



# Future of Everleigh household recycling centre – Wiltshire Council

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# Wiltshire Council – budget context

- Wiltshire Council currently spends around £900 million each year on more than 350 services.
- Changing demographics, such as people living longer, coupled with rising inflation and ongoing cuts in funding from central government mean significant savings continue to need to be found.
- This year the council received £104 million from the Government – next year we anticipate will get £91.6 million. This cut of more than £12 million, combined with the rise in demand for some key front line services and inflation costs, means the council needs to find a further £24 million of savings this financial year.
- Unfortunately due to the budget situation the council faces, we have been forced to consider further savings from all council services.

## Statutory duty:

- Section 51 Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Waste Disposal Authorities must provide places where persons **resident in its area** may deposit their **household waste**, free of charge.
- each place to be situated either within the area of the authority or so as to be **reasonably accessible to persons resident in its area**

## Guidance.

- No specific direction on number of sites to be provided. Duty to provided “places”, so more than one where practicable.

<b>WRAP guidance states:</b>	<b>Wiltshire Council provision:</b>
Max drive time to a HRC (urban) should not be more than 20 mins	Currently, 98.52% of Wiltshire households are served within these parameters.
Max drive time to a HRC (rural) should not be more than 30 minutes	
At least one site to be provided per 143,750 residents	Wiltshire currently provides 1 site per 42,980. This would change to 1 site per 47,278 if Everleigh closed.
Each site should not exceed a maximum throughput of 17,250 tonnes.	Each Wiltshire site is permitted by the EA to receive up to 25,000 tonnes PA (standard permit).  However, no site handles more than 11,000 tonnes PA, with an average of less than 6,500 tonnes per site, per annum

## Other constraints

- Government carried out consultation in 2015. Legislation now prevents local authorities for charging residents for **entry** to use household recycling centres.
  - Any council's/authorities that charge for entry will have to provide free access to their residents from 2020.
  - Can charge non-householders (e.g. Charities) to use sites, or charge householders for non-household waste (e.g. Tyres, soil and rubble) - *our HRCs or online payment systems not currently configured to achieve this.*
  - Many other authorities issue permits or have other limitations on entry. Wiltshire is also considering similar approaches.
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## Comparison of no. of households per HRC

	Authority	H'hlds	No. Of sites	Ratio (sites : h'hld)
1	Somerset	245,780	16*	1 : 15,361
2	Dorset	198,060	11	1 : 18,005
<b>3</b>	<b><i>Wiltshire (11 x sites)</i></b>	<b><i>211,665</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>	<b><i>1 : 19,242</i></b>
4	Devon	357,370	18	1 : 19,854
5	Cornwall	265,570	13	1 : 20,428
<b>6</b>	<b><i>Wiltshire (10 x sites)</i></b>	<b><i>211,665</i></b>	<b><i>10</i></b>	<b><i>1 : 21,665</i></b>
7	Hampshire	573,580	24	1 : 23,899
8	Bath & North East Somerset	77,490	3	1 : 25,830
9	South Gloucestershire	112,830	3	1 : 37,610
10	Oxfordshire CC	274,670	7	1 : 39,239
11	Borough of Poole	67,500	1	1 : 67,500
12	Swindon Borough	93,210	1	1 : 93,210
13	Bristol City	192,350	2	1 : 96,175

## Other councils changing their HRCs provision

Authority	Change	Population
Oxfordshire	Closed their smallest site in 2011, now consulting on reducing sites from 7 to 4	666,100
Staffordshire	Proposed reduction from 14 sites to 12	806,700
Norfolk	Closing 1 site, reducing days of opening at 3 sites and reducing hours	858,000
Hampshire	Consultation on proposals, including closing 2 sites	1,370,000
Surrey	Proposal agreed to reduce opening hours	1,085,000
Lincolnshire	Reduced hours and days (now open 4 days per week)	548,700

**Note:** Wiltshire has a population of 462,449 (source: Wiltshire Intelligence Network)

## The current Wiltshire HRC network

- 11 sites (*1 per 19,242 households av.*)
- Opening hours reduced from July 2015, and now open 5 days per week instead of 7. Hours also now reduced from 9-5pm, to 10-4pm
- Staggered closures mean 1 site remains available all week in each of the former Wiltshire district areas.
- Currently no charges for non-household items, or restrictions on access (permits). Now under consideration in Wiltshire.



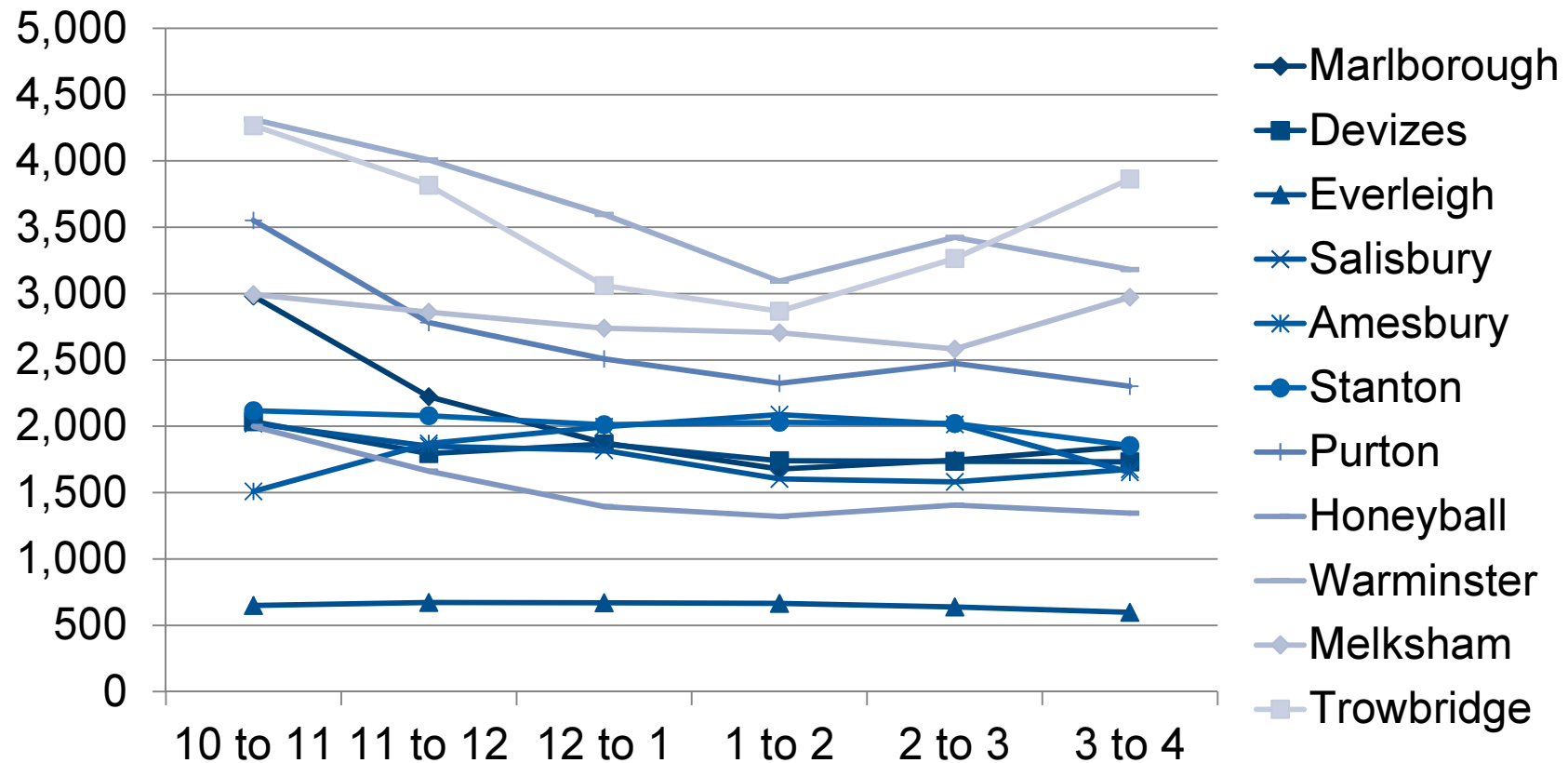
## Relative performance of HRCs - visits

Total Visitors (in 20 wks)	2014 (July-Oct)	2015 (July-Oct)	2015 (% of total visitors)	2015 (Visitors / day)	2015 (Visitors / hour)
Warminster	97,215	80,772	14%	808	135
Trowbridge	81,399	76,548	13%	765	128
Melksham	80,532	64,529	11%	645	108
Purton	75,789	62,133	11%	621	104
Amesbury	65,267	56,012	10%	560	93
Salisbury	67,311	49,974	9%	500	83
Marlborough	64,933	49,096	8%	491	82
Stanton	55,012	46,308	8%	463	77
Devizes	52,421	44,391	8%	444	74
Lower Compton, Calne	34,042	34,909	6%	349	58
Everleigh	25,385	17,217	3%	172	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>699,306</b>	<b>581,889</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>88</b>

## HRC visits by hour – August (busiest month)

HRC	Aug-15						Total visitors
	10 to 11	11 to 12	12 to 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	
Marlborough	2,982	2,224	1,874	1,677	1,745	1,848	<b>12,350</b>
Devizes	2,034	1,794	1,865	1,740	1,735	1,731	<b>10,899</b>
Everleigh	649	671	670	664	638	597	<b>3,889</b>
Salisbury	2,020	1,851	1,820	1,604	1,580	1,676	<b>10,551</b>
Amesbury	1,510	1,870	1,997	2,088	2,015	1,652	<b>11,132</b>
Stanton	2,118	2,079	2,011	2,030	2,022	1,854	<b>12,114</b>
Purton	3,551	2,781	2,509	2,325	2,475	2,301	<b>15,942</b>
Lower Compton, Calne	1,999	1,661	1,395	1,321	1,405	1,345	<b>9,126</b>
Warminster	4,312	4,008	3,597	3,094	3,424	3,182	<b>21,617</b>
Melksham	2,992	2,860	2,740	2,706	2,582	2,972	<b>16,852</b>
Trowbridge	4,265	3,816	3,061	2,868	3,264	3,863	<b>21,137</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,432</b>	<b>25,615</b>	<b>23,539</b>	<b>22,117</b>	<b>22,885</b>	<b>23,021</b>	<b>145,609</b>

# Usage per hour



## Comparison of HRCs – tonnage & costs

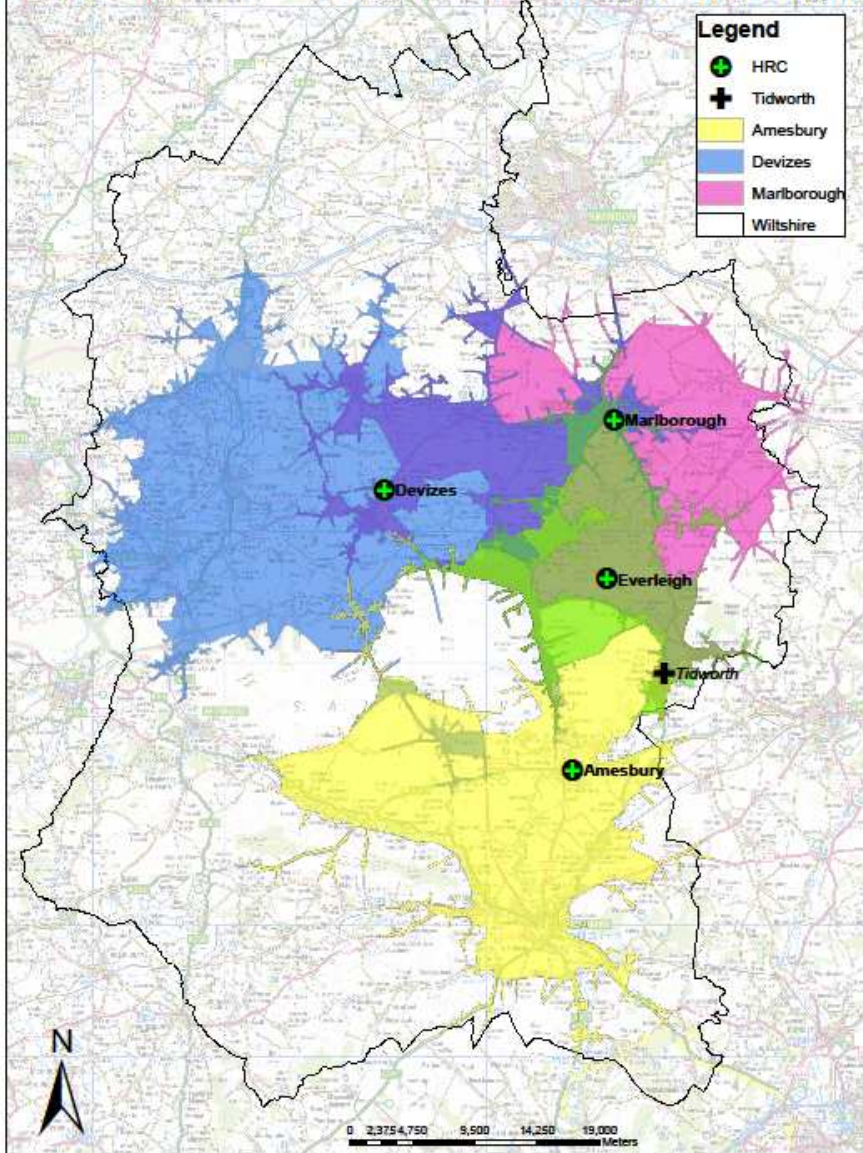
Household Recycling Centre	Total Tonnes, 2014/15 FULL YEAR	% of Total Tonnes	Total tonnes diverted from Landfill	% of Total tonnes diverted from Landfill	Estimated costs per tonne by site
Salisbury	10,337	14.5%	7,863	76.1%	£34.26
Trowbridge	9,533	13.4%	7,755	81.4%	£38.20
Stanton	8,317	11.7%	6,545	78.7%	£38.92
Warminster	7,449	10.4%	6,036	81.0%	£37.41
Purton	6,755	9.5%	5,319	78.7%	£46.83
Melksham	6,705	9.4%	5,494	81.9%	£39.66
Amesbury	5,564	7.8%	4,260	76.6%	£54.03
Devizes	5,229	7.3%	4,087	78.1%	£39.47
Lower Compton, Calne	4,763	6.7%	3,609	75.8%	£34.29
Marlborough	3,917	5.5%	3,228	82.4%	£53.07
<b>Everleigh</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>75.3%</b>	<b>£67.48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,289</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>56,243</b>	<b>78.9%</b>	

# Relative performance of HRCs – population served by site

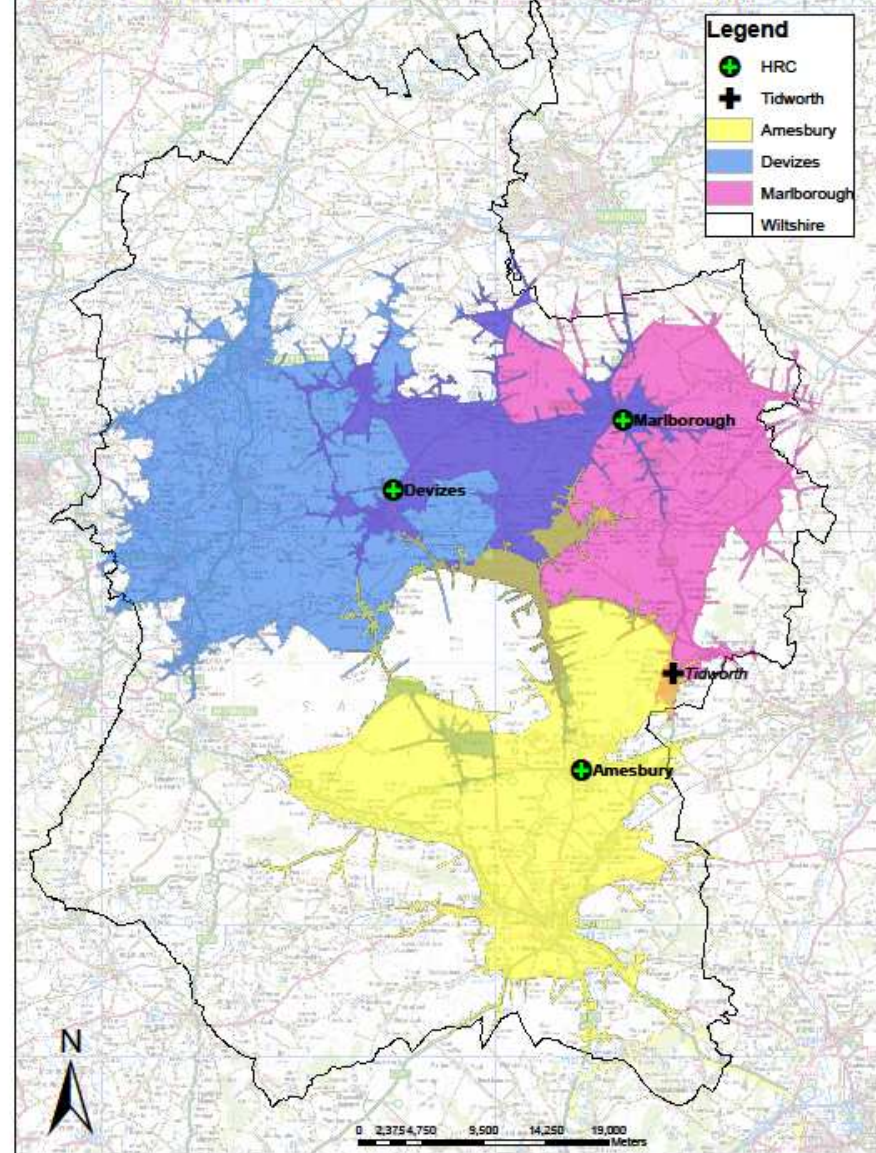
HRC PERFORMANCE 2015/16 (Apr-Sep 15)				
HRC	Total waste	Total Recycled	Rec rate	Population served
Trowbridge	5,500.30	4,580.37	83.27%	64,167
Salisbury	5,380.47	4,175.35	77.60%	68,105
Stanton	4,786.82	3,854.21	80.52%	77,720
Warminster	4,378.09	3,638.87	83.12%	45,750
Melksham	4,093.80	3,431.78	83.83%	37,555
Purton	3,750.69	3,061.73	81.63%	28,640
Amesbury	3,328.18	2,574.43	77.35%	35,457
Devizes	3,020.49	2,429.67	80.44%	32,380
Lower Compton, Calne	2,925.01	2,296.92	78.53%	28,640
Marlborough	2,143.10	1,797.25	83.86%	19,220
Everleigh	1,441.90	1,088.41	75.48%	24,818
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,748.85</b>	<b>32,928.99</b>	<b>80.81%</b>	<b>462,449</b>

NACAS recommends no site exceeds a maximum throughput of 17,250 tonnes per annum

### HRC service areas (20 minutes) Everleigh, Amesbury, Devizes and Marlborough

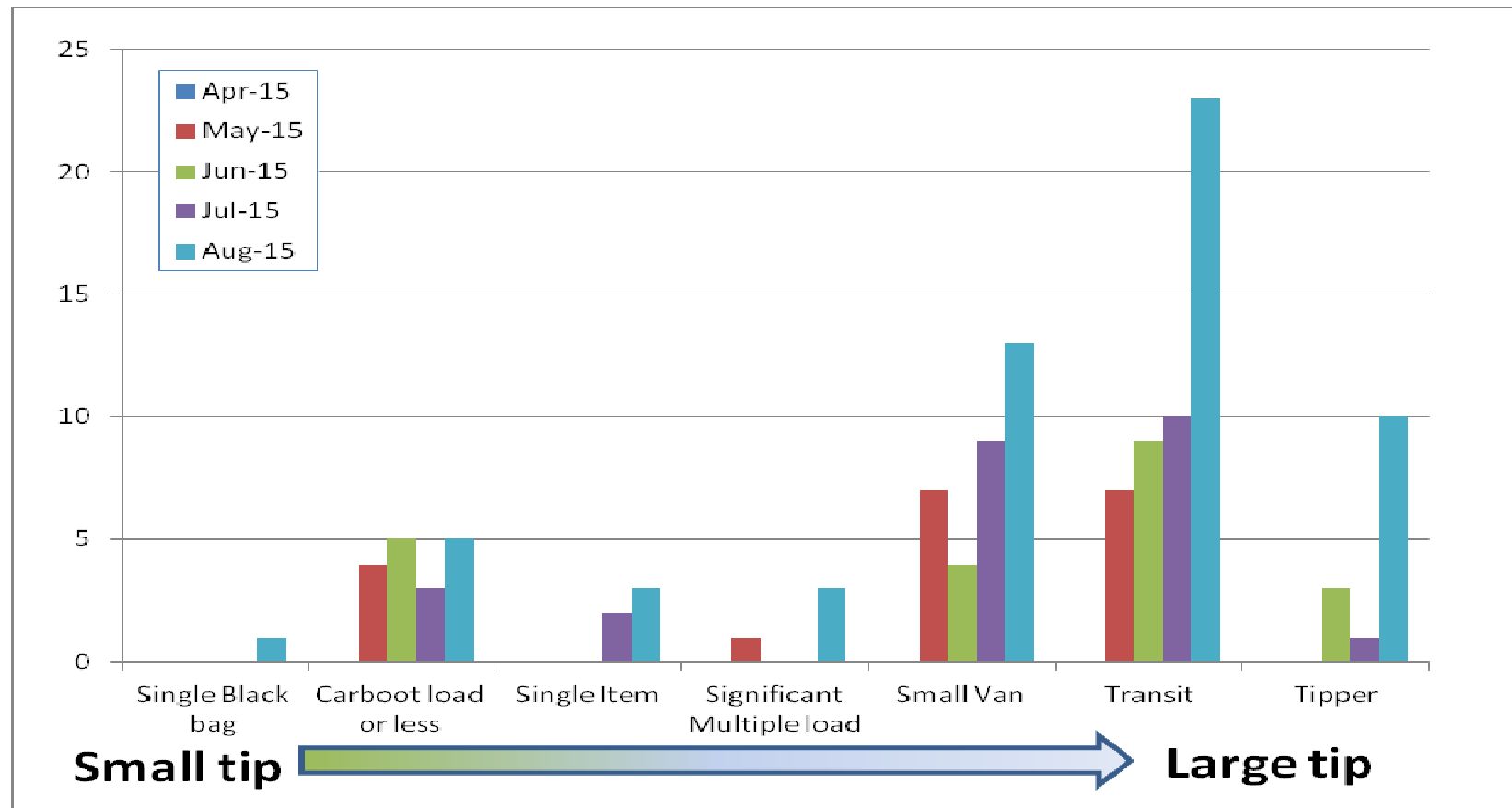


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# Flytipping incidents – Wiltshire 15/16



# Flytipping...

- Do not anticipate increase as a result of **householders** deciding to dump waste if a site were to close.
- Most waste would be likely to be taken to other HRCs.
- Flytipping is illegal, and majority of householders are law abiding.
- Majority of flytipping is of a scale and nature that suggests it is from commercial sources (commercial waste not accepted at HRCs).
- Cost of clearing fly tips @ £29 per car boot load. Received approx 745 reports of fly tips of loads suitable for a HRC (i.e. not commercial) in 2014/15. Cost approx £21,605 to clear.
- Alternatives to using HRCs exist; Freecycle, Ebay, Charity shops / re-use



## Summary of proposal

- The council acknowledges queues at start of day at many HRC sites following reduction of opening hours and days.
- Wish to provide extra hours over the summer (April – Oct) for 94% of Wiltshire residents and users of the HRCs.
- Recognises the very low usage at Everleigh in terms of tonnages and visitor numbers.
- Provides an opportunity to reduce HRC sites by 1 and fund additional hour opening for remaining HRCs at their busiest times.

## Summary of proposal (cont...)

- Benefits the majority of HRC users, and increases availability at other sites
- Closing Everleigh would save £135k per year. £60k would be utilised to provide an extra hour at the remaining 10 sites.
- Not out of step with neighbouring authorities.
- Suitable alternative sites exist within 20 minute drive time.