

We have trialled communal recycling and recycling has risen by more than 70%

In October 2011, we consulted 23 roads in the Brunswick and Adelaide area to measure support for a trial of communal recycling. 87% of the respondents said 'yes' to the trial. The trial began in March 2012 and in the first month the quantity of recycling went up by 31% and then 70% by July. Our follow up survey in July confirmed that 73% of residents said they preferred the new scheme to black box collections.

Pros of communal recycling

- daily or regular weekday collections
- no boxes cluttering the street
- you can use them whenever you want so don't have to remember collection days or store recycling for a whole week

Cons of communal recycling

- more bins on the street
- loss of some parking spaces

Tins & Cans
Over 1,500 tonnes thrown away last year in Brighton & Hove



We have to collect glass separately. Glass bins are noisy and despite our research and work with manufacturers, no glass bin has been designed which prevents that noise. This means that there will be fewer glass bins than mixed recycling bins as we will need to try and find places away from people's homes. This may mean you will need to walk further to use a glass bin.

What will the bins look like?

The bins are not as big as the communal refuse bins (they are 1100 litre capacity bin compared to the 3200 litre capacity of the refuse bins).

The other difference is that the bins will be locked down to a post so they cannot move. Where possible, we would place the bins sideways to minimise the space taken, and reduce the impact on parking spaces.



Exhibition

To find out more about refuse, recycling and reducing your waste, please come along to see us at:

Dorset Methodist Church, Dorset Gardens, Kemp town, Brighton

Tuesday 26 March from 6pm to 8pm

Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove

Wednesday 27 March from 6pm to 8pm

Brighton Town Hall, Barholmews, Brighton

Thursday 28 March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

What happens next?

Your questionnaires will be analysed and the results will then contribute to the decision making process.

We expect a decision to be made by the summer of 2013. If the scheme does go ahead it will start from Autumn 2013 onwards. We will let you know.

Incentive scheme

If the scheme goes ahead then we propose to introduce two incentive schemes to encourage people to recycle more. This would include rewards for individuals and local communities. More information will be available if the scheme is agreed.

Further information

For more information about the communal recycling:

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/communalrecycling

[Email: communalrecycling@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:communalrecycling@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

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Recycling

Recycling rates in the city centre are very poor and, while most of us have weekly collections, only a small percentage of people are actually recycling.



Why is it a problem?

You tell us that you want to recycle but we don't always make it easy for you.

We can all agree that the current system is not brilliant.

Many of you can't store recycling boxes in your property, and as a result a high number of boxes are left out on the street all the time collecting litter. You tell us that many of you are unsure as to when your recycling is collected. You also say that as people move in and out of the area more quickly than other areas of the city, it is difficult keeping everyone informed about recycling.

We want to recycle as much as possible because it is better for the environment and it is cheaper.

What can we do?

Communal recycling bins

This is cheaper and people can use the bins daily so it is easy and convenient. But it is not without its problems. It would mean more bins on the street. Some parking spaces could be lost and then there is the problem of the noise of glass being placed in a bin.

Underground banks for recycling

Unfortunately, this is too expensive. To dig a big hole in the street is very difficult as the city centre is packed with gas and water mains, electrical cabling and underground cellars. It would cost around £20,000 to build a bank for 40 households to use. These costs would have to come from residents through the council tax.

There is no perfect answer...

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Paper & Card
Nearly 9,000 tonnes thrown away in Brighton & Hove last year



Glass
Over 2,300 tonnes thrown away last year in Brighton & Hove



FAQs

Where will the bins go?

We have mapped out where recycling bins could go.

You can view maps of all the areas affected at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/comcommunalrecycling

The website also shows maps of the proposed bins in your neighbouring areas

Where possible, we have tried to ensure that:

- the new bins are next to the existing communal refuse bins to minimise the number of parking spaces lost
- they are away from windows on residential properties
- there is sufficient access for people and collection vehicles
- road safety and transport issues have been taken into consideration

I currently receive help with my recycling collection, will this change?
No, if you have an assisted collection now, this will continue.

How many properties are included in the area?
Approximately 32,000.

Will my black recycling boxes be taken away?
Yes, black boxes will be taken away and reused.

I don't currently have a recycling collection at all, can I use the new recycling bins?
Yes.

Will I be able to have any say where the new recycling bins are sited?

Please complete and return the questionnaire with your ideas and we will have a look. We welcome new ideas and suggestions.

How often will the communal recycling bins be emptied?

This will depend on how full they get but is likely to be a minimum of 3 times per week.

What happens next?

We will write to you with the results of the survey and let you know what we intend to do.

What about parking?

The table below shows the estimated number of parking spaces which will be lost in each of the parking zones affected if the scheme goes forward.

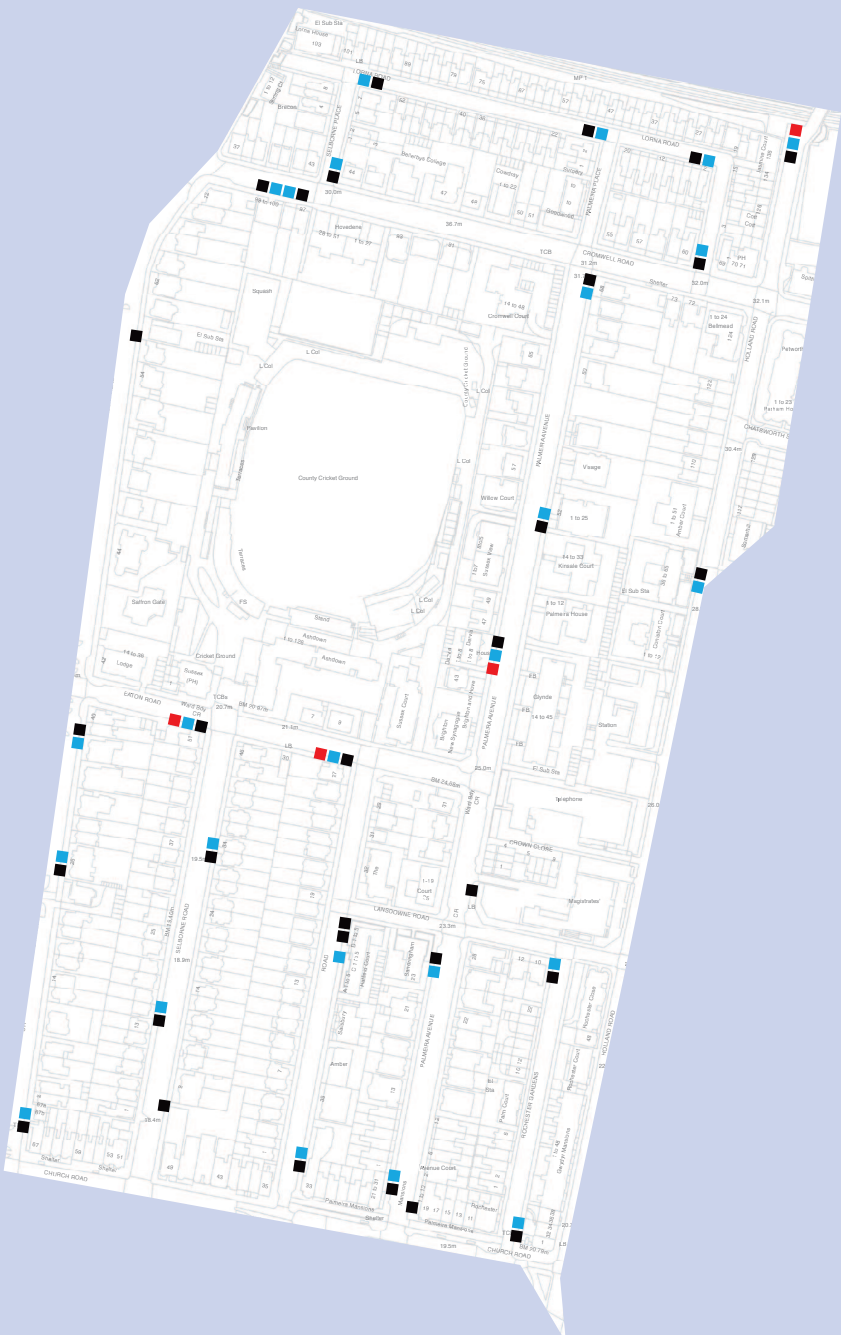
Parking Zones	Total spaces lost	Total bays available	% lost
Area C	13	1,615	0.80%
Area H	35	2,607	1.34%
Area M	8	1,581	0.51%
Area O	109	4,541	2.39%
Area Q	21	2,283	0.92%
Area R	3	950	0.32%
Area Y	6	4,077	0.15%
Area Z	50	1,445	3.46%
Total	272	20,124	1.35%

Key

- Existing communal refuse bin
- Proposed mixed recycling bin
- Proposed glass recycling bin

Scale 1:2700

Please note: This map is for illustration purposes only and the communal bins are not drawn to scale. Please come along to our exhibition – full details on the back of this leaflet.
The questionnaire and map is only referring to the placement of new bins.



Map reference: B&A Goldsmid