

## press release

### **Fuel savings for Serco**

A fleet of 38 new Dennis Eagle vehicles is helping Serco boost recycling rates after it was awarded a seven year environmental services contract by Chiltern and Wycombe District Councils. Joining forces to provide environmental services, through Serco, enabled the councils to make significant joint savings.

Worth over £7-million per annum, the contract started on 4 March and includes the phased roll-out of new waste collection services across both regions. This will involve a move from commingled to separate food and green waste collections, as well as the collection of a wider range of materials for recycling.

Chiltern residents will now be able to recycle, cans and plastics, while householders living in Wycombe will be able to recycle glass. Both areas will in addition be able to recycle textiles and batteries for the first time.

Helping to facilitate the introduction of recycling and waste collection improvements, Serco's fleet includes a mix of 65/35 split Olympus Twin Packs and Olympus Duos, all fitted with the Fuel Saver Pack.

Phil Quelch at Serco explains more: "The vehicles will help us implement Wycombe and Chiltern's new collection scheme, as well as reducing fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This isn't the first time we've had the Fuel Saver Pack fitted - it has previously been specified on vehicles for Wandsworth and Sandwell so we know the potential savings it can deliver.

"We had a short lead-in to this contract and everything had to be ready for day one. Dennis Eagle didn't let us down. As well as offering value and reliability they also gave us a firm commitment that the vehicles would be delivered on time. The contract has started really well as a result, and everything is going smoothly."

Mick Friend, General Sales Manager at Dennis Eagle, comments: “We’ve worked with Serco for many years. They worked with us closely on early trials of our Fuel Saver Pack, and following excellent results committed to specifying it on future vehicle requirements. Serco’s fleet now includes more than 70 vehicles fitted with the Fuel Saver Pack making impressive savings in fuel usage and importantly reducing CO2 emissions. They know they can rely on us to deliver in terms of product quality and service and we’re pleased that they have partnered with us for this contract with Wycombe and Chiltern.”

Dennis Eagle has also recently supplied Serco with a further 17 65/35 split Olympus Twin Packs. The vehicles were delivered for a 1 April contract start after Serco was re-selected to provide waste, recycling and street cleansing services to Canterbury City Council following a competitive tendering process.

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**Caption: A fleet of 38 new Dennis Eagle vehicles is helping Serco boost recycling rates**

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