

Your say on local waste and recycling sites

Following the success of the new improved waste and recycling collection services in Wiltshire, some of the other recycling facilities in Wiltshire are being used less and therefore we are looking to save around £250,000 by making changes to these services. This will help the council to spend more on priority services, such as those for vulnerable adults and children, and roads.

We are now looking for your views on how you use your local recycling facilities and how these savings can be achieved.

Thanks to people in Wiltshire using their blue lidded bins we now recycle more than 700 tonnes of plastic bottles and cardboard every month.

Household recycling centres – summer opening hours

Everyone in Wiltshire can now ask to have a free garden waste collection from the kerbside, making it easy to recycle garden waste from home. During recent summers the household recycling centres have been open until 7pm on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, to help residents to recycle their garden waste in particular. As the new free kerbside collection service will soon be in place it is proposed household recycling centres will go back to normal summer opening, until 5pm, 7 days per week. (This change will affect all sites except Salisbury household recycling centre, Churchfields, where current opening hours are different and will not alter.)



Local mini recycling sites

Paper, glass, cans, clothes, foil, plastic bottles and cardboard are now collected direct from every home in Wiltshire and the use of local mini recycling sites has significantly reduced. In particular we expect sites with plastic bottle and cardboard bins to be used much less, due to the popular new blue lidded bin collections. We therefore propose to remove some local mini recycling sites, whilst keeping a good network for you to use in addition to kerbside collections.

We are proposing to review local mini recycling sites on the following grounds-

- How much recycling is collected from each site
- Distance from the nearest alternative recycling sites
- Number of homes the site is serving
- Ease of use (eg access and parking)
- Ease of emptying the bins
- Condition of the site
- Amount of flytipping or non-residents' waste dumped.

Have your say

If you would like to comment on these proposals, please complete an online questionnaire at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/consultations or call 0300 456 0102 for a paper copy. **Please reply by 28 May 2012.**