



GKN—Recycling Centre Opening



One of Telford's largest manufacturing companies has stepped up its environmentally-friendly activities with the opening of a new recycling centre in December 2008.

GKN, which makes parts for major manufacturers of light vehicles, agricultural and construction equipment, officially opened the site at its Hadley Castle plant at a launch event attended by civic leaders and representatives of other major businesses.

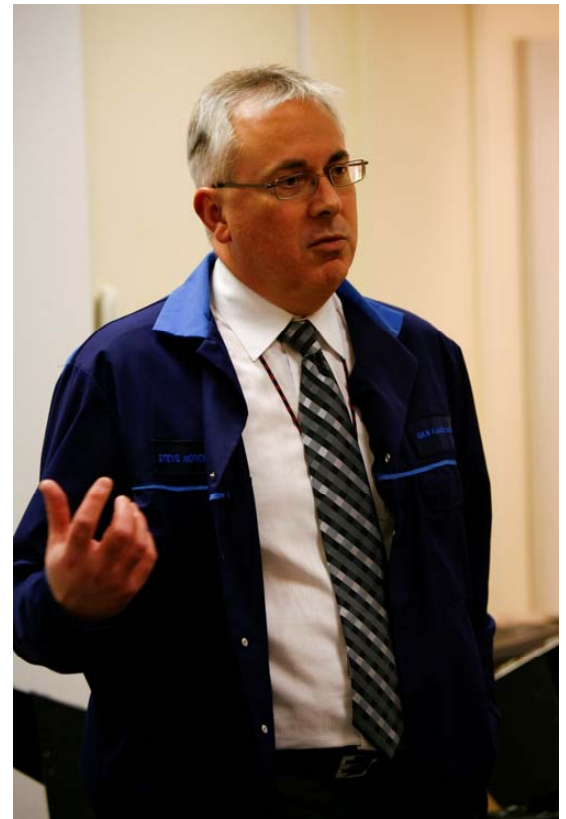
The centre will be used to recycle cardboard, plastics, wood and paper.

Steve Norgrove, GKN with Andy Whyte BESST

GKN has worked closely with waste recycling specialists Veolia to create the new centre, which is being run by the company's employees. The recycling centre compound was built with recycled materials found on the GKN site by employees.

Ade Stone, a spokesman from GKN's chassis systems division, said: "The development of a recycling centre is part of the company's wider reduction of its environmental impact and development of the site.

"GKN is accredited to the ISO 14001 standard and is committed to continuous improvement and the prevention of pollution. The opening of the recycling centre is a significant step along this road."



Steve Norgrove, General Manager, GKN



Among the VIP guests at the centre's opening were Telford & Wrekin Councillors Miles Hosken and Stephen Bentley, as well as BESST members Andy Whyte from Ricoh and Manuel Roura from DENSO. They were greeted by GKN's General Manager, Steve Norgrove, and staff who helped set up the centre.