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Shaping Surrey's Community Recycling Centre's Consultation

Cranleigh & District Chamber of Commerce has been representing the local business community since 1948. We draw our 140 members from all sectors of the business, industrial and trading community ranging from large companies to sole traders, start-ups and retired individuals. Cranleigh Chamber is also an affiliated partner of the Surrey Chamber of Commerce and one of four Chambers of Commerce that comprise Waverley Chambers of Commerce.

Cranleigh & District Chamber of Commerce responds to the Community Recycling Centre consultation proposed changes as follows:

1. **Ending the free daily allowance of non-household waste**

DO NOT AGREE: It is important that we encourage recycling and removing the daily allowance will discriminate against the poorer residents. It will also encourage the less environmentally conscious residents to fly tip.

2. **Closing CRCs on two weekdays so all sites are open for five days a week**

AGREE: Cranleigh CRC is already closed on Wednesdays. To save money, it is reasonable to close a further day, perhaps Mondays. However, members have noted the significant increase in fly tipping at the recycling bins behind the Health Centre on Wednesdays. For example, mattresses, large black bags of rubbish, bags of clothes and shoes, cardboard boxes and even wood has been noted on an almost weekly basis. Unfortunately, some of that rubbish contains food and rats are attracted. Should Cranleigh CRC close for a second day then Waverley Borough Council would need to arrange collections from the local recycling bins far more frequently. That cost needs to be considered.

3. **Ensuring CRCs in Camberley and Farnham are only used by Surrey residents**

NO OPINION: Cranleigh residents will not visit these sites. They are more likely to visit Witley and Slyfield and add to traffic congestion should Cranleigh CRC close.

4. **Permanent closure of four smaller CRCs – Bagshot, Cranleigh, Warlingham and Dorking**

DO NOT AGREE: Cranleigh Chamber of Commerce will only comment on the Cranleigh CRC proposed closure. We absolutely object to the Cranleigh CRC being closed because:

- 1,500 new homes are expected in the next 10 years bringing around 5,000 more residents. Cranleigh will need a larger CRC not closing it.
- Fly tipping will inevitably increase because the nearest CRCs will be Witley and Slyfield. For the less environmentally conscious residents taking the time and cost to travel 10 miles to Witley and 12 miles to Slyfield is not an option.
- For those residents who do care about the environment, traffic congestion, particularly at weekends, will just be increased with vehicles leaving Cranleigh with full loads of recycling to fight their way through Guildford and wait in the turn right to Slyfield traffic queue. That queue is already a huge inconvenience to Guildford residents backing up for a considerable distance and blocking traffic trying to get to Woking. It is unfortunate that Slyfield is in such a difficult to reach location. Similarly, people wanting to reach Witley from Cranleigh will inevitably use Marwick Lane as a shortcut, which is already very difficult to use because of traffic to the A3.

5. Restricting users of vans, trailers and pick-ups to larger CRCs only

AGREE: This seems reasonable. Cranleigh CRC should be available to residents rather than construction, gardening or other types of businesses with large trailer loads of recycling.

Members have noted that various recycling centres elsewhere have set up 'recycling shops' either run by volunteers or actually by the councils. Winchester for example is a good example of a recycling centre where residents donate their second-hand goods to be resold at a reduced price to new householders setting up homes or to charities who then upcycle these goods and resell in their fairs. Witley also has a recycling shop. This will provide a small income but more importantly reduces the volume of rubbish that needs to be buried. Perhaps Surrey County Council could consider this innovative but increasingly common idea at Cranleigh?

While we expect our County Council to ensure that its expenditure is minimised in the light of government funding, we do not expect this to be at the cost of the environment and traffic congestion. Cranleigh residents and businesses expect our County Council to support this village when it is doing both Surrey CC and Waverley BC such a big favour by taking so many new homes. We would suggest that this would be a good opportunity to increase the size of Cranleigh CRC to meet the needs of the soon to be much larger Cranleigh resident population.

Yours sincerely,



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