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Wiltshire Council
Chief Executive, Lucy Townsend

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Cabinet member for Environment, Climate and Waste Services

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Dear Members

We write on behalf of a number of neighbouring parish and town councils to express our collective concerns regarding the proposed closure of household recycling centres.

Firstly, we would like to place on record our shared concern about the potential impact these closures may have on residents across our areas. These facilities provide an essential service, and their removal raises significant questions around accessibility, increased travel distances, environmental consequences, and the potential for unintended issues such as fly-tipping.

We recognise the financial and operational pressures facing Wiltshire Council and appreciate the complexity of the decisions being made. However, given the scale of the impact on our communities, we believe it is vital that local councils are meaningfully engaged as this process progresses.

To that end, we have established a joint collaborative working party comprising representatives from affected parish and town councils. We respectfully request that this group is formally included in all relevant correspondence and stakeholder engagement relating to these service changes. In particular, we ask to be kept fully informed of any developments, considerations, and decisions as they arise.

We believe that open and transparent communication will enable constructive dialogue and help ensure that local knowledge and community perspectives are properly reflected in any future arrangements.

We would welcome the opportunity to engage further and to work collaboratively with Wiltshire Council to explore solutions that best serve our residents.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Neil Saunders
Chair of Purton Parish Council and representative of the Joint Working Party