

The Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) has launched its first trailblazer site using high-quality compost to regenerate brownfield land.

The former Lambton Cokeworks, in Tyne and Wear, which has been earmarked for the development of 350 new houses, woodland and open space, will use up to 50,000 tonnes of BSI PAS 100:2005 compost.

The cokeworks site, covering 60 hectares, forms part of the National Coalfields Regeneration Programme, managed by English Partnerships, and is the first project to sign up to WRAP's brownfield trailblazer programme.

The initiative is designed to help developers, designers and contractors realise the financial and environmental benefits of specifying high-quality compost in brownfield projects.