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Cllr M Goodman
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Dear Mr Goodman

Community Recycling Centres

I am writing in response to your email of 21st June about the county council's proposals to cut further the service provided by the recycling centres.

Artington Parish Council considers that your proposals are ill-considered and short-sighted for the following reasons:

1. The closure of CRCs will inevitably increase the amount of traffic to and from the remaining centres.
2. Those for whom the journey to a more distant CRC may be inconvenient, fly-tipping will become an increasingly attractive option.
3. The removal of the daily allowance of non-household waste will also make fly-tipping more tempting and is likely to lead to the deposition of unsuitable materials in household bin collections.
4. Increased pollution in the form of, for instance, dumped plasterboard, asbestos and other dangerous substances.

Your authority is pursuing a cost-cutting exercise that will impose additional costs on the district councils whose duty it is to clear fly-tipped rubbish in public places. It will also be an expensive problem for the unfortunate landowners on whose property fly-tipping frequently occurs.

It seems unlikely that this disguised transfer of costs for waste clearance will result in a saving to the council tax payers and, even it were to do so, then the public would have to suffer the inconvenience and danger of fly-tipping in the meantime. As it is, incidents in our parish and anecdotal evidence received from other parish councils since your previous cuts suggest that Artington Parish Council's fears are already coming to pass.

Yours sincerely



Philip Gorton, clerk.