



Steve Vinson
Liskeard Town Council
3/5 West Street
Liskeard
Cornwall
PL14 6BW

Your ref:
My ref:
Date: 26 February 2020

Dear Steve Vinson

Waste Management - Removal of recycling banks

I am writing to you regarding a decision made by the Council to end the provision of the recycling banks service throughout Cornwall this year.

Background

Recycling banks were introduced in Cornwall more than 20 years ago by the former district councils before Cornwall Council was established as a unitary authority. The former district councils established a network of recycling banks to address early government recycling targets. These banks were provided on both Council owned and private land to boost recycling.

However, to meet recycling targets, all domestic properties in Cornwall have had access to a kerbside collection service for more than 10 years. As more and more householders have used the kerbside collection, the need for the recycling banks, and the number of sites provided, has reduced. Now recycling banks account for only 1% of the total waste recycled by Cornwall Council.

Reasons for this change

As the Council provides a comprehensive kerbside collection, the banks service is an extra service that the Council has provided. It has also been established that there is widespread illegal use of recycling banks by businesses to dispose of their commercial waste.

Businesses are legally required to pay for their waste collection and disposal services, through a registered commercial waste management company. The management of this illegally deposited commercial waste creates cost for Cornwall residents and leads to the banks getting full too quickly leading to material being left around the banks that can get scattered by the wind.

Information

The banks that we provide within your Town/Parish are detailed in Appendix 1. This provides information of the number of sites, the location(s) and bank types.

Planned removal

The Council plans to remove only the recycling banks that are provided and managed by Cornwall Council; **this does not include** the facilities provided by some supermarkets in their car parks. This also does not affect the facilities provided at the Council's 14 household waste and recycling centres. The services provided at these facilities will not be affected.

You may be aware that Cornwall Council is preparing to commence a new Waste and Recycling, Street and Public Open Space Cleansing Services Contract in October 2020, and the new service does not include the provision of the recycling banks.

The bank removals will be undertaken in a phased and structured manner with advance notice periods provided to the community, communications and liaison with the Town/Parish Councils and operational site management to ensure the sites are left clear.

The plan is to remove banks across Cornwall on a phased schedule, between March and October this year, but with advance notice provided to you with exact dates.

Town/Parish Council Provision

We are aware that a number of Town and Parish Councils are considering providing their own recycling banks service in their community. If this is not relevant to your Council, you do not need to do anything at this stage, we will contact you again regarding dates for removal.

However, if you are considering providing your own service, we have provided information within the appendices that might assist you in making this decision. Appendix 1 provides information about the service that is currently provided, indicative emptying frequencies based on the current bank types, indicative tonnages, bank type information etc. We have also provided an indicative list of companies who may be able to provide you with a recycling bank emptying service at Appendix 2.

We appreciate that there is a lot of information in this letter and you may require assistance in making the decision. If you have any queries, or you wish to discuss the option to provide your own recycling bank service, please contact Verity Palk or Stephanie Crocker in the Waste Service by emailing wastemanagement@cornwall.gov.uk or via telephone on 0300 1234 141. We would be grateful if you could notify us of your decision by 20 April 2020.

Yours sincerely
Dhywgh hwi yn hwir

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Marsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Marsh
Service Director – Environment
Neighbourhoods
Tel: 01872 326932
Email: peter.marsh@cornwall.gov.uk

Appendix 1 – Recycling Bank Site Details

Town	Location	Indicative Emptying Frequency - Summer (12 Weeks)	Indicative Emptying Frequency - Winter (40 weeks)	Indicative Lifts per year	Material Collected	Type of Bank	Approximate Size of Bank (m3)	Indicative weight of material when bank is full (Tonnes)
Liskeard	Sungirt Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Sungirt Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Sungirt Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Sungirt Car Park	2 x week	2 x week	104	Paper & Cardboard	Schaefer	3.2	0.3456
Liskeard	Westborne Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Westborne Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Westborne Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Westborne Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Glass	Pod	2.5	0.625
Liskeard	Westborne Car Park	2 x week	2 x week	104	Paper & Cardboard	Schaefer	3.2	0.3456
Liskeard	Westborne Car Park	Weekly	Weekly	52	Cans & Plastic Bottles	Pod	2.5	0.075

Please note: this information is indicative only and depends on the way the site is provided, managed and the type of banks the Town/Parish Council provides.

The Council is willing to transfer ownership of the recycling banks to your Council for use and they can remain in situ if required (Note: for private sites this would have to be agreed with the land owner).

Appendix 2 - Commercial Recycling Bank Providers		
Name of Company	Email Contact	Phone Contact
Biffa	peter.giddings@biffa.co.uk	07887 627632
Cornwall Cullet	info@cornwallcullet.co.uk	01209 719800
Suez	customer.services@sita.co.uk	0800 093 1103
Tintagel Skip Hire	admin@tintagelskiphire.co.uk	01840 770449
West Country Skip Hire	dave@westcountryskiphire.co.uk	01752 267280

Please note: these companies may be able to offer a service, but please note they may provide slightly different services including provision of different banks, different coverage throughout the county, different pricing structures etc. Please note that this list is not exhaustive, it just provides an indication, and the Council in no way guarantees or endorses these companies.