



Preliminary Market Engagement

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Preliminary Market Engagement (including Questionnaire)

Lancashire County Council is the fourth largest Local Authority in England and Wales and employs approximately 35,000 staff. It serves a population of 1.1 million which is rich in cultural diversity, and covers an area of 3,070 sq. km.

Further information about Lancashire County Council can be found at:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk>

The Authority is looking to procure a policy for Lancashire Renewables – Combined Liability Insurance.

Background Information

Lancashire Renewables operate a number of waste treatment facilities across Lancashire. This procurement is focused on sites at Farington Waste Recovery Park and Thornton Waste Recovery Park, alongside its waste haulage services.



Farington Waste Recovery Park

From the moment of delivery, every aspect of the process takes place indoors, making it the UK's second fully enclosed waste treatment facility - the first being the Lancashire Renewables site in Thornton. Farington currently treats up to 1,100,000 tonnes of household waste from Lancashire every year, including 53,000 tonnes of kerbside-sorted recyclables.

There are two different receival halls, depending on what type of waste is being delivered (kerbside-sorted recyclables or residual waste).

Pre-sorted recyclables are delivered directly into the Materials Recycling Facility, with residual waste being delivered into the household residual waste receivals hall where it is loaded into the Mechanical Biological Treatment process. Garden waste is

currently diverted away from the facility to 3rd party processors and the enclosed green waste composting process is currently mothballed in a state of preservation.

Every part of the process is connected to the air management system, which has been designed so that fresh air is constantly being sucked into the building. Therefore, when the doors are opened briefly to allow trucks access, air flows in, not out, owing to the fact that there is a slightly lower air pressure inside the building.

The underlying purpose of the Farington (and Thornton) facility is to ensure:

- a target of >95% of the residual waste it handles will be diverted away from landfill, and
- all activities happen indoors to prevent or reduce noise and odour pollution.

Farington Facts and Figures

Planning applications submitted August 2006 and granted December 2006

Cost of build £125,000,000

Construction commenced June 2007

Operations commenced September 2010



Thornton Waste Recovery Park

Based at what was once part of the former ICI Hillhouse works in Thornton, the LRL facility began operation in 2010 and currently treats up to 160,000 tonnes of household waste from areas of Lancashire every year.

The Thornton facility processes all waste indoors, making it the UK's first fully enclosed waste treatment facility.

There are two different receival halls, but both receive residual waste for treatment via two separate Mechanical Biological Treatment processes.

Like Farington, garden waste is currently diverted away from the facility to 3rd party processors, and the enclosed green waste composting process is currently mothballed in a state of preservation.

Every part of the process is connected to the air management system, which has been designed so that fresh air is constantly being sucked into the building. Similarly, when the doors are opened briefly to allow trucks access, air flows in, not out, owing to the fact that there is a slightly lower air pressure inside the building.

Similarly, to the Farington facility, the underlying ethos is to ensure:

- a target of >95% of the waste it handles will be diverted away from landfill, and
- all activities happen indoors to prevent or reduce noise and odour pollution.

Invitation to Tender – Lancashire Renewables Property Insurance

Thornton Facts and Figures

Cost of build £125,000,000

Construction commenced June 2007

Operations commenced May 2010

Waste Recovery Parks

A small part of both facilities remain mothballed and in a state of preservation.

The workforce across the two facilities is now 262, including staff linked to the waste haulage services and both sites continue to be protected by sprinkler systems, alongside other means of fire detection and suppression technologies.

The tender procedure, the form of contract, and the project timetable

The tender procedure is anticipated to be an Open above-threshold services procurement, although a Competitive Flexible Procedure may be utilised. The evaluation weightings will likely be a mixture of quality and technical considerations. The Authority is currently drafting suitable contract terms.

The tender will likely be advertised in January 2026. Ideally, the Authority will award the tender no later than March 2026. The services are anticipated to commence from 01 April 2026. The Authority will confirm the timelines in the tender procedure.

Questions & Topics – requiring your response:

1. Introductory details: please provide a brief overview of your company. Details to include:
 - a. Company structure, ownership.

- b. Annual turnover.
 - c. Typical client base.
 - d. Types of insurance provided
 - e. Contact name, role, telephone number, and email address.
2. Briefly describe your capabilities and your potential to meet our scope of requirements, and meet the anticipated service commencement timescales.
3. Are there any specific issues that would either encourage or discourage you from bidding to deliver these services to Lancashire County Council?

Contact and return:

Please respond to the questionnaire no later than **7th January 2026 at 12 noon.**

Completed questionnaires must be returned electronically to the Authority's procurement team via email at: contractscorporate@lancashire.gov.uk

The Authority is not obligated to review any late responses to this market engagement.

Important Notes

This preliminary market engagement exercise does not constitute a formal tender or pre-qualification process. It is issued for the sole purpose of market engagement and information gathering to help shape the final procurement approach.

Participation in this preliminary market engagement exercise is not mandatory and will not affect eligibility to participate in the formal procurement process once launched.

Responses to the preliminary market engagement exercise will not be scored but will be reviewed by the Authority to understand market appetite, delivery capability, and preferences regarding contract terms and risk allocation.

Submission of a response to this preliminary market engagement exercise does not constitute a contractual offer and shall not be construed as creating any obligation on the part of the Authority to proceed with a formal procurement or to award any contract.

The Authority reserves the right to:

- Make changes to the scope or timing of the procurement process.
- Hold informal engagement discussions with respondents to this preliminary market engagement exercise to clarify responses where required.
- Proceed or not proceed with the procurement process at its absolute discretion.

All information shared in responses will be treated in confidence and used only for the purposes of refining the procurement strategy. All information issued by and provided

to the Authority should and will be treated as confidential and used only for internal purposes relating to project planning and procurement preparation.