

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the existing Ware Household Waste Recycling Centre close for improvement works?

The actual construction start date and closure of the existing site is currently being finalised and is subject to the final discharge of planning conditions. However, it is expected that works will commence in Spring 2019 and this will be brought forward where possible. Construction will take approximately one year to complete

When available details of the actual start date, along with information on centres to use during the construction period, will be available at www.wasteaware.org.uk.

What benefits will the new improved Ware HWRC bring?

The new 'supersite' will be four times larger than the existing site and will include:

- A split level design allowing the majority of waste to be deposited without the need for lifting or carrying up steps.
- An internal queuing lane so queues don't back up on to the road
- 38 parking/unloading spaces
- Fenced off areas so that full containers can be swapped without closing the centre
- A large Reuse Centre, with dedicated parking and workshop space, where items can be prepared for resale

The site has been designed to handle up to 300,000 visits a year and up to 10,000 tonnes of waste a year.

What will happen when the existing Ware HWRC closes?

Please bear with us while we carry out the improvement works. As this will be a large construction project the existing centre will need to close for the duration of works to ensure the health and safety of both members of the public and the construction works.

During the construction period residents will be directed to the nearest alternative centre, which are:

- Hoddesdon – 6 miles, 12 minute drive time
- Turnford – 10 miles, 18 minute drive time
- Stevenage - 10 miles, 18 minute drive time

Hoddesdon and Turnford are the closest sites for residents in the Ware area and Stevenage is the closest site for those living in the Hertford area. Directions and opening times are on the county council's website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hwrc

Currently there are no plans to open these centres for longer during the construction period, especially during the quieter winter months. However, this will be reviewed as and when required.