

QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

Council Meeting: **Wednesday, 24 September 2025**

Question from: **Darren Commons**

Question to: **Councillor Danielle Durrans**

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At Cabinet in January 2025 it was resolved that two-day closures would be introduced across all Household Waste Recycling Centres from Autumn 2025, with the full effect in 2026/27. Has this policy now been implemented, and if so can the Cabinet Member confirm whether closure days have been aligned across the borough or staggered between sites—for example, one site shut Mondays and another Tuesdays? Does she accept that staggered closures risk confusing residents, discouraging responsible disposal, and increasing incidents of fly-tipping?

RESPONSE

The two-day closures at Household Waste Recycling Centres are to be implemented during the Autumn of 2025. Suez are currently undertaking the necessary consultation process with staff who are impacted by the changes.

The closures will be on a staggered basis and as such will ensure that at least three HWRC's will be available each day of the week, with all open over the weekend. Where HWRC's are closely located, e.g. Brighouse & Elland, Elland & Sowerby Bridge, Todmorden & Sowerby Bridge, we will ensure that one of the sites will be available each day to allow residents to dispose of waste and recycling relatively locally. Halifax HWRC will only close on one day when all other sites will be available.

The changes will be communicated through several channels, including leaflets being distributed to residents using the HWRC's in the weeks running up to the implementation date. This should mitigate the risks of confusion to residents and allow responsible disposal of waste and recycling via the HWRC's. Nonetheless colleagues across the Council will continue to monitor and act on fly tipping, using appropriate enforcement action where possible.