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BY EMAIL

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Dear Cllr Thorn and Ms Townsend

Calne Town Council Resolutions Regarding Lower Compton Household Recycling Centre

I am writing on behalf of Calne Town Council following recent consideration of matters relating to the future of the Lower Compton Household Recycling Centre.

Members considered the proposed booking system trial and the wider implications arising from the future of household waste and recycling provision in North Wiltshire. The discussion also noted the potential impact of any future closure or relocation of the Lower Compton site on residents of Calne and the surrounding communities.

During the meeting, Members noted assurances that the Lower Compton Household Recycling Centre will remain open until a replacement facility has been constructed. Whilst this assurance is welcomed, Members remain concerned about the long-term retention of an accessible Household Recycling Centre serving the Calne area.

Following debate, Calne Town Council resolved that:

1. **The Council opposes the introduction of a booking system at Lower Compton Household Recycling Centre.**

Members recognise that some Household Recycling Centres across Wiltshire experience significant congestion and queuing on the public highway, and that booking systems may assist in managing such issues. However, no such problem currently exists at Lower Compton. The Town Council believes that introducing a booking system where there is no demonstrated need risks creating an unnecessary barrier to residents wishing to recycle responsibly.

Members also acknowledged the possibility that the proposed move to three-weekly residual waste collections could increase demand for Household Recycling Centres. In these circumstances, the Town Council considers it particularly important that residents retain convenient and straightforward access to recycling facilities.

2. **The Council will lobby Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire's Members of Parliament to ensure that Calne retains a Household Recycling Centre for future generations.**

Members believe that residents of Calne and the surrounding rural communities should continue to have reasonable and convenient access to a local Household Recycling Centre. The Town Council therefore seeks a clear commitment that future waste infrastructure plans will continue to provide an accessible facility serving the Calne area.

3. **Consideration of the proposed replacement site near Royal Wootton Bassett has been deferred pending further information.**

Members concluded that insufficient information was currently available to enable an informed view on the suitability of the proposed location and its implications for residents who currently rely on the Lower Compton facility.

Calne Town Council would welcome further engagement with Wiltshire Council on these matters and would be grateful for clarification of Wiltshire Council's long-term strategy for Household Recycling Centre provision in North Wiltshire, including how the accessibility needs of Calne residents will be protected as future proposals develop.

We would appreciate your response to the concerns raised and look forward to working constructively with Wiltshire Council to ensure that residents continue to receive an efficient, accessible and sustainable recycling service

Your sincerely



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