

Waste Management Scrutiny Panel - 27th July 2022

Key Task - Identify barriers [to recycling] and look at ways to overcome them”.

Input from Council tenants.

Tenant Members of the Council’s Housing Management Advisory Board were asked:

1. *Whether you recycle?*
2. *If you don’t recycle, the reasons for not doing so?*
3. *Whether there are actions the Council could take to assist you to recycle?*

Responses were received as follows:

Response 1

“I do recycle everything that I can including soft plastic (crisp packets and similar can also now be included) which currently I have to pack in my own soft plastic bag and take to the container outside the main entrance to Tesco at the Rushes Shopping Centre. Is CBC considering introducing this as I suspect more people would recycle soft plastic if they didn't have to provide their own soft plastic bag and take it to Tesco”.

Response 2

“I was very interested to receive your e-mail regarding waste management, as it is something very close to my heart.

Firstly, might I add that I am a tenant member of HMAB so hopefully will be taking a very active part in any future discussions on this most emotive of topics.

I think it is important to accept that in my book waste management concerns both the waste that we can recycle and that has to be disposed of otherwise.

On this point I would be interested to know how the council feels today about the long-awaited incinerator plant on the outskirts of Shepshed, where I live in comfortable retirement in Arnold Smith House.

In the past both our previous M P Nicky Morgan and several borough councillors were vociferous in their objection to this much needed plant.

Maybe a large dose of Nimby.

If we cannot recycle our waste it has to be disposed of somewhere, and I am reasonably certain that this operation, when up and running will bring a few much needed jobs to the area.

When it comes to the management of our waste, I agree that yes, we need to do much more.

Even at Arnold Smith House I am disappointed at how little, some of my fellow residents care about this topic and regularly put plastic bags full of potentially recyclable goods into the non-recycle bins

I feel that the recycle centres around our borough should maybe look at not only recycling but having facilities to shred the waste brought to them in order to dispose of greater volumes more cheaply.

Yes, there is a potential set up cost to achieve this, but the results surely would be of greater benefit.

I wonder if there is any moves to relocate the existing recycling centre in Shepshed closer to the new incinerator so as to cut down costs of moving non re-cyclable waste. If you are looking to form any sort of panel to further discuss this very trickiest of national problems, I would be only too happy to put myself forward to join”.

Response 3

“It would help so much if laminated pictures of recyclable items were stuck to the lids of green wheelie bins, the main confusion being each council’s recyclable items vary. This has been tried in Derby very successfully, I personally think it’s an important issue”.