

Consultation Questionnaire BPC RESPONSE

Proposal 1: to reduce opening days and hours

Question 1: Please rank each of the options according to your preference, with 1 being most preferred and 3 being the least preferred. Please indicate if you have no preference.

	No preference	1	2	3
Reduce opening hours at all sites by one hour per day, throughout the year.			X	
Reduce opening hours by closing all sites on one day of the week.		X		
Reduce opening hours by closing all sites on two days of the week, but introduce extended opening hours on one other day of the week.				X

Question 2: Please rank each of the options according to your preference, with 1 being most preferred and 3 being the least preferred. Please indicate if you have no preference.

	No preference	1	2	3
Earlier opening (open sites before 09:00) and earlier closing times.				X
Maintain a 09:00 opening time			X	
Later opening (open sites after 09:00) and later closing times.		X		

Question 3: Which of the following options do you prefer? (please only tick one option):

Reduce opening hours by closing up to 10 smaller sites during winter (1 October - 31 March).	
Having up to 10 smaller and less busy HWRC sites only opening on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.	X
No preference.	
Don't know	

Question 4: Listed below are four criteria for making a judgement about potential; closures of one or more HWRC sites. Please rank each of the criteria according to your preference, with 1 being most preferred and 4 being the least preferred. Please indicate if you have no preference.

	No preference	1	2	3	4
Site usage (tonnage of waste received)			X		
Recycling performance				X	
Geographical location and distance from other sites.		X			
Operating costs					X

Question 5: If there are any other criteria which you think should be considered when making a judgement about potential closure of a HWRC site, please list them below.

The degree of fly tipping which can be reduced

Question 6: Please rank each of the options according to your preference, with 1 being most preferred and 3 being the least preferred. Please indicate if you have no preference.

	No preference	1	2	3
Fully close up to four sites		X		
Fully close up to eight sites			X	
Fully close up to twelve sites				X

Question 7: Please rank each of the three proposals according to your preference, with 1 being most preferred and 3 being the least preferred. Please indicate if you have no preference.

	No preference	1	2	3
Proposal 1: To reduce opening hours		X		
Proposal 2: to partially close one or more HWRC sites				X
Proposal 3: to fully close one or more HWRC sites			X	

Question 8: Do you have any comments you would like to make, including any alternative suggestions you think we should consider?

These proposals do not consider the very likely rise in fly tipping particularly across the National Parks. The Forestry Commission report that this is already increasing in the New Forest. Disposal costs are higher as specialist vehicles are required with £70,000 set aside each year by the Forestry Commission. In effect unless the County is prepared to compensate landowners for the disposal of rubbish and noxious materials dumped on their land, the County is moving the costs from itself to innocent affected parties. The National Parks in particular will become undesirable places to visit.

Efford is a very well used / busy tip and quite remote from others. It needs to be kept open. However despite being a "split" tip built to the newer standards the routing of public vehicles is very poor and congestion is a significant fact on the site. By contrast Marchwood (for example) has adequate turning space and a much better freer flowing one way traffic system. Access improvements, or longer opening hours, at Efford would surely reduce costs and increase usage.

The provision of recycling, including the ability to accept trade waste, is a fundamental benefit to all of society and best provided by the public sector as a public service.

Question 9: Are there any positive or negative impacts relating to equalities that you believe that the County Council should take into account in the decision making process?

If 'yes' are you able to provide any supporting evidence and suggest any ways to reduce or remove any potential negative impact and increase any positive impact?

The inequalities of vehicle types add to traffic flow problems at Efford where space is currently limited. The mix of single cars / vans and the same with trailers, coupled with some relatively inexperienced drivers having to reverse into the restricted spaces contribute to the congestion. This issue should be reviewed with a view to some form of segregation to improve the overall traffic flow through the site.

The exclusively reserved disabled car parking space is not well used and while it should not be removed it should be opened up for shared use to increase the flow of traffic through the site.

Please indicate whether you would be prepared to pay a small charge for entering HWRC sites, for example £1 per visit. Please only tick one option:

Yes, I would consider paying a small charge to access HWRC sites	
No, I would not consider paying a small charge to access HWRC sites	X
No preference	
Don't know	