

Appendix 1

LCC Service Challenge Savings

Household Waste Recycling Centres Consultation

How strongly do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the opening hours of all household waste recycling centres to 9am-5pm for the entire year?

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Why do you say this?

We are opposed to any changes in the current opening hours as we are concerned that a reduction in opening hours could result in increased fly tipping rates across Pendle.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with our proposal to open five days a week at the seven household waste recycling centres?

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Why do you say this?

Whilst accepting that the proposals target those centres that handle the least amount of waste (less than 5,000 tonnes a year), as a district council we are concerned that fly tipping rates have not been taken into account. Since the closure of the Colne Recycling Centre in 2012, Pendle has seen a significant increase in fly tipping. In 2011, Pendle ranked 4th highest for fly tipping but after the closure in Colne our rates increased, never returning to or below 2011/12 rates. It seems ironic that Ribble Valley and West Lancashire, both of which experience relatively low levels of fly tipping, will maintain a seven days a week household waste recycling centre service (by staggering the opening days of their centres). Whereas Pendle, along with Rossendale, will be the only districts without a seven day service despite Pendle already experiencing high levels of fly tipping. We think this justifies retaining the Barnoldswick site as a 7 day service. If not, as a 5 day service, it needs to retain its current opening hours of 8-7 pm (Summer) and 8-5pm (winter).

If this proposal happened, how would it affect you?

We are concerned about the increased cost to ourselves, as a district council, for dealing with the consequences of increased fly tipping.

Thinking about our proposals, is there anything you think that we need to consider or that we could do differently?

Given the fly tipping rates in Pendle, we believe there are grounds for maintaining the 7 day a week service in Barnoldswick, despite the relatively low volume of waste collected at this site. If opening days are reduced from 7 to 5 days, the service should not be affected by Bank Holidays should the opening days fall on either a Monday or Friday.