

To Alison Hoare – Portfolio Holder Environment and Regulatory Services,

Draft Waste Strategy: Comments from Hyde Parish Council (Forest North West)

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Objectives 1 Minimise carbon impact of waste/recycling service. 2 Comply with legislation. 3 Reduce overall levels of household waste. 4 Increase quantity and quality of recycling).

Hyde Parish Councillors support the objectives of the Draft Strategy but they have reservations about the introduction of wheeled bins in rural areas.

*Councillors consider that urban/rural variation in distribution is essential. Wheeled bins will be placed outside of dwellings in Hyde's narrow lanes, residents, when walking or driving, already have parked cars, livestock, rough ground and potholes to contend with without the addition of large solid obstacles.

*Hyde has a high proportion of elderly residents many of whom will be unable to push, pull or manoeuvre large, heavy bins over gravel or rough driveways to the outside of their gates and will be at risk of injury; although NFDC will provide an assisted collection service this would be required by more than 'the small number' NFDC anticipates, councilors are not convinced that the 'extensive surveying of properties' will identify residents needing this service.

*The strategy states 'it is unlikely we will be able to introduce a one size fits all service' - this is also repeated by Alison Hoare, Portfolio Holder, 2.12.20, so Hyde Councillors would like the following suggestion to be considered: for example, that instead of the wheeled bin (option 4) 1 disposable, preferably biodegradable, bag for residual waste + reusable bags and a glass crate would be more suitable in areas like Hyde. If wheeled bins are kept near a gate it is likely that householders will collect their residual waste in plastic bags/bin liners in or near the house and deposit the bags in the wheeled bin - rendering the wheeled bin redundant.

* Councillors welcome the addition of food bins to the system as it is stated that food makes up to 40% of general waste.

* Reusable garden refuse bags (paid for) should be retained.

* Councillors are very concerned at the permanent visual urbanizing impact the wheeled bins will have on the Park's rural villages and their environment they will undermine all efforts to uphold the 1st statutory purpose of National Parks to 'conserve and enhance the natural beauty....' of the area; they urge NFDC to adopt a system that does not involve any use of wheeled bins in Hyde parish or any rural areas.