
REPORT TO:	Environmental and Development Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 9
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SUBJECT:	Rationalisation of Waste Bring Sites	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	District Wide	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS07

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 That Members approve the reduction in the number of recycling centres (bring sites) from the current 83 sites to 10 sites as listed in Appendix A.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide members with an explanation of the impact that the new District wide kerbside recycling 'green bins' scheme has had on the usage of the Council's recycling centres.
- 2.2 To report back on the in principle decision of the Environmental & Development Services Committee of 12th April 2012 to reduce the number of recycling centres within the District from 83 to 10, which should provide a £50,000 saving. This saving will help meet the additional costs of the new kerbside recycling scheme.

3. Detail

- 3.1 This Committee approved the introduction of a dual stream kerbside recycling service at its April 2012 meeting. The "Easy Green Recycling Scheme (EGRS)" provides all households with a 240 litre green bin and inner caddy allowing for an increased range and volume of materials to be recycled by householders at the kerbside and consequently reducing the need to deliver materials to a recycling centre.
- 3.2 The public perception of recycling is often that it's an additional income stream for the Council. The opposite is the reality. Recycling costs the authority money, although some costs are offset by the reduction in and 'credits' from reduced landfill.
- 3.3 To help meet the additional cost of the green bin 'EGRS' service Members have previously approved in principle the reduction in the number of recycling centres from 83 to 10 subject to the detailed analysis of site usage once the doorstep scheme had been implemented. Implicit within the reduction of the number of recycling sites is that there will be a consequent saving (in the order of £50,000) which in part will offset the additional costs of the new doorstep collection scheme.

- 3.4 The green bin 'EGRS' service has been very well received and supported by residents. The first three months of collections have yielded 1872 tonnes of recyclable materials which is more than double the quantity of recyclate collected at the kerbside during the same period in the previous year.
- 3.5 During the same three months the recycling centres have yielded only 269 tonnes, this is a reduction of 283 tonnes in comparison to the same period in the previous year.
- 3.6 To measure the effect of the green bin 'EGRS' service on recycling centre usage officers conducted a survey of main centres during November, December and January. Checks took place immediately before banks were emptied to obtain an accurate reading of usage. Overall usage of the centres has decreased by over 50% and on average only 25% of current capacity is being used.
- 3.7 The reduction in tonnage from sites will impact upon their financial viability and commercial appeal to contractors. Our sites are operated via eight different collection contractors dependent on the type of banks and recycling streams at each site. Of the eight contractors, two are paid based on a price per tonne, two are paid on a price per empty and the remainder are emptied free of charge.
- 3.8 Contractors may decide that the reduction in tonnage does not warrant the provision of a service and remove their banks from sites irrespective of our wishes. We have already been given notice by our plastics contractor that they intend to remove their banks from our district, within the next two to four weeks. They have not indicated that this is due to reduced tonnages but only state that it is a change in company policy. We are already making arrangements for alternative plastics recycling provision on the remaining 10 sites and anticipate that this will be in place when the number of sites is reduced.
- 3.9 Analysis of each site is included in Appendix A and B; sites were assessed on their general tonnages, location to other sites with spare capacity, anti social behaviour issues and land ownership.
- 3.10 The 73 sites recommended for removal are listed at Appendix A; these are generally those sites which return the lowest volume of recycling or generate a high number of anti-social issues.
- 3.11 The 10 sites recommended for retention are listed at Appendix B; whilst the 10 sites identified for retention are not necessarily the 10 current sites with the highest tonnage they all meet our key criteria for retention. These are sites that still generate a viable tonnage whilst also having the capacity to absorb materials which would have gone to sites which are being removed. With the exception of one site, the sites being retained are on land in our ownership which gives us greater control over the number and types of banks and the locations for sighting banks. We have also tried to retain a reasonable geographical spread of sites around the district, whilst targeting the higher population centres.
- 3.12 Our new kerbside contract states the intention to expand the range of materials collected during the life of the contract. The introduction of new materials is often driven by cost. If the contractor can offset some of their costs through the value of the recyclate then it has more attractions to both the contractor and the client. We continue to liaise with our contractor at monthly operational meetings to explore the opportunities to increase the range of materials collected.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The removal of the above sites will deliver revenue savings in the region of £50,000, which is already committed to offset the additional costs of the new kerbside scheme. If we don't remove the majority of the existing recycling centres additional revenue finance will be required.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013/14 committed us to 'Develop the opportunities for increasing the range of materials recycled through the re-tendering exercise.' This is measured through the Proportion of Household waste recycled and composted.
- 5.2 Legal implications – Materials are collected at the 83 sites by the eight different service providers. Whilst all of the service providers have been advised informally of the intention to reduce the number of sites more formal notice will need to be given. There are no long term contractual obligations with any of the service providers.
- 5.3 Communication Issues - Notices advising the public of a site's removal will be placed prominently at sites at least 2 weeks prior to removal. The council website will be updated to include the list of sites remaining and a notification of sites being removed. This will be supplemented by a positive message press release.

6. Community Implications

- 6.1 Many of the existing sites generate complaints from local residents due to attracting fly tipping and anti social behaviour; this was previously outweighed by the convenience for and environmental benefits of recycling. The benefits of these sites have now been mitigated by the new kerbside scheme.
- 6.2 The removal of sites will end our current, Cash for Trash incentive scheme which gives a small cash reward to local schools and voluntary groups who agree to place recycling paper banks on their sites. These sites are included in Appendix A. The total payment is £4,800 per year an average of £252 per school/group based on previous volumes, although these have now significantly reduced as evidenced in appendix A.

Appendix A – Recycling Sites Recommended for Removal

AREA	LOCATION	Tonnage/Capacity	Other Issues
Acresford	Cricketts Inn	Site usage reduced by 48%.	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Aston on Trent	Primary School	Site usage reduced by 59%	Site unsustainable without other very local sites.
Aston on Trent	White Hart PH	Site usage reduced by by 69%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste.
Barrow on Trent	Brookfield Social Club		Tonnage predominantly commercial waste.
Barrow on Trent	Sale & Davys School	No change but low level tonnage	Site unsustainable without other very local sites.
Bretby	Bretby Hall, Bretby Park	Site usage reduced by 65%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Bretby	Stanhope Arms	Site usage reduced by 77%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Castle Gresley	Drum & Monkey PH		Removed on 14/11/13 at request of landowner
Castle Gresley	Mount Pleasant PH	Site usage reduced by 69%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Church Gresley	Miners Arms, George Street	Site usage reduced by 69%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Church Gresley	Royal Oak, Regent Street	Site usage reduced by 69%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Church Gresley	York Road	Site usage reduced by 78%	High level of anti social behaviour. Over 50 fly tipping reports in last year.
Dalbury Lees	Village Hall		Removed on 14/11/13 at request of landowner
Egginton	Primary School	Small volume	Site unsustainable without other very local sites.
Etwall	Ashe Hall	Site usage reduced by 69%	
Etwall	Chestnut Grove	Site usage reduced by 65%	
Etwall	Egginton Road	Zero waste collected in last 3 months	
Etwall	John Port School	Site usage reduced by 32%	Site unsustainable without other very local sites.
Findern	Wheel Inn	Site usage reduced by 66%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only. Anti social behaviour issues
Hatton	Heathfields Primary School	Site usage reduced by 26%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Hatton	Scropton Road	Site usage reduced by 65%	
Hilton	Peacroft Lane Primary School	Site usage so low it is unidentifiable currently	
Hilton	Mandarin	Site usage reduced by 76%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Lees	Black Cow PH	Site usage reduced by 69%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Linton	Main Street Primary School	Site usage so low it is unidentifiable currently	
Linton	Weathernfield	Site usage reduced by 58%	
Long Lane	Three Horseshoes	Site usage reduced by 69%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Lullington	Travellers' Site, Crossroads	Site usage reduced by 68%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Melbourne	Junior School	Site usage reduced by 5%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Melbourne	Budgens Derby Road	Site usage reduced by 82%	

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Mickleover	Court Hotel	Site usage reduced by 45%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Midway	Eureka School	Site usage reduced by 60%	
Midway	Tennyson Avenue	Site usage reduced by 90%	
Milton	Swann Inn, Main Street	Site usage reduced by 65%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Milton	Foremark Hall School	Site usage reduced by 87%	
Netherseal	Hawthorn Avenue	Site usage reduced by 65%	
Netherseal	Newlands House	Zero waste collected in last 3 months	Site tonnage unsustainable
Newhall	Labour Club	Site usage reduced by 65%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Newhall	Junior School	Site usage unchanged	Site tonnage unsustainable
Newhall	St Edward's	Site usage reduced by 19%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Newhall	Sainsburys		Temporarily removed on 10/01/14 at request of landowner
Newton Solney	Newton Park Hotel	Site usage reduced by	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Repton	Askew Grove Car Park		Removed 01/11/13 at request of Village Hall committee
Repton	Burton Road Car Park	Site usage reduced by 69%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Repton	School House	Site usage reduced by 65%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Rosliston	Forestry Centre		Removed 20/12/13 at request of Forestry Centre
Rosliston	Plough Inn	Site usage reduced by 68%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Shardlow	Glenn Way	Site usage reduced by 87%	
Smisby	Day Nursery	Site usage reduced by 24%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Stanton	Village Hall	Site usage reduced by 65%	
Stanton by Bridge	Village Hall	Site usage reduced by 69%	
Stenson Fields	Pilgrims Way		Removed 01/11/13 at request of Parish Council
Stenson Fields	Primary School	Site usage reduced by 33%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Swadlincote	Market Street Car Park	Zero waste collected in last 3 months	Site tonnage unsustainable
Swadlincote	Depot	Site usage reduced by 68%	
Swadlincote	East End Car Park	Site usage reduced by 89%	
Swadlincote	Elmsleigh Drive Primary School	Site usage reduced by 58%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Swadlincote	Grove Hall	Site usage reduced by 65%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Swadlincote	Oaklands Village		Site for residents only replaced by green bin
Swadlincote	Pingle School	Site usage reduced by 41%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Swadlincote	Sainsburys	Site usage reduced by 80%	Anti Social behaviour problems. Sainsbury's have signed a national contract.
Swadlincote	Springfield Road Junior School	Site usage unchanged	Site tonnage unsustainable
Swarkestone	Crewe & Harpur Arms	Zero waste collected in last 3 months	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Thulston	Harrington Arms	Site usage reduced by 49%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.

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Walton on Trent	The White Swan PH	Card reduced by 100%	Remaining tonnage predominantly commercial waste only.
Weston on Trent	Primary School		Removed at request of school
Weston on Trent	Village Hall		Removed 28/11/13 by request of Parish Council
Willington	Primary School	Site usage reduced by 55%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Woodville	Granville School	Site usage reduced by 27%	Site tonnage unsustainable
Woodville	High Street Car Park	Site usage reduced by 70%	Anti social behaviour and fly tipping.
Woodville	Social Club/Nelson Inn	Site usage reduced to almost zero	Site tonnage unsustainable

Appendix B – Recycling Sites Recommended for Retention

AREA	LOCATION		
Melbourne	High Street Car Park	Still generates 4 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. No reported anti social behaviour.
Swadlincote	Rink Drive Car Park	Still generates 1 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. 10 incidents of reported fly tipping in last year.
Hatton	Station Road Car Park	Still generates 4 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. 31 incidents of fly tipping in last year.
Hilton	Main Street Car Park	Still generates 5 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. This site has a high level of anti social behaviour, but continues to provide good tonnage with some capacity and meets the geographical requirements.
Shardlow	Wilne Lane Car Park	Still generates 1.5 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. No reported anti social behaviour.
Willington	Twyford Road Playing Field	Still generates 2 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. 13 incidents of reported fly tipping in last year.
Ticknall	Ingleby Lane Car Park	Still generates 1.5 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. No reported anti social behaviour.
Overseal	Woodville Road	Still generates 3 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On Parish Council Land. 7 incidents of reported fly tipping in last year.
Midway	Hillcrest	Still generates 2 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. No reported anti social behaviour.
Castle Gresley	Bass's Crescent	Still generates 1 tonne per month. Site capacity can absorb tonnage from locally removed sites.	On SDDC Land. 1 incident of reported fly tipping in last year.