

ITEMS REFERRED FROM FULL COUNCIL (8 MAY 2014)

Deputations received:

**(i) Deputation from residents of 'Clarendon Area' regarding recycling.
(Spokesperson) Ms. Jackie. Quinn**

I am making this statement on behalf of the residents of the 'Clarendon' area comprising Livingstone Road, Shirley Street, Clarendon Road, Goldstone Road, Ellen Street and the immediate surrounding area. It represents the views expressed by the overwhelming majority residents that Matthew Irish and I have spoken to over the last two months, and those who have emailed either Mr Irish or me.

Since last summer there has been an ongoing issue with the collection of refuse and recycling from the above named streets and this has been a cause of considerable anger and frustration for local residents. Residents have become confused about exactly when the refuse and recycling collections take place as there have been a number of changes. What most concerns residents is the fact that many of the communal bins fill up so quickly that residents are left only being able to place their rubbish bags around the base of the communal bins – an entirely unsatisfactory situation as seagulls, foxes, rats and other wildlife then rip into the bags and rubbish is strewn all around the area – a serious environmental health risk – and generally this rubbish is not picked up – it just blows about the streets. The recycling boxes have posed a similar issue with boxes being placed for collection but not being picked up because there is confusion about when they are to be collected. Once again, the rubbish tends to end up getting blown about the streets - this creates a vision of neglect and lack of public resources in a city which should pride itself on its appearance to both residents and visitors. Now there are communal recycling bins, but local residents are concerned that once again these will fill too quickly and recycling material will be left around the base of the bins – and thus nothing will have been resolved.

The residents are urging the council to provide clear information about the times of collections – perhaps this could be posted on the bins themselves? They are also urging the council to provide for more street cleaners to pick up the litter that arises from the refuse and recycling bins - to ensure that this area does not look run down and neglected, as it does at present.



