

# 1.0 Analysis of Parish Council Literal Responses

## 1.1 Response Rates

Table 1. Responses Coded by Question

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Total Number of Parish Councils Providing Literal Responses	35

## 1.2 Q.2. Strategy Objectives

This section received the fewest comments. Three comments were received relating to packaging from supermarkets:

*“Targets should be set for the large supermarkets in order to get them to reduce the quantity of packaging used in the sale of their products.”*

*“Work with manufacturers at national level to reduce packaging. See also attached letter and specific suggestions from parish councillors.”*

*“Need to lobby government to force supermarkets etc to reduce packaging.”*

The remaining comments related to a variety of topics, and reflected a range of views. Comments included suggesting that a carrot and stick approach should be used to achieve the objectives, that recycling should be encouraged through incentives, that the focus should be on recycling profitable materials only, that AWC is not supported, that residual treatment processes should recover energy, and that business waste recycling should take place.

## 1.3 Q.4. Food waste collections

A number of respondents expressed concern with health/hygiene impacts of collecting food waste:

*“The council feels there will be problems in sorting the waste both for residents and for the recycling site. There is a lot of concern about rodents, smell and maggots from having boxes just full of food. How is the county council going to address this?”*

*"...has proven to be a bio hazard and to attract vermin and maggots. It is impractical and the Chedworth PC does not support it."*

*"Concerns over health issues regarding storage prior to collection. Most organic waste (peelings etc.) could be 'green binned' anyway."*

Other respondents suggested that home composting should be promoted:

*"Encourage more home composting of vegetable matter, etc. Educate people not to waste food by buying too much!!"*

*"Encourage households to also use personal composts."*

*"Composting at home, encourage all new houses to have a decent sized garden."*

A third group of respondents voiced support for the scheme contingent on appropriate systems, including weekly collection frequencies:

*"Subject to the method of storage and frequency of collection ensuring no problem of nuisance or risk to health."*

*"Only for households that cannot compost e.g. flats."*

*"Must be weekly in a sealed container."*

*"Provided that collection is AT LEAST weekly! as we don't want to encourage increase in e.g. rat and fly numbers!"*

*"Depending on frequency of collection, especially during summer months."*

## 1.4 Q.8. Further Action to Increase Recycling

This question received the most comments. The most common action suggested was increasing the range of materials that could be collected both at kerbside and through bring sites and with plastic often specifically noted:

*"An increase in the types of plastic to include more than just bottles. Free, or at least cheaper, access to brown recycle bins for garden rubbish."*

*"Apart from kerbside collection of plastic and card waste, the local recycling centre needs a specific facility for redundant computers and other consumer electronic goods for their materials recycling."*

*"Increased doorstep collection as having to use cars to take materials to recycling centres by individuals results in increased air pollution. Increase variety of materials collected."*

*"Additional recycling kerbside bins so that ALL plastic to be recycled from kerbside cardboard to be recycled from kerbside."*

*"We would like cardboard collected fortnightly if possible."*

*"1. Cardboard collection 2. Foil 3. Batteries."*

*"We should like a plastic collection point with the glass and paper. Subsidised local worm farm - a possibility?"*

*"Recycling plastics."*

*"Local recycling point provided for bottles, paper, plastic."*

A number of other respondents suggested that systems have to be as easy for residents as possible:

*"Larger household recycling boxes."*

*"Make it so easy to fit in with people's daily lives. The present collection of certain types of plastics make barriers and therefore does not fit into the ease of access and simplicity that is required."*

*"Please explore ways of MAKING IT EASY for residents to collect stuff to be put out for kerbside recycling collection - for example, offer compartmentalised waste bins to go in kitchens or by back doors. Please consider difficulties experienced by "hill top" residents whose black boxes and green wheelie-bins are NOT windproof."*

*"Larger plastic containers - nearly always full therefore being used. Possible divided containers or separate container for food waste, possible small divider for batteries. Central collection points for hazardous materials."*

Education was mentioned as a key factor by a number of respondents:

*"More education needed starting in schools. Clear guidelines required on what can be recycled."*

*"Education of residents."*

*"Clearer information on chargeable collections Weekly recycling collections."*

*"Publicity to households not recycling."*

Home and community composting also received support from a number of respondents:

*"Promotion of personal composting bins - however many in the rural areas already compost their waste but it is felt that many don't realise what can be put into the compost. Therefore education is key."*

*"Self composting of garden waste."*

*"Need to support local composting schemes - and local use of compost."*

*"Local composting systems."*

## 1.5 Q.9. Residual Waste Treatment

There was support for waste treatment processes (including incineration) which result in recovery of energy from waste materials.

*"I note that many European countries incinerate far more. If emissions into the atmosphere could be managed, there is much to commend this rather than landfill."*

*"Is it perhaps possible to look further at incineration plants that also produce energy from burning left over waste?"*

*"Have we tried burning it in power stations instead of fossil fuels (with increased filtration)?"*

*"Pyrolysis."*

*"Not qualified to comment - conversion to a fuel source would be desirable."*

*"Consider incineration with heat recovery. Research into other ways of treating the refuse to make it reusable or forming a fuel."*

*"Being used to generate energy."*

*"A treatment that produces energy, or a gas to burn and produce electricity would be ideal."*

A number of parish councils responded to this question by reiterating the need to reduce waste as much as possible:

*"Firstly try to reduce the amount of rubbish in the first place by forcing supermarkets to cut down on packaging. Wider use of bio-degradable bin bags and other packaging."*

*"Work with retail organisations to reduce packaging Encourage householders to purchase unpackaged goods, particularly vegetables and meats."*

*"Please extend plastics recycling scheme to cover more containers than plastic bottles. Please encourage supermarkets to cut down on packaging. For what's left - go for least environmental impact."*

## 1.6 Q.10. Further Ideas

There was some concern that the introduction of charges and stricter enforcement measures could lead to increased flytipping:

*"All collections of waste should be free of charge - charging creates more expense from fly tipping. The huge increases in Council Tax should more than compensate."*

*"We do not want fly tipping as a result of waste enforcement."*

*"In all cases the environmental benefits of recycling should take account of environmental impact of associated collection and transportation. Fining will encourage more illegal waste disposal."*

*“If attempts are made to fine or otherwise punish people for not recycling, flytipping will increase.”*

*“The idea of charging householders for the amount of rubbish to be disposed of will inevitably lead to a marked increase in fly-tipping.”*

Aside from this issue, comments were varied across a range of topics. A selection of positive ideas from these comments is presented below:

*“Could manufacturers consider biodegradable materials for containers and packaging where appropriate. Legislation to reduce the number of different types of plastic used for packaging thus making recycling easier.”*

*“Make manufacturers use less packaging, especially plastic wrap. Make supermarkets provide paper sacks instead of plastic bags.”*

*“Keep placing this agenda in the media so, like smoking it becomes a socially unacceptable practice.”*

*“Street-end collection points. Make it easier and less costly for small businesses and shops to recycle.”*

*“An incentive scheme - people are more likely to recycle if they have a personal gain that they can physically see and use i.e. vouchers off recycled products.”*