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New Ecopark – a one-stop drop-off facility for recyclable waste

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is proud to announce the launch of another manifesto commitment as it delivers Gibraltar's first Ecopark.

Waste Management is a vital aspect of environmental governance and the Government's sustainability policy, which aims to find more sustainable and innovative ways of managing our waste streams. This Ecopark represents a partnership between the public and private sector, which encourages the local community to improve our waste management practices. By utilising both private and public sector knowledge, the Ecopark will ensure the best waste management options for our community and increase its customer base.

The Ecopark is a one-stop drop-off facility to dispose of all recyclable waste streams. It is a waste management facility and no waste is treated on site. The Ecopark accepts items such as waste electrical and electronic equipment, batteries (all types), bulky items, mattresses, tyres, waste oils, glass, paper and cardboard, mixed packaging recyclables scrap metal, paint, ozone depleting substances, end of life vehicles etc. The intention is to increase local recycling rates and provide officials with audited trails of transfer of unwanted items helping us meet sustainable waste management goals. As responsible stewards of the environment, the public (including commercial and industrial entities) are encouraged to visit the facility and obtain further information on modern methods for the handling and treating of waste and to use the site for as a one stop shop for their waste items. In this way, individuals will be helping the environment by keeping unwanted materials away from landfill sites.

The Ecopark is operated by Metalrok LTD and is located at 8 Flint Road, off Devil's Tower Road. It will be open 7 days a week, excluding public holidays. Opening hours:

- Monday Saturday: 8am 8pm
- Sunday: 8am 5pm

The disposal of all items is free of charge. Fully-trained personnel who are experienced in waste management are available on site to assist the public with the unloading of large



items and to answer any queries or questions that the public may have in relation to different waste streams and their end use.