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Selsey Town Council believes that the proposed policy to close the mobile amenity service from Selsey must be rejected.

We also wish to have it noted that the online consultation process is unnecessarily difficult to access and considering that many Selsey residents are not online the process of a genuine consultation is fundamentally flawed.

As you will be aware, Selsey is 9 miles from Chichester and 11 miles from the Westhampnet recycling facility and the only access to Selsey is on the B2145, a narrow and winding road.

The residents of Selsey rely on this facility to dispose of waste that is not dealt with in the weekly waste collection operated by CDC. The only alternative to the mobile site is a 22 mile round trip to Westhampnet which is both costly in terms of time, fuel and the environment.

Recently STC had a presentation from the portfolio holder for the environment from CDC. He assured us that both CDC and WSCC are at serious risk of failing to reach the nationally set recycling targets and needed to develop a sensible strategy to enable the targets to be met. It flies in the face of logic, assuming this statement to be factual, to reduce the capacity from collection sites. Only a few months ago Selsey had two days per week where the mobile site was in action, albeit that the Saturday collection was only of a shortened day, and now we are threatened with none. Considering there are two skip containers on site at the East Beach car park, one for green waste and the other for general along with smaller containers for wood, metal etc much of this collection must be a positive contribution to the recycling levels across the county. Even if they only add to a small percentage of the overall target, any contribution that reduces the level of fine that will be imposed if WSCC fail to meet must be a positive.

We would like confirmation that the contents of the separated material does not go to landfill as has been suggested. If the material is sorted at source then it makes no sense whatsoever to mix it all up again in a hole on the ground and pay in excess of £80 per metric tonne for the privilege. How much of WSCC budget is spent on landfill tax? If this sum is added to the highly likely fines that will be imposed for failing to meet recycling targets even the financial case used to save £250,000 must be at risk.

Then if we consider the environmental effect of the removal of the mobile facility all talk of trying to reduce the use of fossil fuels, reduce air pollution and road congestion must be abandoned. Even with the size of vehicle used to transport the containers the fuel consumption in litres/tonne of material from Selsey to Westhampnet is miniscule compared to the hundreds of litres/tonne that will be needed to transport the same material by private car to the recycling facility. Consider this alongside the congestion on the A27 and the potential for the disruption that will be



caused when the changes to the road are under construction the disadvantage to Selsey residents will be greatly compounded.

We also note that the leader of WSC states there is no evidence that fly-tipping will increase should the mobile sites be removed may be true but that is because the system has not been removed so there is no need for fly-tipping to occur. The B2145 is a rural road and as such is lined on both sides mainly by agricultural land. Obviously there is little camera monitoring of the land so the chances of catching any perpetrator of fly-tipping is miniscule but the costs to the land owner will be considerable as they are responsible for the removal of any waste on their land. Quite rightly there will be considerable resentment from all law abiding residents and land owners alike if the action of WSCC in removing the mobile sites can be associated with the increase in fly-tipping and the associated costs caused by WSCC in an erroneous attempt to save money.

Selsey Town Council see no benefit to either WSCC or our residents if this mobile facility is removed and consequently we demand the policy out for consultation at present is abandoned.

Yours Faithfully

Mike Beal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Beal', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chairman

Selsey Town Council