



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Chartered Institution of Wastes Management
(CIWM)**

and

**The Association for Organics Recycling
(AFOR)**

Introduction

- a) The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) is the professional body for sustainable management of resources and wastes. CIWM was granted its Royal Charter in 2002 and its focus is on professionalism and information based on sound science and training.
- b) The Association for Organics Recycling (AFOR) is the United Kingdom's membership organisation, promoting the sustainable management of biodegradable resources with a remit to actively promote the use of biological treatment techniques and encourage good management practices throughout the industry. By advocating a suitable regulatory and economic framework, the Association works to ensure the long-term sustainability of the biological treatment industry.
- c) Both CIWM and the AFOR share the objective of developing and maintaining higher standards of professionalism in sustainable resources and wastes management based on: sound science, engineering and technology; the provision of information, skills and best practice including training and qualifications; and clear communications to influence the behaviours of others in pursuance of those objectives.
- d) Both CIWM and AFOR recognise the need to manage society's wastes in a sustainable manner, acknowledging that an integrated approach, incorporating a range of biological treatment techniques, will be essential to meet current landfill diversion targets.

Purpose of the Memorandum

The purpose of this agreement is to enhance the practical relationship between the organisations; to improve the mutual understanding of their respective policies and objectives; and to provide benefits to the individual organisations and their respective memberships, and to the wider waste and resources industry.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to be legally binding on either party.

Working Together

1. CIWM and AFOR will work together in a positive spirit towards:
 - Increasing professionalism across the industry, including development and promotion of high standards of operation and outputs of waste treatment.
 - Assessing skills and training needs in the sustainable resources and wastes management industry to help identify future priority areas for development
 - Maximising the provision of professional and other qualifications and associated skills for all those employed in the industry.
 - Stimulating demand for education and training across the industry.
 - Mutual accreditation of current and future training programmes, events etc.
 - Shared communications messages and programmes on agreed priority topics, including co-ordinated responses to appropriate consultation exercises.
 - Designing and delivering joint events (seminars, workshops etc) on appropriate topics.
 - Supporting each others' events through providing or helping to secure appropriate speakers and promotion of each others events and services to their respective memberships.
2. CIWM and AFOR will hold liaison meetings twice annually to maintain and improve communications between the organisations and to develop and monitor a more detailed work programme agreed between the two organisations.
3. CIWM and AFOR will share information and, where appropriate, develop co-ordinated communications on policy initiatives.
4. CIWM and AFOR will review this Memorandum of Understanding on an annual basis.

Signed on behalf of CIWM

_____ Date _____

H. Hoather – CIWM President

Signed on behalf of the Association for Organics Recycling

_____ Date _____

Jeremy Jacobs – Acting CEO