

Food Factory Map

There are nearly 60 Defra-licenced Anaerobic Digestion (“AD”) facilities across the UK able to accept food waste contaminated with Animal By-Products (“ABP”), along with over 70 In-Vessel Composting (“IVC”) sites. Together, these offer a collective appetite for around 5 million tonnes of food waste.

For all recycling sites, sourcing suitable feedstock increasingly requires accurate market intelligence. The UK has a rich heritage in terms of sustainable food production. For food manufacturers, sending organic waste to AD typically represents good value as the costs are significantly lower than landfill fees. Likewise, for the AD plants, knowing where the manufacturers are is pivotal for making informed strategic decisions.

One company requested support from the GREAT Project in terms of understanding the location of food-producing factories within an area. This would serve to provide insight, shaping their business development strategy for investment and growth, as well as providing food companies in the locality with a cost-effective means of recycling their food waste. Through GREAT assistance, the company received accurate, verified information on the factories producing food for the retail market which contained meat, poultry, fish or dairy - working on the presumption that where there is food production, there is likely to be some food waste.

Case Study



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