

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Household Waste Recycling Centres - Trailer Policy
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	19 October 2012
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2554

Purpose of Report: To approve the revision of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Trailer Policies.

Recommended Action: To approve the revised trailer policies.

Reason for decision to be taken: The Trailer Policy sets out the length of trailer permitted at the HWRCs.

Other options considered: The current Trailer Policy could be maintained.

Key background documentation: None

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Implications

Policy: Household Waste Recycling Centre - Trailer Policies
Financial: None
Personnel: None
Legal/Procurement: None
Environmental: This Policy will contribute to the overall objective of Protecting the Environment.
Property: None
Risk Management: None
Equalities Impact Assessment: Stage 1 Assesment attached see Appendix A

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Councillor Gordon Lundie
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Brian Bedwell
Ward Members: All Members
Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Royce Longton
Local Stakeholders: Veolia Environmental Services (Waste Contractor) - none
Officers Consulted: Jenny Lyons, Helen Lewis - none
Trade Union:

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Trailer Policy at both of the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Newbury and Padworth currently allow residents to dispose of household waste using trailers up to 1.8 metres (6 feet) in length. This restriction is in place to ensure the safety of site users and to ensure that the exit road is not blocked by long vehicles parking in the bays. Following some complaints from members of the public that the Trailer Policy is too restrictive, the policy has been reviewed.
- 1.2 The total length of the space, in which any combined vehicle and trailer length should fit and needs to be limited to, is 8.2m (27ft) at Newtown Road and 8.8m (29ft) at Padworth.

2. Trailer Policy Review

- 2.1 The policy is in place because the vehicle and trailer needs to be able to fit into a space within the customer parking in the bays at the HWRCs and only over hang the lane closest to the bay as shown in the site plans in Appendix B. This ensures that the exit lane remains clear to traffic leaving the site.
- 2.2 Feedback from customers tells us that the current policy is not always fair as the car length should also be taken into account; if you have a short car and a long trailer the total length could still be the same.
- 2.3 To respond to feedback and complaints from customers and to meet the safety needs of the site operation it is only necessary to consider the total length of any vehicle and trailer combination rather than just the trailer length. It is therefore possible to allow a variation of trailer lengths, provided that the overall combined length of a vehicle and trailer does not exceed the length of the allowable space i.e. 8.2m at Newtown Road and 8.8m at Padworth.
- 2.4 The alternative option is to keep the current policy but this does unnecessarily restrict the use of the facilities.

3. Proposed revised policy

- 3.1 The total length of any combined vehicle and trailer length needs to be limited to 8.2m (27ft) at Newtown Road, Newbury and 8.8m (29ft) at Padworth. The policy should therefore permit some larger trailers to use the sites if their total combined vehicle and trailer length does not exceed these lengths.
- 3.2 The proposed Trailer Policies for the Household Waste Recycling Centres in West Berkshire are:
 - (1) At the Newtown Road HWRC, Newbury residents are permitted to dispose of household waste using a trailer, as long as the combined vehicle and trailer length is less than 8.2m (27ft).
 - (2) At the Padworth HWRC, Padworth residents are permitted to dispose of household waste using a trailer, as long as the combined vehicle and trailer length is less than 8.8m (29ft).

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The revised policies respond to customer comments by allowing a variation of vehicle and trailer lengths but remains within the safety requirements of the sites operation.
- 4.2 There is no benefit to retaining the current policy without this revision.

5. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 5.1 As a change in policy will increase the size of trailers permitted at the Household Waste Recycling Centres the report does not affect any group. Appendix A Equalities Impact Assessment.

Appendices

Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment – Stage 1

Appendix B – Site maps, Newtown Road, Newbury and Padworth HWRCs

APPENDIX A

Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

Name of item being assessed:	Household Waste Recycling Centre Trailer Policy
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	V1
Owner of item being assessed:	Jackie Ward
Name of assessor:	Jackie Ward
Date of assessment:	11/09/12

1. What are the main aims of the item?
To review of the Trailer Policy for the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

2. Note which groups may be affected by the item, consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)

Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.

Further comments relating to the item:
I do not believe any group will be affected by this report as the review aims to increase the size of the trailers permitted to be used at the waste facilities.

3. Result (please tick by double-clicking on relevant box and click on 'checked')
<input type="checkbox"/> High Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Relevance - This does not need to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

For items requiring a Stage 2 equality impact assessment, begin the planning of this now, referring to the equality impact assessment guidance and Stage 2 template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	

Name: Jackie Ward

Date: 11/09/12

APPENDIX B

Newtown Road HWRC site map



Padworth HWRC site map

