

Presentation to NHDC Environmental Panel On Waste Reducing Waste



Produce and deliver a waste strategy which includes a plan which incentivises residents to reduce all types of waste.

Ideally this should be achieved without further investment in bins. This could be achieved by:

- Moving to 3, then to 4 week collection cycle for purple, grey bins.
- Offering residents a discount if they move to 4 week service (easily administered by marking bins for households opting for a 4 week service).



Work with Plastic Free Letchworth, Hitchin, Baldock and Royston to Undertake the activities required to achieve Plastic Free Status for North Herts.

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Water fountains, free cloth nappy packs for new parents, cloth nappy exchanges and selling items taken to recycling centres all illustrate how councils are demonstrating leadership in 'Reuse'.



NHDC could go further by:

- Supporting town and villages in setting up a reusable cup service for local events (see Shrewsbury Cup for an example).
- Investigate providing discounted business rates to encourage repair / repurposing businesses.

Presentation to NHDC Environmental Panel On Waste Recycling



Ensure that the council provided waste service to organisations, businesses and schools supports the maximum level of recycling.

Ensure waste from public bins are recycled by either providing segregated bins or ensuring waste goes for sorting.

Provide of a central collection and sorting point to feed local charity Terracycle collections (Terracycle recycle hard to recycle plastic items).

Have a monthly educational campaign to switch people from a non-recyclable option to ideally a reusable option or at least a recyclable option.

Set up community compost sites on estates where gardens are small, allowing residents to

- Avoid the brown bin charge for taking what may be very small amounts of garden waste.
- Provide a local source of compost for people to use in pots, gardens and allotments.
- Reduce the carbon associated with collecting and transporting garden waste.

Provide composting workshops in addition to access to discounted compost bins for residents.

Work with Herts Waste Partnership to identify potential for establishing a recycling plant for at least one recyclable material in the district.