

Waste and Recycling Site - Response from Cllr Toby Sturgis 12.11.15

Thank you for the recommendations from the members of the area board following your debate on the change to opening hours at Churchfields household recycling centre. Tracy has passed on the questions raised and comments made during the course of the debate. I set out your decision for ease of reference below.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board asked that the following recommendations be considered by the Cabinet Member for Waste and recycling:

1. Work to improve the site layout be considered
2. Opening hours at the site be amended to include one late night opening until 8pm with that night being recommended as Wednesday.
3. The option to open earlier than 10:00 should a queue develop, be implemented.
4. That the air quality be monitored and reviewed along Stephenson's Road, in the interest of those working and visiting there. *Councillor Clewer said that he would progress this given his role in monitoring air quality within the Salisbury air quality management area.*

Please see my response to your recommendations below.

1. The council has discussed the site layout with our contractor Hills Waste Solutions. Given the physical constraints of the site there is little that could be done to improve things in the short term. However, we have agreed that the site staff will park in the operational depot to free up some additional space within the household recycling centre. Officers will work with Hills Waste Solutions to provide a proposal for improving the layout and traffic management within the site. This is likely to require capital investment so funding may not be available in the current climate.
2. Historically the sites were open until later in the evening at Churchfields than at other sites. Data for previous years showed that the number of visitors dropped off considerably after 17:00 (data to be attached). In monitoring and reviewing the opening hours, we have yet to find any evidence to suggest that a late night opening would provide value for money. The pressure on the site tends to be first thing in the morning rather than at the end of the day.
3. The need to open before 10:00 will be kept under review but there is no proposal to implement this change at present.
4. I note that Councillor Clewer has offered to progress this action.