

IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE REVISED WEEKLY REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

As part of the budget proposals Darlington Borough Council is proposing to change the existing refuse and recycling service to an alternative weekly collection service with general household waste being collected in Week 1 and recycling material being collected in Week 2. In other words, there will be a collection of different sorts of waste every week, with the recycling and general household waste collections will be on alternate weeks.

Currently only paper and card are recycled directly by the household sorting it and other recyclable waste in the wheeled bin is recycled at the waste plant. This proposal would result in a saving of £400,000.

The new system will improve the quality of material going for recycling, and save costs, by more sorting being done by households. The proposals are to collect three separate groups of recycling from the majority of properties:

- Glass
- Paper and card
- Plastic of all types, Tetrapaks (e.g. milk containers), cans and metals

Please see this photograph to understand the size of the containers and how they work.

(Insert)

Please complete the survey below so that we understand what these changes would mean for you.

Q1

Would the introduction of the alternate weekly collection service have a particular impact on you?

YES / NO

Please tell us about this:

If yes, do you have any suggestions for an alternative?

If the proposal is implemented the Council envisages three possible ways in which the scheme could work. Could you please tell us if any of the three options set out below would cause you any particular difficulties or whether you have any comments in relation to them?

Option 1

This would include a black bin for non-recycling waste, box for glass, a blue sack as now for paper and card plus an additional box for other recycling (plastics, cans and metals).

Would you find any of these containers cause you difficulties? YES / NO

Please tell us about these:

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Option 2

This would include a black bin for non-recycling waste, box for glass, a blue sack as now for paper and card plus an additional 140 litre wheeled bin for other recycling (plastics, tetrapaks, cans and metals).

Would you find any of these containers cause you difficulties? YES / NO

Please tell us about these:

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Option 3

This would include a black bin for non-recycling waste, box for glass, a 240 litre wheeled bin for other recycling (plastics, tetrapaks, cans and metals) with an internal caddy for paper and card.

Would you find any of these containers cause you difficulties? YES / NO

Please tell us about these:

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Do you have any comments on other options (not mentioned above) which may be available to the Council if the proposal is implemented?

Darlington Borough Council has a duty to consult with residents and understand the impacts (if any) that this proposal, if implemented will have on those with a particular characteristic as set out in the Equality Act 2010.

If you have identified any impacts in the previous questions could you please tell us if any of these impacts are a result of the following characteristics as identified in the Equalities Act. These answers will be confidential and will only be used for the purposes of consultation. (Please note that you do not have to answer this question but it will help us understand the potential impacts of our proposal better if you do.)

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and Maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Marriage and civil partnership

Are any of these impacts a result of the above characteristics? YES / NO

Thank you for your help in completing this survey. If you would like to discuss the possibility of an assisted collection or any aspects of this survey please provide us with your contact details below:

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Telephone.....

e-mail.....