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Fire at Northacre resource recovery centre

Hills Waste Solutions can confirm that Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service attended a fire at its Northacre resource recovery centre (RRC) on Stephenson Road in Westbury in the late evening of Friday 17 February 2017.

The fire, in a small localised area of the bio-hall was contained by the building's fire suppression system and site staff have moved and dampened down around 2 tonnes of material affected. No one was injured in the fire and the on-site emergency procedure for this type of incident was followed by staff on duty at the time. No damage has been sustained to either the building or equipment at the site.

Operations have resumed at the site at this morning, with a Fire Service crew remaining on site as a precaution to assist site staff if required. Hills is working with the Fire Service to carry out investigations into the cause of the fire.

Paul Scriven, Northacre RRC plant manager said : "Our staff on site reacted quickly to the situation and put in place the agreed emergency procedures, and the Fire Service attending promptly.

"The fire suppression system installed at Northacre uses some of the latest technology and its efficiency has been proven."

The Northacre resource recovery centre is operated by Hills Waste Solutions and processes 60,000 tonnes of Wiltshire's household waste each year using mechanical biological treatment technology. It was constructed in 2012 and became fully operational in December 2013 after an extensive commissioning phase.

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Further details on Northacre RRC can be found at www.northacrerrc.co.uk

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