



**Central Area Forum  
Women's Institute, Chinley  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**Reference: 01 CNL 12/07/07 - Composting facility at Waterswallows**

**Question:**

... it is essential that food waste be collected every week, using the green bin on alternate weeks. In view of this can Derbyshire County Council give us an assurance that the new In Vessel composting facility at Waterswallows, which has already suffered serious delays, will be completed and in use by April, 2008 as promised?

**Answer: (DCC)** The Waterswallows site will be developed in two phases. The first will see the construction of the household waste recycling centre and waste transfer station and it is anticipated that this phase will be completed by April 2008. Construction of the in vessel composting facility will be the second phase and it is anticipated that this will be completed by June 2008. The delay has been caused by the need to reassess the composting technology to reflect the reduction in the guaranteed throughput from the collection system which was having a major impact on the affordability of the original proposal. Until the Waterswallows facility is available the County Council will continue to make arrangements to compost the material collected through the existing green waste collections in the Borough which covers a high percentage of the compostable waste but does not include food waste. This waste stream can be composted when the in vessel facility is operational.

**Reference: 02 CNL 12/07/07 - Recycling plastics**

**Question:**

Why can we not recycle all the plastic we get, e.g. yogurt cartons and food trays?

**Answer: (HPBC)** We are currently restricted as to the type of plastics that are acceptable by the contractor. The quality of product produced by recycling margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, cherry tomato trays etc is of poor quality and is difficult to manufacture into a viable product. Manufacturers are only concerned about the plastic that will make them a useful end product.

**Reference: 03 CNL 12/07/07 – Residents with small black bins**

**Question:**

Residents who only have small black bins, how will they be affected by fortnightly collections?

**Answer: (HPBC)** If a resident has a small black bin they can request up to a standard size bin. Generally, by using the new bin and green box container this will not be necessary.

**Reference: 04 CNL 12/07/07 - Residents without green bins**

**Question:**

What arrangements for recycling are being made for those without the green bins etc?

**Answer: (HPBC)** Every resident within the Borough will have access to the green box scheme by the end of this financial year. Additional recycling sites have been sited throughout the Borough and the number of plastic banks at these sites have also increased.

**Reference: 05 CNL 12/07/07 – Cardboard recycling**

**Question:**

Cardboard recycling is urgently required in Whaley Bridge.

**Answer: (HPBC)** Cardboard can now be placed within the green lidded bin.

**Reference: 06 CNL 12/07/07 - Recycling at Cromford Court**

**Question:**

Please note I live in Cromford Court flats but we do not have access to Cromford Court for recycling.

**Answer: (HPBC)** Cromford Court was given green boxes last year and have been delivered 3 green lidded bins for cardboard and garden waste.

**Reference: 07 CNL 12/07/07 - Jubilee Street, New Mills bungalows**

**Question:**

Why did all the residents in bungalows on Jubilee Street, New Mills get large green bins when small ones are needed?

**Answer: (HPBC)** Whilst delivering the bins to Jubilee Street, residents requested to share bins, have sacks or have smaller bins delivered. If

residents do not wish to have a larger bin then we can replace it with a smaller one.

**Reference: 08 CNL 12/07/07 – Use of waste collected**

**Question:**

What happens to the waste collected? Can we be reassured that it is all processed for reuse or disposal in the UK?

**Answer: (HPBC)** Textiles – Resold for charities in this country or sent abroad as aid. Unsuitable material will be shredded and turned into mattress stuffing.  
Paper – Sent to a mill in Ellesmere Port and turned into newspaper  
Glass bottles – Turned into new glass bottles in Doncaster or sent for road aggregate  
Tins – Steel turned into more cans in Scunthorpe and aluminum is sent to Warrington for new cans  
Plastic – Reprocessed into plastic bottles in Tyne and Wear  
Garden waste and Cardboard - Sent to a working farm in Doncaster and used as a fertilizer for agricultural land.

**Reference: 09 CNL 12/07/07 – Black bin waste**

**Question:**

What happens to the black bin waste, is any further recycling applied to it?

**Answer: (HPBC)** No recycling takes place for the black bin waste. It is currently sent to a Landfill in Chesterfield.

**Reference: 010 CNL 12/07/07 – Waste Scheme**

**Question:**

Do you have a composting or energy from waste scheme?

**Answer: (HPBC)** No. However, the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Strategy does include these technologies as viable landfill diversion strategies for future waste disposal.

**Reference: 011 CNL 12/07/07 – Kerbside plastic collection**

**Question:**

Any proposal for a kerbside plastic collection?

**Answer: (HPBC)** Adding plastic to the kerbside collection scheme would increase the costs of recycling collection by nearly £200,000. The refuse and

recycling service is currently subject to a tendering process. The provision of a kerbside collection scheme is included as an option as part of this process.

**Reference: 012 CNL 12/07/07 – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive**

**Question:**

How are you handling the WEEE Directive? What should the public do with electrical waste?

**Answer: (HPBC)** When purchasing new WEEE it is important to ask the company that you are purchasing the equipment from if they can dispose of your old electrical item when they deliver your new one. If the company does not supply this service, WEEE waste can be taken directly to a civic amenity site or larger items, for example TVs, microwaves, can be collected by the Council.

**Reference: 013 CNL 12/07/07 –**

**Question:**

What is the Council going to do about recycling Tetra Packs?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

The Council will be trialing a tetra pak recycling scheme this summer, which will initially consist of 5 collection points for them around the Borough. The nearest ones to Chinley will be Thornbrook Road Car Park in Chapel, or Tesco in Whaley Bridge.

**Reference: 014 CNL 12/07/07 – Dog Waste**

**Question:**

I have concerns about leaving dog waste in black bins over two weeks in the summer. How should this be dealt with?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

When out and about, try to dispose of it in dog waste bins rather than taking it home. Otherwise, double wrap it before placing it in the black wheeled bin. Dog waste bags bought from petshops contain any smells. Dog waste can be disposed of by flushing it down the toilet, or in a 'dog loo' purchased in local pet shops.

**Reference: 015 CNL 12/07/07 –**

**Question:**

In Chinley there is a Park - Stubbins Lane Rec. where a bin has been provided for dog waste by the Parish Council who have

responsibility for emptying it. This is done by volunteers who put the black bin liner from the bin into a neighbour's black bin by agreement every Monday. This will be problematic under the twin bin arrangement as there will be 2 large bags of dog waste in the black bin which will inconvenience the resident. Can anything be done to help resolve this?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

We will investigate and advise individually on this matter.

**Additional questions taken at the Forum meeting**

**Reference: 016 CNL 12/07/07 – Can these be recycled?**

**Question:** Residents asked for clarification relating to the disposal of a range of common items of

**Answer: (HPBC)**

Envelopes – Cannot be recycled with paper due to the effect of the gum on the recycling process. Provided windows are removed they can be placed in the green-lidded bins.

Printer cartridges – can be refilled, or disposal information can be obtained from the Energy Advice Centre located at Buxton Town Hall (tel. 0800 512 012).

Batteries – The Civic Amenity site at Melandra does allow the recycling of batteries and so will the site in Buxton.

Polystyrene packing – No. This should be disposed of in the black bin.

Lightbulbs – No. These should go in the black bin.

Fluorescent tubes - No. Regardless of numbers, it is preferable for tubes to be taken to a civic amenity site for safe disposal. However, they can be broken into a black bin in the case of one or two tubes.

Tops on plastic bottles – Can be recycled with plastic bottles

Metal on wine bottles – Can be placed in green boxes.

Wrapping tape on cardboard boxes – Tape should be removed from boxes before disposal.

**Reference: 017 CNL 12/07/07 – Recycling symbol**

**Question:**

Why can't we recycle plastic items bearing the recycling symbol?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

For the same reason as explained in Answer 02 above.

**Reference: 018 CNL 12/07/07 – Clinical Waste**

**Question:**

Will the Clinic Waste service continue?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

Yes.

**Reference: 019 CNL 12/07/07 – Businesses**

**Question:**

Is recycling for businesses free?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

No. A recycling scheme for businesses is not yet ready to implement, but it is likely that there would be a charge should such a service be introduced.

**Reference: 020 CNL 12/07/07 – Profits and penalties**

**Question:**

Will the Council be making money out of the recycling scheme?

**Answer: (HPBC)**

No. It costs the Council to recycle. However, if the Council does not meet the Government targets to reduce waste a penalty will be incurred against the Council.

**Reference: 021 CNL 12/07/07 – Local Civic Amenity sites**

**Question:**

Are there any plans to have centrally located Civic Amenity sites in High Peak?

**Answer: (DCC)**

Derbyshire County Council is always reviewing the situation of sites, and whilst the County is keen to work with High Peak Borough Council to minimise waste, it is costly to set up additional sites. Whilst recycling does not make money, it does save on penalty costs.

The current development plans include:-

- (i) Provision of a new site at Waterswallows, Buxton, in addition to household waste recycling centre. The site will also include for in-vessel composting plant and a residual waste transfer station. The site is due to be on-line in May 2008.

- (ii) When the above centre comes on line the existing site at Glossop will close for around three months to allow site improvements to be undertaken.

This will ensure at least one Household Waste Recycling Centre is available in the High Peak at all times.

**Reference: 022 CNL 12/07/07 – Small electrical appliances**

**Question:**

Referring to Binovation, old electrical appliances, small ones, have to be taken to Glossop for disposal. Why can't we have a collection bin placed with the others around the community for local collection. How many people are going to drive to Glossop with just an old kettle, iron, video player etc. NOT MANY. Fly tipping, here they come.

**Answer:**

Unfortunately, introducing communal bins for electrical waste is not feasible at the moment, mainly due to the amount of extra flytipping and contamination that this would encourage. Small electrical items such as those listed above can be placed in wheeled bins. The Council will collect larger appliances, for example televisions and microwaves.

**A large number of specific questions relating to individual circumstances were answered at the close of the formal agenda as residents had the opportunity to talk to the Binovation Team.**