



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL
COMMITTEE**

MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

December 16th 2005

1. Questions from Mrs Elise Whiteley

“1. Surrey Waste Management say that computers and television sets may be accepted for recycling or safe disposal at Lyne Lane Civic Amenity site. Residents are not confident that this is being implemented as they are told to put computers with the bulk of rubbish which is removed by waste trucks. Have we an assurance that, with due care for the chemicals involved, computers will be disposed of safely? If not, is the site in Bagshot capable of dealing with this type of waste?”

2. The farmer adjoining Lyne Lane Civic Amenity Site has been concerned, for a very long time, about the detritus from the site which is blown onto his land. Why are there still holes in the netting and what has been done to protect the farmer from rubbish going on his land? It is about 6 months or more since I asked this question at the County Council.

3. Has the ecopod system of composting commenced at Trumps Farm? If not when will it commence?”

Answer from Richard Parkinson, Operations Group manager, SCC Waste Management

1) Since July this year, computer monitors and televisions have been classified as hazardous waste and Surrey Waste Management Ltd should be making arrangements for them to be collected separately and sent for specialist recovery. Until now, SWML have relied on the recycling contractors at the civic amenity sites to make these arrangements, however these have not been particularly satisfactory and therefore SWML are making alternative arrangements with specialist contractors to remove these waste from the sites. The service will be available at all civic amenity sites.

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Computer processing boxes are not classified as hazardous waste and can be re-used, recycled or disposed of in the normal way.

2) The fencing adjacent to the farmer's land has been inspected and appears to be free of holes. Surrey Waste Management have also changed the way that the site is operated to reduce the possibility of litter blowing from the site. Previously, SWML loaded waste into high sided articulated vehicles however now the waste is loaded into skips placed directly on the ground. This reduces the loading height and therefore the chances of litter blowing over the fence. SWML have also recently demolished a redundant building on the site with the aim of making space for more containers which can be accessed via steps and gantries. This should reduce or remove the need for bulk loading of waste.

3) The Ecopod trial at Trumps Farm has not started yet but it is hoped to commence early in the New Year.