



Fairfield Material Management - Manchester Market

New Smithfield Fruit and Vegetable Market is home to the composting site operated by Fairfield Material Management. Originally all of the organic waste produced by stall holders and whole-sellers was sent to landfill. Fairfield as a social enterprise group, saw an opportunity to expand and gain funding by reducing the landfilling of organic material and by offering jobs within the community.

The original site consisted of one VCU chamber. Since the early days the site has gone through two stages of expansion firstly increasing to three chambers and laterly to six as in the photograph above.

The plant is processing in excess of 6000 tpa of organic waste from the market as well as large volumes of parks and gardens waste from Manchester City Council and some cardboard contaminated by the fruit and veg. The compost is removed from the VCU system and matured on site for approx six weeks. The end product is PAS 100 Quality Protocol certified. Markets for the end product include the Parks and Gardens department, allotment holders, green space developers and soil remediation companies.

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