



LONDON REMADE
The business of recycling

Express Recycling & Plastics Ltd

Express Recycling secured funding through the Economic Development Infrastructure Building (EDIB) project, to help build London's only plastics reprocessing facility capable of processing municipal and end of life vehicles (ELV) mixed plastics.

“London Remade has provided us with help from the moment we contacted them. They gave practical business support and secured the EDIB funding, which has been important to our business.”

Hugh Moss, Technical Director, Express Recycling

Background

In 2004, Express Recycling, based in Rainham, approached London Remade about creating a processing plant in London for mixed waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and end of life vehicle (ELV) derived plastics.

They realised the industry demand and saw the business opportunity of having a reprocessor of mixed plastics from the municipal and commercial waste streams, and invested £2.1 million in the project.



Separated mixed plastics ready for reprocessing

What happened

Express Recycling became a signatory to the Mayor's Green Procurement Code.

London Remade helped develop their business after they applied for enhance and EDIB support. Other EDIB assisted companies became suppliers to the facility. London Remade helped manage the project with partners – PHB and Envirotec – who assisted with technical expertise and research.

London Remade provided Express Recycling with business advice and found a suitable

location for their plant, on Frog Island. This is helping to regenerate the area by improving industrial economic opportunity. Assistance was given with grant applications, contracts with other companies, sourcing input material, and provision of reliable academic links. Through the London Development Agency's EDIB project, via the London Recycling Fund, Express Recycling received £70,000 of funding to procure a plastics shredder. This enabled them to accept a wider range of input materials than originally envisaged.

Achievements

The Express Recycling plant opened in April 2006 with a capacity to recycle 60,000 tonnes of mixed waste plastics every year.

London Remade is helping them to increase industry awareness of using waste recycling as a method of achieving economic development.

With London Remade's support, Express Recycling created ten new jobs in 2005. Express Recycling will invest a further £4.2 million for the progression of this project.

Plastics diverted from landfill (tonnes)	Investment so far (£m)
200	2.1
Forecasted plastics processed (tonnes)	Jobs created & forecasted
140,000	10 & 35

Future

Express Recycling is expected to create another 35 jobs over the next five years.

London Remade has helped secure markets for Express Recycling's products. It is expected that 140,000 tonnes of waste plastics will be saved from going to landfill over the next five years. This will mainly be supplied from London boroughs and the private sector in the capital.

Express Recycling is developing excellent technology and is now looking at the possibility of creating another new plant.



Shredded plastics

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