



Fortnightly Non-Recyclable Collections Project

Purpose of Briefing

To provide an briefing on the Fortnightly Non-Recyclable Collections project in preparation for the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and Committee.

Background

In April 2009 the Council started the process of developing a new sustainable waste contract aimed at providing efficient services that would increase recycling rates, reduce carbon emissions and improve resident satisfaction.

As part of the process to shape the new contract we consulted with residents and asked them what they wanted. We received the largest response to any previous consultation with 6,800 people replying. Included in the feedback residents asked us to improve the recycling infrastructure, provide a greater range of materials to recycle and provide a reduced or free bulky waste collection service.

Taking all these factors into account the new contract we have with Veolia is set to deliver a 40% recycling rate and a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2015. This will reduce the amount of waste we send to incineration or landfill.

Waste Collection Service from March 2012

As part of our drive to recycle more the waste collection service from March 2012 will include:

- **The weekly collection of all dry recyclables** - paper, card and cartons, metal tins and cans, plastic bottles, tubs and containers, glass bottles and jars.
- **The weekly collection of all food and garden waste.**
- **A free bulky waste collection service for items that can be reused or recycled** – A collection can be arranged by contacting the Veolia Contact Centre.
- **The introduction of a 240 litre wheelie bin so residents can recycle more** – those properties that do not have space to store a wheelie bin for recycling will be provided with green, single-use recycling sacks, a roll of which will be delivered to properties on a regular basis.
- **Collection of non-recyclable waste every other week** - with the majority of household waste being recyclable, the amount of non-recyclable waste left for the fortnightly collections will be minimal. For this reason it will be collected every other week.

The project will be rolled out in three phases starting in the West of the borough in March 2012.

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