



Report to Cabinet

Subject **Recycling Centres**

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1. Purpose of the Report

To request that members approve a phased removal and reduction programme of recycling centres in areas of the Borough following the introduction of the twin bin scheme.

2. Background

In March 2004 the Cabinet agreed to introduce the twin bin system throughout the remainder of the Borough. There is a three year implementation programme for the phased introduction. At present there are 18,000 green bins being used on an alternate weekly collection. The green bin has been provided to collect paper, plastic, card, and tins, with an additional kerbside box for glass collection. The twin bin collection has increased the recycling rate by 4% since April 2004. There are currently 31 recycling centres in the Borough and it is anticipated that we will need only 10 centres following the completion of the phased introduction of second bins.

The recycling centres are continually being monitored for the provision for usage, fly tipping, vandalism, and other related problems. It is now seen by many residents that recycling centres are surplus to requirements in twin bin areas. Recycling centres had been justified in remaining alongside a kerbside collection as previously there was no outlet for plastics and residents also preferred transporting waste to the sites whilst shopping. The twin bin scheme reduces the energy intensive nature of sorting and transporting waste at recycling centres. In essence many recycling centres are redundant and lack of visitation by the public causes problems associated with low participation such as vandalism, fly tipping, and anti social behaviour.

Many of the recycling centres are frequented by large groups of youths who regularly vandalise the sites and cause a nuisance for neighbours. The Richard Herrod Recycling Centre has become such a hive of unsociable activity that residents have petitioned for the removal of the site. Increase in fly tipping and vandalism raises the costs of maintaining, tidying, and removal of flytipped waste. The contractors also charge for contamination of recycling banks and vandalism.

3. Consultation

The proposed removal of the recycling centres in phases one and two below has involved a consultation exercise over the first couple of months. Ward members, parish councils and residents in the vicinity of the recycling centres were contacted and notices were placed at the centres to ensure all regular users were aware of the issue.

We received the following response:

a) Parish Councils

- § Ravenshead Parish Council – Agreed to the removal of the Little John recycling centre
- § Woodborough Parish Council – Agreed to the removal of the Village Hall recycling centre
- § Stoke Bardolph Parish Council – Agreed to the removal of the Ferryboat recycling centre

No responses were received from Calverton, Lambley or Newstead Parish Councils

b) Ward Members

- § Members representing Ravenshead and Valley wards have agreed to the removal of centres in their wards

c) Local Residents

- § Petition received from local residents requesting the removal of recycling centre at Richard Herrod
- § One resident from Woodborough responded agreeing to the removal
- § The owner of the Ferry boat in Stoke Bardolph agreed to its removal due to it being a meeting place for gangs of youths

d) Other Issues

- § One resident suggested the removal of the centre at St. Wilfrid's Square, Calverton
- § One resident suggested the removal of the centre at Milton Court, Ravenshead

Although the response to the consultation was poor, it shows that the centres are no longer used to the extent that they were prior to the introduction of the twin bin scheme.

4. Proposal

Following monitoring and reports from cleansing operatives the removal of some sites is deemed to be necessary. Similarly, the phased reduction of problem sites is also proposed. It is proposed that the removal of the sites should take place over 4 phases.

The First phase will include sites for removal at the end of March 2005 due to lack of use, introduction of the twin bin and/or vandalism:

- § Richard Herrod – Carlton
- § Top Club – Calverton
- § Woodborough Village Hall

It is also proposed that a notice is placed at the sites advising residents that they will close.

The Second Phase will include the removal of the bins at the end of April 2005.

- § Little John – Ravenshead
- § The Lambley – Lambley
- § Ferryboat – Stoke Bardolph
- § Miners Welfare – Newstead

As with phases one and two, prior to the removal of any site, Parish Councils, Ward Members and local residents will be consulted.

The Third phase would take place following the introduction of the twin bin scheme throughout the rest of the Borough during 2005/06 and would include the removal of the following sites at the end of October 2005:

- § St Wilfrids Square – Calverton
- § Horse and Groom – Linby
- § Bestwood Social Club - Bestwood
- § Rolleston Drive – Arnold
- § Griffins Head – Papplewick
- § Thackery's Lane – Woodthorpe
- § Civic Centre - Arnold
- § Lambley Lane Recreation - Gedling
- § Ranmoor Road Car Park – Gedling

The site at Bestwood Social Club has been contaminated continuously since its introduction and has required disposal at landfill on many occasions.

The Fourth phase will include the removal of the sites at the end of January 2006

- § Bourne Mews – Netherfield
- § Co-op Holyoake Road – Carlton
- § Arnold Hill Community Centre - Arnold
- § St. Albans Road – Arnold
- § Mapperley Plains Social Club – Mapperley

I also propose to alter the number of banks contained within the remaining recycling centres and improve signage to minimise the impact on the local amenities due to higher participation :

Sainsbury's - Arnold	Improve signage, Replace old Banks
ASDA - Arnold	Improve signage
Haywood Road - Mapperly	Improve signage, replace Plastic Banks,
Morrisons - Netherfield	Improve signage, Replace old Banks
Morris Street - Netherfield	Improve signage, replace Plastic Banks
Tesco – Carlton	Improve signage
Carlton Square	Improve signage, replace plastic banks,
Standhill Rd - Carlton	Improve signage, replace old and plastic banks
Milton Court - Ravenshead	Improve signage, replace old banks
Wheatsheaf - Burton Joyce	Improve signage

§ Walkers Garage, Burton Road – Carlton (Waste Engine Oil only)

4. Financial Implications

As the proposals for the removal of the centres is planned between March 2005 and January 2006, financial savings will be achieved. However, the operative who monitors and keeps the sites tidy undertakes this work as he carries out other street cleansing duties in the area and therefore no significant labour savings will be made.

As and when the containers are removed, third party costs will be reduced (the cost of collecting the materials) but there will also be reductions in recycling credit income. Final savings will be reported through the budget monitoring process in 2005/06 but I would expect the savings to be in the region of £10,000. Upgrading of the remaining centres will be met from existing departmental budgets.

5. Recommendation

That Members approve the removal of the recycling centres as proposed in this report

6. Wards Affected

All