

APPENDIX A

WASTE STRATEGY FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your interest in helping us solve the problem of waste in Buckinghamshire. We are seeking your views on a range of important questions. Before reading the questionnaire please read the attached Explanation Notes. These set out the major challenges that Buckinghamshire must face over the next twenty years or so, in the way we handle our waste. You are requested to return the completed questionnaire in the pre paid envelope by x.

Please indicate your answer by entering a tick in the appropriate box for each question unless otherwise stated.

Q1 Do you already recycle any of your household waste?

Yes No

If no, why not?.....

Q1(a) If yes, which of the following do you recycle? Please tick as many boxes as appropriate.

Glass Metal Paper Textiles Plastics

Other (Please specify).....

Q1(b) How often do you do you recycle?

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Quarterly

Q1(c) How do you recycle?

Recycling Centres Household Collections Both

Q2 Do you have a garden?

Yes No

If your answer is no, please go to Question 3 over the page.

Q2(a) If yes, do you already compost your garden waste?

Yes No

If no, why not?.....

Q2(b) Do you compost kitchen waste? Eg. Potato peelings, etc

Yes No

If no, why not?.....

Q3 What do you think the aims of the draft Waste Strategy for Bucks should be?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimise waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase re-use, recycling and composting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Find the best, most practical and environmentally friendly option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Deal with waste close to its source	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4 Which of these steps would you accept as a way of minimising kitchen and garden waste?

	Yes	No	Cannot*
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate kitchen and garden waste from other waste and place it in a container for kerbside collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Take your kitchen and garden waste to a local collection point or recycling centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Use a discounted home composter for vegetable and garden waste.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Note: Some suggestions may not suit everyone because of transport or other access limitations

Q5 Would you be prepared to pay an additional annual charge of say £30-35 a year to have garden waste collected fortnightly from your home?

Yes No

Q5(b) As one way of making the most of the resources that we have in order to recycle as much as possible, would you be willing to accept alternate week collections of refuse with recycling collections? (e.g. Week 1 refuse collection/Week 2 recycling collection) in order to keep costs down.

Yes No

Q6 What measures would increase your participation in local recycling schemes?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> More kerbside collections of additional materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> More recycling centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> More frequent recycling collections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional containers for collecting recyclables with smaller containers for the left over waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7 Which of the following do you consider to be the most acceptable? Please rank in your order of preference scoring 4 for the "most" down to 1 for the "least".

- Recycling as much as possible and composting collected green waste at selected locations
- Recycling, composting at selected locations and the minimum level of incineration with waste energy recovery to meet the Government's waste targets
- Recycling and incineration with energy recovery
- Incineration with energy recovery

Q7(a) How dependent is your answer to the question above to:

- | | Very | Quite | Not At All |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The cost (to your household) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where the necessary facilities are located? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q8 Increased traffic is one of the more noticeable consequences arising from waste management facilities. With this in mind, what should the Waste Strategy for Bucks be proposing?

- | | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several smaller facilities located close to where the waste is generated
<i>i.e. within or close to the larger towns, so that the waste is moved over shorter distances.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer but much larger facilities serving large catchments, with waste being moved longer distances. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q9 Should Buckinghamshire aim to be self-sufficient in dealing with its waste?

- | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q9(a) Alternatively, should Buckinghamshire seek to "buy into" waste facilities in neighbouring areas where possible?

- | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q10 Government targets are set to double the cost of managing waste over the next 20 years. This is likely to cost you £X per year (based on the average band D Council Tax payer).

What is your preference for meeting the increased costs? Please tick ONE of the following.

- Increased Council Tax
- Pay as you throw schemes (charging by the quantity of waste that you generate)
- Paying for individual elements of the waste stream E.g. green garden waste
- Recycling free but charging to deal with the left over waste
- Any other suggestions

In order for us to analyse the results it would be very helpful if you would provide the following details about yourself. Please note that postcode information is useful when all the results are analysed together but it will not be used as a means of identifying individuals.

Gender Male Female

Age Group 16-24 25-44 45-64 65+

Postcode

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your views will provide a valuable contribution to the emerging Waste Strategy for Bucks.

All returned and completed questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw for a