

## **How to Decrease Fly Tipping and Restore some Pride in our Town**

About 8 months ago it was agreed by Full Council to establish a Environmental Waste working group.

This working group was established as a cross authority working group which consists of SCC, ESC, LTC Councillors and some members of the public. This proposal is a service to Lowestoft residents in the worst affected areas to restore pride in our town. It is not replacing the statutory service provided by ESC.

The group has identified a high level of fly tipping in some parts of our town; identified the reasons for the increase and identified the locations and wards hardest hit.

These being Harbour and Kirkley.

The group identified the following 4 main reasons for the high level of fly tipping

- 1 The cost of £47 to collect bulky items
- 2 , No Fly tipping signage and/or a lack of it
- 3 A lack of enforcement
- 4 No access to a car to get to recycling centre

These being identified as the 4 main causes why Fly Tipping has increased in recent years it was agreed by the group to establish two sub working groups to examine and find solutions to reduce fly tipping. These being as follows:

a, Develop proposals for a bulky waste collection service for the two worst hit wards in Lowestoft, (Harbour and Kirkley)

b, Increased and better No Fly tipping signage in Harbour and Kirkley.

As regards the signage this proposal has now been developed and ready to present to LTC.

The Bulky waste sub group wish to present their proposals to Full Council for the agreement in principal of a free of charge bulky waste collection service across Harbour and Kirkley and that Climate Emergency budget part/fully covers the cost.

### **Bulky Waste Collection Service Introduction**

In March 3 Waste Carriers were approached, 2 were very interested in the proposal and one felt it would impact on his own business and so withdrew. The other two provided tentative costs for a weekly collection-one week Kirkley and the next Harbour.

#### **1 The Bulky Household Waste Collection Service (Tidy Town)**

The Contractor shall provide a bulky waste collection service to LTC and its residents. The costs will be shouldered by LTC.

Items for collection would be as roughly as following,

- a, Large domestic kitchen appliance items
- b, Large domestic, sofa, wardrobes soft furnishings , toys
- c, Disused outside furnishings and large tools and equipment

The collection of bulky household waste from domestic household locations will be within the Harbour and Kirkley LTC Wards for a trial period of approx. 1 year

It is recommended Material will be sorted/segregated to maximise the amount of reuse or recycling from the service. This responsibility would sit with the Haddenham Road Recycling Depot and the contractor.

This service is provided to enable residents within the Town Council Wards of Harbour and Kirkley to dispose items of Bulky Household Waste, which can be safely handled by two operatives.

Items for collection, that have been booked via LTC, will be handed over by residents at a defined street location or house/flat, which is also accessible for the collection vehicle .

## **2 Frequency and Collection Service**

The service shall generally be carried out between the hours of 09:00 and 14:30 hours on a yet to be agreed day, and on a fortnightly basis.

One week Harbour and the next week Kirkley, that's one day per week on a rotating basis, excluding Bank and Public Holidays.

LTC Representative and the contractor will agree the number of street collection slots to be made available for the provision of the service on a fortnightly basis.

Collections will be street zoned as far as possible to ensure that collections are carried out as efficiently as possible.

Requests from the public for this service will be made to LTC. The Council will issue an agreed work instruction to the Contractor providing the location and details of the items be collected. *(This is under discussion-it might be the carrier who is responsible for bookings)*

Only the items of bulky household waste detailed on the work instruction will be collected and disposed of at Haddenham Road. No fly tipped material will be collected

Out of zone collections will be allowed – In general a cut-off zone collection will only be collected if there are two or more work slots available.

The Contractor shall ensure that all work scheduled for a particular day is completed on the appointed day except in unforeseeable circumstances.

The collected items will normally be taken to Haddenham Road. In conversation with a county councillor it is hoped that SCC will waive the fees at Haddenham Rd and allow the chosen waste carrier to use the rear entrance to avoid queuing.

### **3, Resources supplied by Contractor**

#### **Contractor options Ian Larter and Gareth Buckle and NORSE**

- Either a 3.5t or 7t Vehicle for transportation of large bulky domestic waste.  
Size will depend upon access to back alley ways. .
- A two person collection Team to load bulky waste onto collection vehicle and disposal of items at Haddenham Road. Lowestoft.
- All Petrol or Diesel costs will be paid by LTC.
- The preferred contractor will display the LTC logo when collecting.
- SCC Councillor James Reader has indicated they would consider waiving the £100 Haddenham Road domestic bulk waste charge if NORSE was used to provide the service. Separate advice suggests we LTC can apply at a modest cost to be a private licensee and use the same service.

#### **4. Safety Regulations Compliant**

Safety Compliant and licensed approved to disposal of bulk waste regulations.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collection-and-disposal/hazardous-waste/>

#### **5, Success Performance Measures**

Fly tipping instances will continue to be measured by ESC and used as a measure to identify any decrease in fly tipping instances over the period of the bulky waste collection service. Data for the period of the Bulky Waste collection service will be measured against the previous year's Fly Tipping instances.

It is proposed the Town Clerk or nominated Officer by the Town Clerk will liaise with ESC to produce performance data .The Performance data should be reviewed by Full Council on a quarterly basis..

#### **Signage**

A sub group has met with Ben Ablett, Norse and discussed the sort of signage that could be used and where to put it. The was followed up by a walk around Harbour to identify worst spots for fly tipping.The most recent meeting with Cllr James Reeder and District councillors Peter Byatt and Louise Gooch it was agreed to keep the signs simple, no flytipping and phone number to report, Ben Ablett tells me that the number will stay the same even with the new LATco.

The group agree that signs will go up in suggested areas, not too many and before the bulky waste service begins. Publicity will follow after the signs have been put up. There is general

agreement that we approach this in a phased way and monitor success and failures regularly. Various signs have been looked at and I will forward some examples. James Reeder has said some of his locality money could pay towards the cost of signage. Louise and Peter will continue to talk to /ESC and James Mallinder about some financial commitment. Presently we envisage the bulk of the cost –around 25,000 per annum to be borne by LTC.