

- Materials that can be reused or recycled are removed by households.
- The remaining waste is transported in sealed trucks and tipped into a bunker inside a reception hall.
- A crane places the waste into a feed hopper. It then drops down a feed chute onto the grate.
- The action of the moving grate turns the waste to allow it to burn fully.
- Hot gasses produced in the combustion process pass through a water tubed boiler where they are cooled, the heated water becomes steam.

- A turbine uses the steam to produce electricity for export to the National Grid.
- Heat generated could be used by nearby buildings or future developments.
- The gases from the boiler go through an extensive flue gas cleaning process.
- Particles and residues are filtered out to clean the flue gases.

- Materials collected by the air cleaning processes are stored in sealed units for further treatment.
- Plant emissions are monitored to ensure they meet strict environmental standards.
- The ash passes through an ash handling system.
- Magnets remove any remaining metals for recycling.
- The ramaining ash is processed on site to produce a secondary aggregate which can be used by the construction industry.

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