

Re-using and Recycling Carpet Tiles

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Global Problem

- 2002 US sign waste management agreement
- NSF140:2007
 - US standard for sustainable carpet
- Germany bans landfill
- Waste strategy for England 2007
 - No reference to carpets - Textiles footnote



Carpet Tiles in the UK

- Consumption of 200 Million M² per year = 500,000t
- 80,000t is Carpet Tiles – 64,000,000 tile (approx)
- Recycling @ 2% = 6-10 Tons



Slow Development

- No legislation
- Lack of facilities
- Lack of awareness



Why Recycle

- Sustainability
- Carbon Footprint
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Consumer awareness



Recycling Options

- Fibre reclaim and material re-use
- Energy from waste
- Re-use/Refurbishment



Re-use and Recycling Solution

- Equivalent costs
- Simple & hassle free
- Viable option today
- Sustainability Audit trail
- Reuse aim – 1m tiles this year





Thank you