

Connections – town and parish council online engagement

Topic: Waste Consultation - initial engagement and next steps

Date: Monday 25 January 2020, 4pm-5pm

As agreed questions/comments have been lifted from the online chat box for a written response by the Environmental Commissioning Team :

1	Will CWAC increase the range for recycling eg plastic film?
2	Will the new vehicles be electric?
3	If I haven't got a garden, or do not wish to use the garden collection service, will my Council Tax be discounted?
4	As well as promoting good recycling behaviour, have you considered penalising households that don't recycle when they could - ie carrot and stick?
5	If you start charging for the disposal of certain items is there not a danger of more fly tipping?
6	How will CW&C stop additional flytipping if charges are introduced for garden waste, hardcore etc?
7	What size are the recycling bins? Not acceptable to make a decision without knowing the size of the recycling bins
8	What is the evidence that option B would increase recycling rates over option A?
9	So, is option A no change?
10	Do any other councils in the region use option A or B for their waste collection? If so is there any data we can see?
11	Could CWAC consider generic recycling?
12	How will you address an increase in flytipping caused by less frequent collections/charges? The change in opening hours at the tips caused an increase so I'm sure collecting less frequently will too. Please advise how can residents who do not have online access participate in the consultation?
13	Could bin size/ number be linked to house band? A band F house is likely to have a garden and need larger recycling capacity to a Band B which is likely to be a 2 bed. It seems unfair that a property in a high band gets the same as those who pay less in a lower band.
14	Have these options been costed?

15	<p>The residents in my parish have asked me to find the answers to the following questions. As it is a long list I appreciate you may not be able to answer them all today – email response is fine:</p> <p>What about people who do not have the space for 4 wheelie bins?</p> <p>How large will the recycle bins be?</p> <p>Are you moving away from Diesel/petrol powered bin lorries? If not why not as you say you want to address the climate emergency?</p> <p>How much will a green bin collection cost? – you must have worked it out to know what savings etc you will have?</p> <p>Can we have more detail on the garden waste, including if we will still be able to have an extra garden bin (with costs)?</p> <p>The same size green bin as now on a 3 weekly collection is penalising the rural communities who tend to have larger gardens. We struggle with the green bin now on a 2 week collection. You are encouraging the burning of more garden waste and hence contributing to the climate emergency. We already compost as much as we have space to do.</p> <p>How will moving to a 3 weekly collection with a LARGER black bin encourage increased recycling? If you really want to increase recycling you need to keep the black bins as small as possible so people have to put the recyclable items in the recycling bins. Comments from residents are: We rarely fill our current smaller black bin in 2 weeks so if we had a larger one for 3 weeks it would be pretty empty every time, although I know other larger households who run out of space in their black bin now even though they recycle as much as they can.</p> <p>What is your view on the bin(s) becoming too heavy and hence they then refuse to empty them on H&S grounds as already happens with the ‘smaller’ black bins. This is an increasing problem even though we can easily move the bins up steep slopes the bin men say they are too heavy (and we are older than them)!!</p> <p>What is your view on us having to move bins, which will now be 25% to 50% heavier, up a long steep drive?</p> <p>Can the consultation be made more prominent on the CWaC website? It only appears on the home page if you wait for it to scroll into view and if you search for consultation it does not show up unless you click through other links. Gives the impression the council are trying to hide it, which I am sure is untrue.</p>
16	<p>One concern is that the new larger black bin will not fit in people's existing bin stores. Has existing storage been considered?</p>
17	<p>Question from parishioner received this afternoon: “no way of completing the easy read document online. “ Is this the case?</p>
18	<p>I live in a block of flats, so, we have no food waste bins, and all others are communal; Is it possible to have some kind of food waste bins ?</p> <p>Details emailed direct to Emma Harrison</p>

19	When can the Council negotiate with a recycle centre to be able to recycle black plastic? I know it has to be a digital /optical reader situation.
20	How is CW&C going to deal with the recycling material that residents currently don't put in the recycling bins but just dump in the black bins?
21	One way the Council would not need to increase payments from its residents, is to use legal borrowing powers - as do all governments!!! Jobs and services before " balancing the books " !
22	Saying it's 50p per week for all of these services doesn't add up that CWAC would need to charge £40-£70 per year for garden waste collections alone. Please explain...
23	I do not understand how Option B will increase the existing level of recycling. Please explain what evidence is there to support this statement?
24	Should the consultation be called Waste Management not recycling as it could be a bit misleading?
25	You can currently have more boxes FOC if you wish. What if the recycling bins are not big enough? What about rats and vermin if not.
26	Is there any evidence for an increased vermin risk with lower frequency collections?
27	Can you share those statistics off wrap with us all?
28	Could you not have a 2 tier system for rural areas and city centres. This is one size fits all
29	Are there any rural council's in the north west who have moved to 3 weekly collections? What have they learnt from this change?
30	Presumably CWAC's consultants explored other options/models (e.g. one wheelie bin for ALL recycling waste) before settling on Option A or B for the consultation? Please can such background be made available as part of the consultation?
31	Many people in our rural area have 2 sets of recycling boxes and 2 black wheelie bins because of the size of their household. For example we have 8 adults in a large house. Will you continue to provide the equivalent number of bins under any new scheme?
32	It is very difficult to recycle plastic bags. Why don't CW&C have a collection centre for these at the recycling centres?
33	As this is a ten year plan is the new incinerator being built in Northwich being considered?
34	Is the incinerator at Protos, near Ince, being considered?

Comments:

The Council should be supporting start up initiatives for every kind of recycling - garden waste could certainly be one - producing compost locally. Less trips to the tip, less administrative input from CWAC on charging for garden waste collections, jobs created...

There are lots of services residents pay for but do not use - it is a tax not a payment for service.

Regardless of the system for collecting household waste, not enough is being done to stop the waste being produced. CWAC should look at measures to deter and prevent businesses in the Borough from providing non-recyclable materials. Start with takeaways using polystyrene and plastic - these are low-hanging fruit!

What about the pollution from incineration eg the toxic bottom waste

The Council must recognise that there is a proportion of the community who will not engage and will not be reached with 'educational' measures - many are just not interested in their own immediate neighbourhoods let alone the wider environment. Such people will continue to over-stuff their household waste bins with recyclables and fly tip rather than use recycling centres. Detection and enforcement would be too costly so this element needs much more thought.

Fly tipping is a major problem locally even blocking roads with rubble. Anything that makes it more difficult or more expensive to get rid of waste will increase this fly tipping and the cost of removing it.

Climate Emergency! If residents took their own garden waste this would result in a massive increase in unnecessary individual journeys to the recycle centres and lead to an increase in fly-tipping that would also adversely impact on CWAC budgets

In some countries there are large communal waste and recycling bins on the street which might be a better option than individual household collections. Even the less able bodied would be able to pop a small bag of rubbish into a large nearby bin rather than struggle to roll out huge wheelie bins.

Also, this would be much better than people in flats and terraces putting out rubbish on pavements for collection: a hazard to pedestrians (particularly blind and partially sighted) and creating an invitation to vermin.

Some might consider that communal rubbish points are unsightly but so is the current system with wheelie bins and in particular recycling boxes littering the streets and blowing into the road at times.

The level of fly tipping increased when the Tattenhall tip changed its hours / days - increased fly tipping in Tattenhall and Beeston areas.

Not all properties have the space to store a large number of containers such as 180L bins, this may cause problems with people who have little outdoor space and prefer using it for recreation rather than recycling