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As I promised during your Sunday morning programme, I took photographs of the dechetterie at Dinan and now forward them on to you.

This side of the argument refers to the need to persuade (or train, or bully) the Jersey public to take a leading role in the recycling process by taking their materials to a place where it is easy to drop them into easily recognisable receptacles. Thus without a great deal of effort, they carry out the sorting process, which must surely be one of the biggest labour-intensive proportions of present costs.

The site consists of a (man-made) hill up which you drive your car, van trailer, etc. A series of high-sided trailers are echelon parked on the other side of the hill, each titled with the type of waste to be dumped in them. Incinerable materials, metals, plastics, bricks and other builder's rubble, cardboard, newspapers, all those items which require to be separated, have their own trucks. There is a separate area for green waste and I have seen shredding machines preparing everything from tree branches and stumps to grass cuttings to deliver to the composting plant.

I have included a not-very-clear picture of the row of receptacles for oil, glass, clothing (for charitable use).

Months ago I invited Phil Ozouf to come over to be shown this very efficient installation - we have our maison secondaire only a mile or so from it - but he hasn't bothered. It will of course be easy to arrange with the French authority to see how they dispose of these materials. They do, of course, have normal rubbish collection facilities but all in all I reckon their system is a worthwile contribution to the recycling cause - and "the public" will be persuaded if a well-designed facility is provided.

At your service . . .

Yours sincerely,











