

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

**Council Meeting:**      **Wednesday, 26 November 2025**

**Question from:**        **James Cook**

**Question to:**            **Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with  
responsibility for Public Services and  
Communities**

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Many people in Elland and across Calderdale are concerned about the risk of fly tipping due to the cuts imposed on our waste sites. Given this, will there be monitoring of fly tipping statistics and other such instances to ensure there is no increase given the recent partial closures of Household Waste Recycling Centres?

**Response**

Consideration has been given to retaining access to HWRCs throughout the week and residents can always dispose of their waste at a site in the borough but may need to travel slightly further if they aren't willing to wait for the days that their closest HWRC is available. The closures are on a staggered rota basis and ensure that there are at least three household waste recycling centres available each day of the week, with all of them open at the weekend.

One of the reasons a reduction in opening times across the five sites was preferred over the original proposal to close Elland completely, was to preserve the existing network of sites for residents, meaning most of the population live within reasonable proximity to a HWRC.

Calderdale still has a higher number of HWRCs per head of population than most other local authorities, so there is every opportunity for people to dispose of household waste responsibly, rather than resorting to the criminal act of fly tipping.

We actively monitor data and have regular internal partner meetings, which includes Waste Services, to respond to trends/patterns in relation to fly-tipping and other environmental blight.