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Before Expansion



After Expansion

## Magherafelt District Council - Northern Ireland Increase IVC Processing Capacity

Magherafelt District Council, located North West of Belfast, decided they wanted to increase their already good recycling rates and meet their diversion targets with the addition of a 'Brown Bin' collection.

The material collected through the original brown bin scheme was composted using open windrows. However, with the introduction of the Animal By-product Regulation 2003 it became necessary to treat the material in a process that could meet the new regulations.

Using the OJEC system Magherafelt conducted a scoping study and tender process which was managed by RPS Kirk McClure Morton. After evaluating a number of different technologies

Magherafelt District Council decided to go for VCU Technology, who have a proven track record of obtaining Animal By-Product compliance in the UK and who had successfully delivered similar projects.

Other reasons for the technology choice were the very small footprint required, low odour and leachate potential and importantly the flexibility to expand organically. The Council have since ordered a further two chambers to expand the plant. The expansion shown above has now been delivered and commissioned and is currently going through full Animal By Products Approval to treat source segregated garden and kitchen waste.