

12th November 2014

Environment Committee

Closure of Recycling Centre

Report of: Roy Ormsby – Head of Street Scene

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the Environment Committee on 16th September 2014 it was agreed that a review should take place on other recycling sites, and that a report should be presented to the Committee on 12th November 2014.

1.2 The Council currently provide nine bring sites, which are as follows:

	MDR Bins (No.)	Glass Bins (No.)	Textile Banks (No.)	Book Banks (No.)
Blackmore Village Hall	8	2	0	0
Brentwood Centre	8	3	1	1
Hunter Avenue Car Park	13	4	0	0
Mountnessing Village Hall	9	2	1	1
Rayleigh Road	7	3	1	0
Station Road, West Horndon	8	3	1	0
Town Hall	5	2	1	0
William Hunter Way	10	3	0	0
Warley Depot	10	3	1	1
TOTAL	78	25	6	3

- 1.3 Information was sent out to all Members on 2nd October 2014 requesting details of any issues with sites within their Ward, and a request was made at the Parish Council liaison meeting on 22nd September 2014 for the same information.
- 1.4 There has been two comments; Blackmore feel that their site has deteriorated since the closure of Crown Corner, and there has been ongoing issues with the site at Mountnessing, who on 13th October, at their Parish meeting agreed to close the site.
- 1.5 There are other high profile sites that Officers constantly have to deal with at key locations around the Borough. It is felt that due to their high profile locations they could be considered for closure, as they do not represent the Borough in a good way. These are; Hunter Avenue, Town Hall, and William Hunter Way.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To seek members views on the potential closure of the following recycling centres: Mountnessing, Hunter Avenue, Town Hall, and William Hunter Way.**
- 2.2 Agree that other sites are monitored, and where appropriate, through discussions with local Ward Members, and where appropriate Parish Councils, that the Head of Streetscene is given delegated authority to close further sites.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The recycling centres around the Borough have been subject to ongoing issues with fly tipping for a number of years. At the Environment Committee on 16th September 2014 it was agreed to close the site at Crown Corner due to continuous fly tipping, and numerous complaints from local residents.
- 3.2 Although Crown Corner appeared to be the site most used for fly tipping, it has become evident by the refuse crews that misuse of all sites has been increasing over the past 12 months.
- 3.3 There are some sites located in high footfall locations around the Borough, creating a poor appearance for residents and visitors to the Town. These sites include the Town Hall, Hunter Avenue car park, and William Hunter Way, all of which suffer from fly tipping issues.

- 3.4 All sites have been monitored through Environmental Services, and Street Scene staff, and where possible action has been taken against offenders. Cameras have been used at some sites, and although some offenders have been fined, it has not stopped the misuse and continuous fly tipping.
- 3.5 It is felt that now the Council provides a weekly dry recycling collection service from the kerbside it has reduced the need for local residents to use the sites to dispose of their recycling.
- 3.6 What is evident is that the sites are now being used by residents and businesses from other Districts to dispose of their waste, and this is coming at a cost to residents of the Borough, through both collection and disposal.
- 3.7 This is an issue for a number of Local Authorities, and in March 2013, following a phased approach, Southend Borough Council closed all of their 32 bring sites, as the materials were being collected at the kerbside. This was clearly communicated to residents, and through this approach they had a minimal number of complaints from residents.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Due to the introduction of a weekly kerbside collection service for dry recycling it is felt there is no requirement for such a large number of sites, as they are become increasingly abused, and waste is being sent to landfill, rather than recycled.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 Due to the misuse of sites, and increasing amounts of waste are now being sent to landfill due to contamination.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 All Members, and the Parish Council's have been consulted, and any feedback received is included in the report.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 The sites to be considered for closure would assist the Council in maintaining a clean environment, and reduce the amount of waste being taken to landfill.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 There are no quantifiable savings available at this time, although these will be considered further in conjunction with other changes to the current waste service delivery arrangements.

Legal Implications

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- 8.2 None.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.3 None.

- 9. Background Papers** (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

- 9.1 None.

10. Appendices to this report

None.

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