

**CABINET**

Tuesday 24 September 2019

**COMBINED RESPONSE TO THREE CRC RELATED PETITIONS****The Petition concerning 'reinstatement of full waste disposal services at Warlingham Community Recycling Centre'**

It states: "Surrey County Council have severely restricted what is now allowed to be disposed of at Warlingham Community Recycling Centre, to the extent that the only items allowed are already collected fortnightly from the kerb by Tandridge Council. To stop increased pollution through residents travelling further to dispose of their rubbish, or even resorting to fly tipping, we need the CRC to return to accepting the original range of items that could be disposed of there previously."

Submitted by Mr Geoffrey Kempster

Signatures: 513

**The Petition concerning 'keeping Cranleigh Community Recycling Centre Open'**

It States: "Since the last petition (which closed January 2019) and due to residents' opposition and concerns, the closure of Cranleigh's centre has been deferred until October 1st 2019 while the Council take "time to determine if a different operational or funding model could achieve the same level of saving as closing them would do. This will include assessing the impact of limiting their use to recycling centres only." Mr M Goodman stated at the meeting on 29/11/19 that he was very confident that these savings could be made to keep the centre open. Cranleigh is growing hugely at present with hundreds of new homes being built and hundreds more being built in its surrounding villages. Each of these homes will generate waste and recycling. Waste disposal and recycling is a global concern and it would be morally wrong for Surrey County Council to close this centre."

Submitted by Hannah Nicholson

Signatures: 2,756 (includes online and paper petitions)

**The Petition concerning 'charges for disposing of wood, bricks and concrete at Community Recycling Centres'**

It states: "We believe that £4 per small bag of wood or bricks/paving slabs, etc. to be recycled is too high and will lead to an increase of illegal fly-tipping on private and public land. There will also be an increase in the burning of toxic "treated" wood by members of the public."

Submitted by Mr Tim Harding

Signatures: 1,112

**Combined Response:**

It is clear that our community recycling centres are valued by our residents and I would like to thank members of the public for highlighting the matters set out in the three petitions that have been presented.

Surrey County Council's Cabinet will discuss and agree any future changes to the community recycling centre service at their meeting on 29 October 2019. In coming to a decision, Cabinet will take into account the findings of the Waste Task Group, reported to the Communities, Highways and Environment Select Committee on 19 September 2019 as well as the representations set out in the petitions.

With regard to the specific matters raised in the petitions then I would highlight the fact that the Waste Task Group has recommended that all of our community recycling centres remain open. I would also point out that the evidence to date has shown that there has been a reduction in the amount of total amount of residual waste that we have had to deal with since we introduced recycling-only centres and there is no evidence that there has been a corresponding increase in fly-tipping tonnages collected by district and borough councils. I would also add that should Cabinet decide to not implement charges for construction wood in October, then we would look to re-introduce containers for wood on the recycling-only sites.

The Waste Task Group's recommendation on charges will be considered by Cabinet in October, however I would also point out that our charges for rubble and soil have remained the same at £4 per bag since they were introduced in September 2016 and the council is not currently charging for construction wood waste. The council will consider whether or not to implement such a charge when it meets in October.

**Mr Mike Goodman**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste**  
**24 September 2019**