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Councils' joint working solution for residents affected by waste tip changes

From next Monday (26 September), borough residents living near to the West Berkshire border will be unable to take their waste to West Berkshire's Newtown recycling centre in Newbury or Padworth recycling centre.

West Berkshire Council is introducing a permit scheme to limit use of their recycling sites to their residents. When the restrictions are introduced, Basingstoke and Deane residents will not be able to use them and will be turned away.

Waste recycling centres are the responsibility of the county council and not the borough. Nevertheless the borough council has been actively encouraging discussions between Hampshire County Council and West Berkshire, to reach an agreement between them to avoid the borough residents most affected being forced to travel far longer distances to dispose of their waste and recycle items that aren't collected at the kerbside.

An interim solution is being discussed to provide permits to use West Berkshire sites to those parishes where residents are most affected, subject to a successful implementation of the West Berkshire permit scheme.

But as the permit scheme comes into force next Monday and the permits for these most affected households will not be available for a period of time, the borough council is working with Hampshire County Council to look at temporary solutions to help these residents.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and the Environment Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "This seems to be good news. However, I must advise all Basingstoke and Deane residents not to try to use the recycling centres in West Berkshire from next Monday. I am pleased that, through working together, Hampshire County Council and West Berkshire may have agreed a potential solution for those most affected by the changes. The borough council is standing by to put any agreement into action and help with temporary arrangements."

Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Environment and Transport Cllr Rob Humby said: "I very much appreciate all the hard work going on between the

three authorities to find a transitional arrangement for these residents while a long term solution is explored. We are working on a number of options and I'm particularly grateful to our colleagues at Basingstoke and Deane who have offered to administer the scheme.

"The County Council has offered to fully fund and support the implementation of a transitional scheme. I am, therefore, hopeful that we will soon have a transitional arrangement in place for these residents of north west Hampshire, which doesn't place an unreasonable burden on council tax payers in the rest of Hampshire. I appreciate that West Berkshire's priority is to put in place a permit scheme for their own residents which comes into effect next week.

"West Berkshire Council has indicated its willingness to work with us and explore longer term options. Work is already underway on this. I would emphasise that Hampshire has the largest network of household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) of any authority in England, and that through prudent financial stewardship we have been able to keep all sites open and available for Hampshire residents, seven days a week."

The two Hampshire County Council household waste recycling centres at Basingstoke and Andover that the residents can use are at:

- Wade Road in Basingstoke RG24 8PL
- Scott Close, Walworth Industrial Estate, Andover, SP10 5NU.