

**ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL
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**HEAD OF COMMUNITY
REPORT NO. COMM1606**

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – PROPOSALS FOR
CHANGES TO THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES**

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This paper seeks Panels views on Hampshire County Council's (HCC) consultation (appendix 1) on proposals to change the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service. They are seeking views of service users, members of the public and other interested parties and a proposed response from this Council is included in the consultation document at appendix 1 pages 16-19.
- 1.2. Following the recent local government settlement, HCC must make savings of circa £100 million in a number of areas to become financially sustainable by 2017. They are already planning some measures to improve the efficiency of the HWRC including:
 - Letting a more efficient contract for management of the network
 - Trade waste prevention
 - Prevention of cross county-border waste
- 1.3. In addition to the above, the level of savings sought from the HWRC service is £1.55m. They have as part of their consultation a range of options from changing operating hours and days to possible site closures.

2. HWRCs in the Rushmoor area

- 2.1. HCC currently operate two HWRCs in the Rushmoor area, Eelmoor Road in Farnborough and Ivy Road in Aldershot. The Farnborough site is the fifth highest-use site in the county, taking in around 14,000 tonnes of material per year and is a modern designed split-level site that is safer for site users and minimises inconvenience when containers are being serviced. The site is located in a busy industrial estate and whilst measures have been taken to reduce the impact of queueing vehicles waiting to use the facility at peak times, there are still occasions when significant queues develop.
- 2.2. The Aldershot site is a lower use site, receiving 6,000 tonnes of material per year and is a single level site that results in site closures whenever a container

is exchanged. There are plans to provide a replacement for this site as part of the Wellesley Development in the proposed commercial area on Ordnance Road.

3. Efficiency proposals

3.1. HCC have asked eight questions relating to the service and the way to achieve savings. Some of these relate to changing operating hours and days, whilst others relate to site closures. These questions are grouped into three proposals:

- a) To reduce operating hours and days
- b) To partially close one of more HWRC sites
- c) To fully close one of more HWRC sites

3.2. In considering these proposals, it is important to account for the possible impacts outlined below on the service user, the local environment and the Council.

- Flytipping – it is possible that site closures or reduced operating hours could result in localised flytipping with the associated environmental and amenity impacts. Any such flytips are likely to fall on this Council to collect.
- Traffic & congestion – site closures are likely to result in greater demand for the remaining sites with increased congestion.
- Housing growth – with the projected rapid growth in housing, particularly in Aldershot, the pressure on the Rushmoor sites will increase.
- Transfer costs to this Council – with sites being open for shorter hours, fewer days or being closed altogether, there is the potential for a portion of the waste to end up in our kerbside collection scheme thereby transferring cost to this Council.

4. Financial implications

4.1. It is not possible to identify the level of any financial implications at this stage.

5. Conclusion

5.1. HCC have a very challenging savings target to achieve over the next year and this consultation seeks to determine how to save £1.55m per year from the HWRC service with minimum adverse impact. Against that background, whilst reduced opening hours & days are most likely, any site closures in particular could have a significant impact on residents and the local environment.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1. Panel to give their views, which will be considered by Cabinet in developing this Council's response to the consultation.

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Background papers: Shaping Hampshire – Consultation on proposals for changes to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre Service