

SUBJECT:	Bring Site Review
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1. Purpose of Report

Officers have carried out a review of recycling bring site facilities in the district and this report makes a number of recommendations to improve services and collection efficiency.

RECOMMENDATION

As a result of this review the recommendations below are made;

1. Closure of the following bring sites (6 total);
 - Beaconsfield Motorway Services
 - Neville Court Car Park, Burnham
 - South Buckinghamshire Golf Course, Stoke Poges
 - Taplow Train Station
 - Dumb Bell Pub, Taplow
 - Post Office Lane, Wexham

2. Retention of the following bring sites (9 total);
 - The Becons Centre, Holtspur
 - Waitrose, Beaconsfield
 - Penncroft Car Park, Beaconsfield
 - Jennery Lane Car Park, Burnham
 - Summers Road Car Park, Burnham
 - Denham Railway Station
 - The Broadway Car Park, Farnham Common
 - Packhorse Road Car Park, Gerrards Cross
 - The Evreham Centre, Iver

3. Introduce new bring site facilities at the new Bishops Centre Tesco Development.

4. All Small electrical banks are removed and recycling promoted through household collections.

5. Removal of textiles banks from the South Buckinghamshire Golf Course

6. Bring site capacity is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure adequate containers are provided.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 A review of collection data and bring site capacity monitoring has highlighted the top and bottom performing bring sites. As a result Officers recommend that 6 sites in total are closed due to poor performance. Appendix A provides background and a map showing the distribution of sites throughout the district which will not be significantly affected by these closures and that alternative sites are available.
- 2.2 All small household electrical banks will be removed due to circumstances explained in para 3.4 below.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Closure of the above sites is recommended due to low resident usage, significant abuse by trade, increasing incidents of fly-tipping and/or the poor quantity and quality of materials collected. There are alternative sites nearby to absorb the removal of each of these sites.
- 3.2 Retention of the above sites is recommended as a result of the high usage and tonnage collected. In most of the sites a specific area has been fenced off to accommodate recycling containers.
- 3.3 It was a planning condition that the new Bishop Centre development provided public recycling facilities. The site has been completed but is waiting for sufficient signage before delivering containers and promoting the new site. This new site is more convenient and easier to access, for both residents and collection crews, than the existing sites in Taplow.
- 3.4 It is no longer possible to continue providing small household electrical banks as a cost neutral service, as detailed in para 4.10 below. Market research has not identified any alternative suppliers that are willing or able to supply a similar service. It is therefore recommended that all bring banks for small electricals are removed and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is promoted through the household collection service and HWRC's.
- 3.5 Annual capacity monitoring will allow a more formal approach to assessing if bring sites have the right number of containers and allow capacity to be increased/decreased as appropriate.

4. Content of Report

Bring Site Review

- 4.1 Officers have analysed collection data and capacity monitoring carried out from April to June 2015. The following were identified as the top 5 performing sites;
1. Waitrose, Beaconsfield
 2. Broadway Car Park, Farnham Common
 3. Denham Railway Station, Denham
 4. Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross
 5. Penncroft Road Car Park, Beaconsfield

4.2 Table 1 below details the recommendations on whether to retain or close each of the bring sites.

Table 1. Bring Site Retention or Closure Recommendations

<i>Site</i>	<i>Retain/Close</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Notes</i>
The Beacons Centre, Holtspur	RETAIN	Keep site. Capacity is sufficient but bins to be relocated.	Bins are quite spread out at the moment taking up 3/4 car parking spaces. Site can be re-organised to release 2 parking spaces potentially. 4 x reported fly tips in last 12months
Waitrose, Beaconsfield	RETAIN	Keep site. Capacity is sufficient & no need to relocate.	Specific area fenced off for recycling. Most well used/productive site in the district.
Penncroft Car Park, Beaconsfield	RETAIN	Keep site. Capacity is sufficient & no need to relocate.	Specific area fenced off for recycling, doesn't take up any car parking spaces. 3 x reported fly tips in last 12months
Beaconsfield Motorway Services	CLOSE	Remove all banks.	Heavily contaminated with litter. Essentially providing a free trade waste/litter collection and other services are nearby.
Neville Court, Burnham	CLOSE	Remove banks as flats opposite now have on site recycling bins. Will release parking spaces for income and other facilities are nearby at Summers Road	Over capacity provided at present. 6 bins only 2 regularly filled. Usually contaminated. Take up 4 x car parking spaces at present.
Jennery Lane Car Park	RETAIN	Keep textiles banks	No facilities for mixed or paper recycling. Textiles and small electricals only. Not taking up any car parking spaces
Summers Road Car Park, Burnham	RETAIN	Keep site. Capacity is sufficient & no need to relocate. Room is available if additional bins are required due to closure of Neville Court.	Specific area fenced off for recycling, doesn't take up any car parking spaces. 2 x reported fly tips in last 12months
Denham Railway Station	RETAIN	Keep site. Capacity is sufficient & no need to relocate.	
The Broadway Car	RETAIN	Keep site. Capacity is	Specific area fenced off for

Park, Farnham Common		<i>sufficient & no need to relocate.</i>	<i>recycling, doesn't take up any car parking spaces.</i>
Packhorse Road Car Park, Gerrards Cross	<i>RETAIN</i>	<i>Keep site. Capacity is sufficient. Relocation to be discussed with Car Parks and Biffa.</i>	<i>Bins lined up along back fence. Textiles banks take up a car parking space. Have been complaints regarding rats in the last 6 months. 1 x reported fly tips in last 12months.</i>
The Evreham Centre	<i>RETAIN</i>	<i>Keep site. Capacity is sufficient & no need to relocate. Only site servicing Iver</i>	<i>Specific area fenced off for recycling taking up several car parking spaces.</i>
South Buckinghamshire Golf Course	<i>CLOSE</i>	<i>Remove all banks due to small amounts collected, high contamination and increasing fly tipping</i>	<i>5 x reported fly tips in last 12months and getting more frequent. Fenced off area in corner of car park.</i>
Taplow Train Station	<i>CLOSE</i>	<i>Remove all banks</i>	<i>Small amounts collected.</i>
Dumb Bell Pub	<i>CLOSE</i>	<i>Remove all banks due to small amounts collected, high contamination and trade use</i>	<i>Virtually no materials collected from the mixed recycling banks. The FEL (paper) container is full of cardboard from the pub and heavily contaminated with plastic packaging. All site is doing is avoiding trade waste costs for the pub.</i>
Bishops Centre Tesco	<i>INSTALL</i>	<i>Install new bring site that can provide replacement facilities for the Taplow area</i>	
Post Office Lane	<i>CLOSE</i>	<i>Remove all banks</i>	<i>Small amounts collected. 8 bins provided between 0.5/1 regularly filled.</i>

4.9 It is recommended that 6 sites in total are closed. Appendix A provides a map showing the distribution of sites throughout the district will not be significantly affected by these closures and that alternative sites are available.

Small Household Electrical Banks

4.10 Banks for small household electricals were introduced into seven selected sites in October 2012 as part of a cost neutral service. In 2014 the improved waste collection service introduced household collections of small electricals. In 2014/15 around 14 tonnes were collected from households while 10 tonnes was collected from the bring banks.

4.11 In August 2015 SBDC were given notice that the supplier would be removing the banks from bring sites or alternatively the service would cost £5,912.40 per year.

4.12 This cost is deemed excessive and market research has not identified any alternative suppliers that are willing or able to supply a similar service. It is therefore recommended that all bring banks for small electricals are removed and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment is promoted through the household collection service and HWRC's.

5. Consultation

5.1 Closure of the 6 sites and removal of the small household electrical banks will need to be communicated to residents through the following means;

- Signage/Notice at Bring Sites
- Council Website
- Press Releases
- Information pack to Parish Councils
- Reception display
- Resident email alert
- Notice to private land owners

6. Options

6.1 The options are to close or retain existing bring sites. Table 1 above details the reasons where closure is recommended.

7. Corporate Implications

Financial

7.1 Closing the specified sites will have a neutral effect on annual revenue as any lost recycling credit income from reduced tonnage will be outweighed by lower sorting costs. In reality the materials will go to neighbouring sites or kerbside collection and the councils recycling rate will not be affected by the site closures. Closing additional sites will not, at this time, make any savings but by structuring in an annual review this can be looked at again.

7.2 Replacing FELs with 1100L bins will make a £30,000 annual saving by using existing resources rather than a specialist collection vehicle. This saving will be used to offset predicted increases in sorting costs at the Materials Recycling Facility. Ideally clearly labelled 'paper only' banks will maximise the opportunity for an income from the material.

7.3 Although collection, maintenance and cleansing of bring sites is contained in the cost model, removal of the underperforming sites will make collections more efficient and reduce the burden on existing resources enabling them to be used in other areas.

Legal

7.4 There are no legal issues identified at this time

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

This matter is related to the following local and national policy objectives:

- The current Joint Waste Management Strategy for Bucks policies, including "securing a long-term strategy for the management of wastes for which the member authorities are collectively responsible".

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- The Council's recycling/composting target of 60% by 2025 as part of the Joint Waste Management Strategy for Bucks. The national target of 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020. There are no longer District specific targets.

9. Next Step

9.1 Closure of the sites will be communicated in the ways detailed in para 5.1 above and all containers will be removed. A period of monitoring the sites for fly-tipping following the removal of the banks will be put in place.

Background Papers:	It is a legal requirement that we make available any background papers relied on to prepare the report and should be listed at the end of the report (copies of Part 1 background papers for executive decisions must be provided to Democratic Services)
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