

Annex 3: Draft Consultation Document

Review of York's Bring Bank Recycling Sites – consultation

There are around 50 recycling sites currently spread around the city. These sites range from places with single recycling banks to places with banks for up to 12 materials.

In 2016/17, it is estimated that the recycling sites will collect around 1,500 tonnes and cost the city around £56k to service.

There are also 2 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) that are available for residents to take their household waste for recycling. The HWRCs have a wide range of banks available for recycling the following materials; garden waste, wood, paper, cardboard, car batteries, household batteries, metal, cans, plastic bottles, cartons, books, mineral oil, vegetable oil, glass, textiles, hard plastics, gas bottles, turf, televisions, small WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment), bikes, fluorescent tubes and fridge/freezers.

The recycling site network was originally formed before the kerbside recycling service was launched as a means of enabling the people of York to recycle. The majority of people now have access to a fortnightly collection of paper, cardboard, glass, plastic bottles and tins so we think that the funding used to provide the banks for these materials could be better used to provide an improved bring bank service. There are also sites that are not well used that we think could be removed and the resources better used for improvements to other sites.

The improved service could include bigger banks so that the sites can collect more material, refurbished banks so the banks are nicer to look at and additional banks for different materials such as; cartons, electronic items, textiles, books. We do think though that there will still be a need to provide a few sites for the materials that we collect on the kerbside collections as we know that people sometimes collect extra recycling occasionally throughout the year and like to get rid of it before their next collection. So we propose to keep a few banks for these materials for this purpose.

The Household Waste Recycling Centres will not be affected by this review.

We have identified a small number of sites that are almost purely being used by businesses. The bring banks are paid for by Council Taxpayers and so should not be used by businesses. We would like to remove these sites at a cost saving of £8k. Businesses are obliged to pay for their waste to be recycled and can do this by either taking their waste to Hazel Court HWRC or by arranging a collection service through ourselves or a private provider.

We think York people will benefit from the reallocation of resources as it will provide more opportunities to recycle and improve people's experience when using the sites. We would like to find out though how the people of York feel about this proposal and invite you to submit comments. We would be grateful if you would answer the questions below and submit any other comments should you wish to.

Q1 Are there any particular sites that you would like to make a comment about? Please tell us the location of the site and give your comment.

Q2 Are there any particular sites that you think would benefit from improvement measures? Please tell us the location of the site and tell us how you think that they could be improved.

Q3 Do you have any other comments that you would like us to consider when reviewing the Bring Recycling Bank network?