

Appendix C:

Review of Towthorpe HWRC opening times:

1. Best practice research, completed in advance of this report, demonstrated that around a quarter of local authorities have reduced opening hours at HWRC's with most of the local authorities closing for at least one full day. North Yorkshire County Council and other Yorkshire authorities, including Wakefield Council, currently close for one day a week. Many of the authorities looked at have also introduced charges for materials such as brick rubble and asbestos and in line with those proposed in this report.

Towthorpe Site Opening Hours

2. The site is widely available for public use throughout the year and is only closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Opening hours vary, seasonally, as follows:
 - April to September - Daily 8.30am to 7.00pm
 - October - Daily 8.30am to 5.00pm
 - November to February - Daily 8.30am to 4.00pm
 - March - Daily 8.30am to 5.00pm
3. A review of the site opening times, including analysis of current usage, has identified the following options:
 - a. Reduce opening hours
 - b. Close the site on a weekday throughout the year
 - c. Only open at weekends between October and March each year
 - d. Close the site completely between October and March each year
4. Usage data has been produced for the site to support each of the options outlined above. The data demonstrates huge variations in site usage according to time of day and it is recommended that users be consulted on the four options above prior to any final decision being made.