

How should our rubbish & recycling be managed in the future?

What is waste and what do we mean by low waste?

Waste

Our strategy is about the rubbish and recycling the Partnership collects from residents and businesses, and other things we might want to throw away.

Low Waste

'Low waste' means producing the smallest amount of waste as possible.

This can mean reducing the amount of 'stuff' we buy making it easier to prevent waste (e.g. by buying less items because the ones we have last longer or are made from less raw materials), and then, to help provide and support services that repair, reuse and share items, again reducing the amount of waste. The next best thing is to recycle and compost items that we do need to throw away, so our bins have less rubbish in them in the future. Together, these activities (preventing waste, reusing and repairing items, recycling) are parts of what is known as the 'circular economy' approach to managing our valuable resources, which aims to keep items and materials in circulation for as long as possible so that we get the most use of them.

Some waste is unavoidable no matter how hard we all try to prevent it by reusing and repairing things, this is referred to here as 'rubbish'. We will always be collecting some rubbish for disposal, but we want this to be a small amount for the benefit of the environment and the economy.

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About You

2. Are you responding as a resident, student, business or landlord?

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Student (studying in Lancashire)
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Landlord
- ☐ Other (please specify)

3. Which Borough Council or City Council area do you live in?

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council | ☐ Ribble Valley Borough Council |
| ☐ Blackpool Council | ☐ Rossendale Borough Council |
| ☐ Burnley Borough Council | ☐ South Ribble Borough Council |
| ☐ Chorley Borough Council | ☐ West Lancashire Borough Council |
| ☐ Fylde Borough Council | ☐ Wyre Borough Council |
| ☐ Hyndburn Borough Council | ☐ Another neighbouring Council |
| ☐ Lancaster City Council | ☐ Prefer not to say |
| ☐ Pendle Borough Council | ☐ Don't know |
| ☐ Preston City Council | |

**4. Which of the following best describes your living arrangements / house type?
(If a landlord, please indicate your tenants' arrangements.)**

- ☐ I live in a house / bungalow / maisonette / terraced house
- ☐ I live in a shared house / flat
- ☐ I live in a flat / apartment above a shop
- ☐ I live in a flat / apartment
- ☐ I live in a static caravan / temporary structure
- ☐ Not applicable, I am responding as a business

5. Which of the following best describes the containers you have for collecting recycling and rubbish?

- ☐ The property I live in has its own bins / containers / bags or sacks for rubbish and recycling
- ☐ The property I live in has shared (communal) containers for our rubbish / recycling
- ☐ If responding as a business - My business has its own rubbish and recycling containers
- ☐ If responding as a business - My business uses shared containers for rubbish and recycling

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Our Draft Vision

Our vision for this strategy is to move towards a low waste Lancashire. As a Partnership, we want to make the most of the resources we have. We want to reduce the amount of rubbish we generate, improve access to reuse, repair and recycling services and manage what is left over in the most sustainable way.

Our vision is to:

'Work together for a low waste Lancashire'

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the vision for the Lancashire Waste Partnership's draft waste strategy?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

To support our vision and help deliver the strategy, we have developed 10 objectives to guide our decision making and the services that are delivered to you. These are grouped into three priority areas:

Achieving a low waste and circular economy

1. To recognise waste as a resource
2. Actively support waste prevention and reduction to minimise the amount of waste generated across Lancashire
3. Encourage reuse, repair and share activities for the benefit of communities and the environment
4. Educate and engage with residents and businesses to help drive a reduction in waste and increase reuse and recycling

Delivering high quality, good value local services

5. Provide high quality, efficient and affordable services
6. Identify opportunities to work in partnership between local authorities / community groups / the private sector and share best practice for a low waste Lancashire
7. To ensure services are accessible and meet the needs of the residents and businesses of Lancashire

Reducing carbon and improving sustainability

8. Increase recycling by providing services that are easy to use and include a wide range of materials (including food waste)
9. Reduce the environmental impact and carbon emissions of the waste management service
10. To minimise the amount of residual waste being sent for disposal

7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the objectives for the Lancashire Waste Partnership's draft waste strategy?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

8. Do you have any comments on our vision and objectives? If so please add here, if not go to the next page.

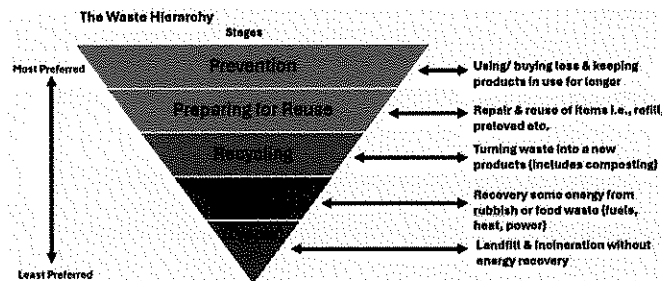
Please limit your response to 750 characters

A low waste Lancashire (reducing, reusing and recycling)

Our draft strategy aims to prevent and reduce waste and move any items that can be recycled out of our rubbish and into recycling.

This follows the principles of the 'waste hierarchy'. It emphasises the importance of minimising waste (rubbish) as a first priority, then reusing or repairing what we can, followed by recycling and composting as the next best thing, then recovering some energy from rubbish, with landfill (disposal) being the least preferred option.

Building on the 'waste hierarchy' we want to move towards a circular economy which aims to keep items in circulation for longer and lowers the amount of waste we produce.



Reducing and reusing your rubbish

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Waste prevention is where we aim to reduce the amount of waste generated at source. This is reflected through one of the objectives of our strategy which is to 'actively support waste prevention and reduction to minimise the amount of waste generated across Lancashire'.

Preventing and reducing our waste also helps the Partnership to save money on managing waste, which could then be spent on other community services, and is also best for the environment.

As residents and businesses, we all have some influence over the rubbish we produce; however, we know that residents can have little control over the amount of packaging that comes with the products they buy. That's why national efforts are underway to make businesses and producers responsible for the packaging they use. This is just one of the many ways we can all work together to reduce and prevent rubbish.

9. How can we help you to reduce and prevent waste?

Please use the arrows or drag and drop to order the options from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important)

- ☐ Develop a fund to support community waste prevention & circular economy initiatives
- ☐ Provide information on different methods to reduce waste (e.g. meal planning, repair skills)
- ☐ Provide council led campaigns, with messaging to encourage waste reduction, prevention and less consumption
- ☐ Work with schools and communities to promote waste reduction, prevention and the circular economy
- ☐ Support the voluntary / charity sector that provides waste prevention and circular economy initiatives across Lancashire

As part of our draft strategy, we have a target to reduce the total amount of waste we produce by around 10% over the next 10 years.

This means reducing the amount of waste collected annually by the Partnership, from 950kg per household in 2023 to 900kg in 2030, and 850kg by 2035.

10. What are your thoughts on our waste reduction target?

- ☐ I think we should have a more ambitious target
- ☐ I think the target is about right
- ☐ I think the target is too ambitious
- ☐ I do not think we should have a waste reduction target
- ☐ I don't know

After prevention, the next priority of the waste hierarchy is 'preparing for reuse'. The aim of reuse and repair is to extend the useful life of an item or service. For example, visiting a repair café for a free repair of a broken zip on a jacket instead of buying a new jacket. Or using a reusable cup instead of a single use cup. Another way of reusing is to share or borrow items e.g. from a tool library, in the same way as you would borrow a book, or a Library of Things where you can borrow many different things, for a small fee. Repairing and sharing items has lots of benefits for you, the community and the environment as well as cost savings for us all.

This is reflected within one of the objectives of the draft strategy to 'encourage reuse, repair and share activities for the benefit of communities and the environment'.

11. How can we help you to reuse, repair and share (e.g. hiring or leasing items) more?

Please use the arrows or drag and drop to order the options from 1 (most important) to 6 (least important)

- ☐ Provide information about existing reuse, repair and share activities across the Partnership
- ☐ Support the development of circular economy initiatives (e.g. repair cafes, library of things, refill shops)
- ☐ Develop a fund to support community reuse, repair and share initiatives
- ☐ Develop and promote reuse and repair activities at recycling centres / household waste recycling centres, where practicable
- ☐ Lead by example so that council decisions (from procurement to operations) support the objectives of this strategy and encourage reuse, repair and share
- ☐ Provide information to households and businesses around reuse, repair and share

Ideally, we should reduce and reuse items rather than disposing in our bins. Where this is not possible, then we should recycle. Currently, around 70% of our rubbish (i.e. what we throw away) could be recycled and around a third of the rubbish collected across Lancashire is food waste.

We would like to understand how we can help you recycle more

12. How can we help you to recycle more?

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- ☐ Introduce the collection of plastic film (e.g. wrappings, plastic bags) and cartons (e.g. food and drink cartons)
- ☐ Promote weekly food waste collections
- ☐ Review options for the collection of more waste streams, including small electricals and batteries
- ☐ Make recycling simple and accessible to all residents (including those in flats / with shared bins etc.)
- ☐ Increase recycling through Recycling Centres / Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)
- ☐ More education and campaigning around recycling, to raise awareness and encourage more participation

With your help, on average, we currently recycle around 37% of the waste that is collected across the Lancashire Waste Partnership. The England average is 42.3% for 23/24.

The national target set by Government for England is to achieve a 65% recycling rate by 2035.

Our strategy proposes **our households will aim to recycle 50% by 2030** and aim to meet the national 65% municipal waste recycling rate by 2035 (municipal waste is household and other similar wastes).

13. What are your thoughts on our recycling targets?

- ☐ I think we should have more ambitious targets
- ☐ I think the targets are about right
- ☐ I think the targets are too ambitious
- ☐ I do not think we should have targets
- ☐ I don't know

We are proud of how much we have reduced our reliance on landfill in Lancashire over the past 8 years. As we move forward, we want the amount of landfill to continue to fall.

Our strategy proposes a target to reduce the amount of rubbish the Partnership send to landfill to be under 5%. The average landfill rate for England for 2023/24 was 5.5%.

14. What are your thoughts on our landfill target?

- ☐ I think we should have a more ambitious target.
- ☐ I think the target is about right.
- ☐ I think the target is too ambitious.
- ☐ I do not think we should have targets.
- ☐ I don't know.

15. Do you have any further comments on the topics of waste prevention, reuse / repair, recycling and disposal? If so, please state below, otherwise please go to the next question.

Please limit your response to 750 characters.

Barriers

We want to make sure the services we provide (rubbish and recycling collections, and Household Waste Recycling Centres / Recycling Centres) are accessible to everyone. We want to understand if any of our current services or upcoming changes (e.g. introducing a food waste collection) may present barriers for some people.

16. Do you have, or anticipate having, any difficulties with using your rubbish and recycling services?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

17. If yes, please explain further.

Please limit your response to 750 characters.

Overall Strategy

18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the overall strategy for a Low Waste Lancashire?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

19. Do you have any other comments on the draft strategy?

Please limit your response to 750 characters.

Demographics

Lancashire Waste Partnership is committed to ensuring that its services, policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice, meet the needs of all sections of the community and promote and advance equality of opportunity.

We would therefore be grateful if you would answer the following questions. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you did.

20. What is your age group?

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ☐ Under 18 | ☐ 45-54 |
| ☐ 18-24 | ☐ 55-64 |
| ☐ 25-34 | ☐ 65+ |
| ☐ 35-44 | |

21. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say

22. What is your ethnicity?

- ☐ White or White British
- ☐ Mixed Ethnicity
- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Other Ethnic group
- ☐ Prefer not to say

23. So we can see whether we are capturing the views of residents across Lancashire, please provide your full postcode?

For example, LA5 0BP.