

Appendix 1 – Draft Consultation Document

Consultation on potential changes to recycling/waste collection services on Anglesey

Introduction

Anglesey County Council has set out a clear commitment to protect the environment and reducing our carbon footprint in its Council Plan 2023-2028 and recycling plays a vital role in this work. By reducing the amount of waste that goes to disposal, we can reduce emissions, conserve valuable resources, and help create a cleaner, greener Island for future generations.

All Council's in Wales must meet the Welsh Government recycling target of 70% or face monetary penalties. The Council's Resources and Waste Strategic Plan 2024-2029 includes a commitment to increase recycling rates and meet the 70% target.

[If you are interested in learning what happens to your recycling, please click here.](#)

Anglesey currently recycles 65%. Based on this recycling rate, the County Council could face a fine of around £350k per year. This is money that could be spent on essential services.

We know that we can do better as recent data and research show that around 52% of the waste currently placed in black bins on Anglesey could be recycled. We also know that food waste recycling is relatively low compared to other local authorities, and that some households find storing excess cardboard problematic.

Evidence from other Councils in Wales has proven that giving households more opportunities to recycle, while reducing the amount of space available for general ('black bag') waste leads to higher recycling rates. The [Welsh Government's Collection Blueprint](#) recommends that to maximise recycling households should have no more than the equivalent of one standard full black bag (60litres) or less per week – most Anglesey households currently have a 240 litre black bin that is collected once every 3 weeks.

To help meet national targets and avoid financial penalties, we want to make recycling easier and more convenient for residents. We are exploring potential changes, which include:

- Adjusting the configuration of the trolley box to make it easier to recycle by collecting paper & cardboard together
- Providing households with additional containers to store extra recycling
- Reducing the weekly volume collected by emptying black bins every 4 weeks rather than every 3 weeks

Please note that no change is currently being considered to green garden waste or nappy collections.

Any changes would require investment in new vehicles and improvements at our waste and recycling sites. Because of this, the earliest any change to the collection service could start would be 2029.

We understand that different households have different needs and that some may have particular concerns about any changes. This consultation is your opportunity to share your views and an opportunity to ensure these are fully understood before any decisions are made. Your feedback will help us shape a service that meets residents' needs, support our environmental goals, and helps Anglesey reach the 70% recycling target.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire below:

Section 1: Your views on recycling and waste services

1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Achieving the Welsh Government's recycling target of 70% on Anglesey is important".
 - Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree

(If disagree or strongly disagree – please state why)
2. What barriers, if there are any, make recycling difficult for you?
 - Not enough space / recycling containers are too small
 - Unsure what can and can't be recycled
 - Don't produce much recycling
 - Recycling is messy and unhygienic
 - Limited indoor storage before putting materials outside
 - Physical difficulties (lifting, carrying, mobility)
 - Not interested in recycling
 - No barriers – already recycle everything we can
 - Other (please note)

Section 2: Your current waste and recycling levels

3. On a typical collection day, how full are your

	Quarter full of less	Half Full	Three quarters full	Full	Full before collection day	Don't use
Black bin						
Food bin						
Top box of trolley box						
Middle box of trolley box						
Bottom box of trolley box						

Section 3: Potential Service Changes

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The Council providing additional storage options would help you recycle more".

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

(If disagree or strongly disagree – please state why)

5. To what extent do you support or oppose changing the black bin collection from every 3 weeks to every 4 weeks

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose

(If oppose or strongly oppose – please state why)

6. Please use this opportunity to tell us about any concerns, suggestions or household circumstances that might affect how you manage waste and recycling, particularly if you have answered "disagree", "strongly disagree", "oppose" or "strongly oppose" to any of the previous questions.

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Section 4: About you

7. What is your Post Code:
8. How many live at your address?
9. What is your age range:
10. Do you receive an assisted collection service?
11. Do you use the nappy/clinical waste collection service?