



Revised Refuse and Recycling Service

Residents Survey

Please complete and return this survey to the Town Hall by Monday 16 December 2013. Alternatively you can complete online at www.darlington.gov.uk/budget

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 alternate 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, where the recycling and general household waste collections will be on alternate weeks.

Currently only paper, glass and card are recycled directly by the household sorting it and other recyclable waste in the wheeled bin is recycled at the waste plant.

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

This proposal would result in a saving of **£400,000**.

Please see this photograph to understand the size of the containers in the options available



More information and a video explaining the options is available at www.darlington.gov.uk/budget

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

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

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

If you feel that the revised collection would have an impact on you, do you have any suggestions for an alternative?

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, metals and cartons).



Would you find any of these containers cause you difficulties?

Yes

No

Please tell us about these

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 a 140 litre wheeled bin for other recycling (plastics, cartons, cans and metals)



Would you find any of these containers cause you difficulties?

Yes

No

Please tell us about these

Option 3



This would include a bin for non-recycling waste, a box for glass, and a 240 litre wheeled bin for other recycling (plastics, cartons, cans and metal). This option also allows for paper and card recycling whether directly into the 240 litre bin or via a caddy within the bin



Would you find any of these containers cause you difficulties?

Yes

No

Please tell us about these

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 the impacts you have mentioned a result of any 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. All the information you give will be kept completely confidential and handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.:

Name:.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Telephone.....

e-mail.....

**Please complete and return this survey to the Town Hall
Darlington, DL1 5QT by Monday 16 December 2013**