view of the Reserve



SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Once consultation has been completed on all aspects of the proposal, we aim to submit the planning application for Arpley landfill in early Spring 2011. As part of the Council's consultation for the application, it will consult with a number of agencies, including the Environment Agency and its own Highways Department, along with local people, before reaching a decision.

As long as Arpley landfill is open, the Traffic Working Group and Community Liaison Group will continue to meet and be consulted about the site and its impact on the wider community. There are several ways people can get involved during the consultation process:

- Join the Traffic Working Group or the Community Liaison Group
- Invite WRG to give a talk at your organisation
- Request to join our direct information distribution group

WRG has held two previous exhibitions and is committed to engaging with local residents.



You can also submit your thoughts and comments via email, letter or phone.

Email arpleyextension@wrg.co.uk

Telephone 01244 572500

Post Arpley Landfill, Forrest Way, Warrington WA4 6YZ

For more information visit www.wrg.co.uk/arpleylandfill

