

Establishment of a Household Waste and Recycling Centre in the Borough

(Item 8)

Please find below a reply from Kent County Council in respect of the enquiry from the Chairman of the Kent Association of Local Councils. They regret that it is not possible to attend the Parish Partnership Panel on 9th September, and hope this response will be useful.

Question:	Are there any plans to establish a Household Waste Recycling Centre in the Borough?
Answer:	<p>There has been a longstanding aspiration by KCC to provide a site for Tonbridge and Malling residents. In fact, KCC pays a contribution to Medway Council in recognition of the fact that some TMBC residents use the Cuxton facility in Medway. Clearly, if a local site could be found this payment could be re-directed to contribute to the operational costs. More importantly, TMBC residents would have less inconvenience, reduced travel distances and more recycling could be achieved. With this in mind, there has been provision in the capital programme over the last couple of years, however it has proved impossible to identify a suitable site despite extensive land searches and evaluation of over a dozen potential locations. The capital allocation has now been removed from the programme as there is no current prospect of securing a site.</p> <p>However, if suitable land could be identified and a waste planning permission was able to be approved then a bid for the capital provision to be re-instated could be made. If anyone wishes to propose a suitable location KCC will of course consider it or advise if it has already been evaluated.</p>

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