



DOGMSERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FUTURE SERVICES CONSULTATION

Dear Sirs,

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF HARTLEY WINTNEY HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

I am writing on behalf of Dogmersfield Parish Council and the residents of Dogmersfield in North East Hampshire to express our concern around the possible closure of the Waste Recycling Centre based in Hartley Wintney.

The centre is used frequently by our parishioners and concern has been raised by a number who consider that alternative centres will not be convenient, particularly for a relatively elderly population who would not be able to travel longer distances. Should this centre be closed, there will be no site located within Hart District, which we consider to be an unacceptable outcome in circumstances where the legal duty is to make centres reasonably accessible to residents.

In addition, we also have great concern about the impact of the proposed closure on levels of fly-tipping which are already prevalent in the countryside and particularly on quieter roads such as those which pass through Dogmersfield. We do not consider this to be an illusory risk: bin collections take place only fortnightly and we have all seen evidence of fly-tipping. There is a clear risk that the gap in provision left by the potential closure of this and other centres will be filled by unscrupulous businesses. The cost of removing such fly-tipping needs to be taken into account when assessing the cost/benefit proposals of closing any waste site. Furthermore, the environmental damage of fly-tipping should also be considered.

Finally, concerns have been raised to me that a reduced provision of recycling facilities is in complete contrast to the need to protect our environment and reduce further depletion of natural resources. It is disappointing that an environmental impact assessment does not appear to be part of your considerations.

I urge you on behalf of the population of Dogmersfield to retain the Hartley Wintney waste recycling centre and to look at alternative solutions to find the savings that are needed.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fillis
Chair, Dogmersfield Parish Council