

Area 1 - Brunswick Square Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have

I had previously stated on a previous survey sometime ago that communal collections were required, constant problems with other residents not properly bagging rubbish and dumping non-collectable items in the basement rubbish cupboards resulting in toxic and rat ridden conditions. Never mind the flies that hover around the basement areas, try living in the basement with that mess out front. How it's taken this long to reconsider the problem I fail to understand. Rubbish bags in the streets will be almost as bad (possibly worse), as any bag that is left is shredded by seagulls, and you will inevitably have vast amounts of refuse in the streets and falling back down into basement areas. Also on days where the day of collection is changed due to bank holidays etc, some people will still put it out and then will be left to the mercy of the weather and seagulls for an extended period of time. The only viable solution is for communal bins for all recycling and refuse, as although I manage to accommodate my recycling in doors, it frequently gets left to build up until I remember to put it outside, by which time there is a large amount for me to put out and for the collectors to pick up. On top of this on windy days it gets blown everywhere, and wet days alot of other stuff comes loose, particularly cardboard boxes turn wet slop that that becomes horrid to move or deal with. Additionally living in a front basement flat I heavily dislike all the boxes and bags left outside peoples doors and along the fences, for one it looks messy and I don't want my limited view clogged up in such a manner, it also reduces the light into the property, and sometimes people put out large boxes and alike that can cause a big decrease in light and generally looks grim.

Brushed hatch for the recycling bins

Please introduce communal bins in Brunswick Square as soon as possible, as they are long overdue.

I am concerned by the loss of parking spaces but in general prefer communal refuse and recycling bins.

I don't want any bins but it is better when throwing away wardrobes etc not to be able just dump the next to the bins and be able to put them in.

No communal bins at all. All designs are completely inappropriate in an area that is a tourist attraction and enjoys listed status.

The scheme has been rolled out since 2013 and the bins in the whole of Brighton and Hove are in an extremely poor state. Most are missing their lids, the pedals are broken, the brushes are missing. They are dented, covered in graffiti and the areas around them are filthy, with grime. The bins are not maintained. The bag collection in Brunswick Square means each individual house is responsible for keeping their store/steps/pavement area clean. In our house, we liaise with the managing agents if there are issues. The Brunswick community group is good at flagging up problem houses and ensuring they are clean and safe. If we have food left on our steps from a split bag, I clean it up (I'm in the basement) and then remind the rest of the residents not to over fill their bags. We also have a high percentage of older residents in the square and these people cannot lift their bags into the large bins. This means their only option is to leave them by the side, to be attacked by the gulls etc. As residents we would of course offer to help, but many do not want to impose on others. Does the Health and Safety issue only cover the collectors and NOT the residents? Lifting a bag to that height puts stress on the back, shoulders and elbows. Our beautiful square was saved from destruction in the 1980's and is now Grade I Listed. Our gardens are the the only dog-free ones locally, and are gated offering real safety to children and their parents. These bins will be a smelly, unsightly, health hazard to the residents and visitors and all in the name of PROFIT. It's a tragedy.

Parking in the square is already premium. Despite having a residents permit quite often after getting home from work I have to park on Kingsway - not convenient especially if I also have been food shopping. Please don't take away any parking spaces.

Bins are going to cover entrance/exit point to the park in Brunswick Square. Appropriate street signage, but horizontal and vertical, should be put in place to protect pedestrian crossing. I see a lot of near misses from my window already, as well as a number of cars colliding as one was not really keeping on the left at the turn

Suggested bins are very unsightly and would take up valuable parking spaces. From observing the bins on Brunswick Place, the base of the bins become a place for dumped items and a dog toilet! Health and safety risk seems exaggerated. People who live in the basements go up and down the steps everyday! I would much prefer to keep to the current arrangements.

NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING COMMUNAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING BINS! I think 'The problem' stated as a reason for the change to communal collections is pathetic. Residents live in basement flats and manage to negotiate steps that can be uneven and slippery! How will communal bins make this safer! Refuse collectors should be trained properly in the job with proper risk assessment (postmen and delivery drivers seem to cope well enough without resorting to communal delivery bins!) - I would suggest that if any property was unsafe or badly lit then the council have a responsibility to ensure the owners improve the situation. Of course, rubbish sacks will not be split as residents cart them around the square to try and find a vacant space in a secure bin! With Brighton & Hove being the drug capital of the UK there is always going to be a risk of discarded needles! Perhaps the risk is less likely in an area such as Brunswick Square as opposed to the normal street, park and beach hangouts of the drug addicts. As for discarded rats, I don't think I have seen any!!!! I must have missed the last time it was reported in the press about a resident being assaulted or bitten by a rat! Parking is at a premium in this town and any loss of parking spaces would be to the detriment of car owning residents and visitors. While the loss of resident-paid-for-parking spaces will not inhibit the Council's penchant for charging removal companies and many others to park through parking restrictions for 24 hours at a time (effectively charging twice for the same parking space!) people who actually live in the area will be made to suffer. (Redesigning the parking layout in the Square to allow parking at an angle to the kerb would allow for parking bays by better utilization of the space and would make it easier for residents to park.) If the Council is serious about it's obligation to a duty of care then perhaps more effort should be made towards pedestrian safety within the town - I would hazard a guess that less people have been injured by navigating basement steps or timid rats than by pedestrians injured by vehicles due to methods of traffic management that confuse drivers and pedestrians, by cyclists on pavements or by cyclists using the seafront cycle lane as a racetrack with total lack of consideration to pedestrians who are forced to cross this and other cycle lanes. Please don't try to pass on cost cutting methods as being anything other than that. The proposed changes were not welcome at the previous attempt and probably even less so now!

I am very concerned that these bins will ruin our beautiful square. When I see how the bins in Waterloo Street and Landsdowne Place are used by people to dump household items/furniture around I am VERY concerned about their introduction. I would also ask why we are being consulted again - it feels like we are being asked again so that the council can get the answer they would like.

The parking around Brunswick Square is terrible and is getting worse. A lot of this however is down to poor / inconsiderate parking by residents and/ or visitors. If we are losing parking spaces we need to address this. This could include: 1. removing the option for pay as you go - free-ing up spaces for residents 2. adding in parking dividers around the square - indicating where people need to park in order to get the maximum number of cars in. This would stop people taking up two or more spaces due to poor parking positioning.

These bins are all hideous and attract fly tipping. If you are collecting more than five times a week I just don't see the need for them.

I don't want communal bins. The last two questions seem to presume we're going to have them. I don't want them.

Can the bins be screened or hidden to minimise the impact on the squares and limit the visual impact? Many similar bins are unsightly

I DO NOT WANT NOISY GLASS RECYCLING BINS OUTSIDE MY WINDOW!

I'm concerned at the undemocratic way this proposal is being pushed through and the consultation is happening. Spurious claims of health and safety issues - without proper health and safety investigations into the proposal to site communal bins. The disregard for the earlier democratic decision not to place bins in historic areas of the city. The disregard for the look of the city's historic areas and the contribution and views of the residents of Brunswick Square & Terrace, who contribute so much to the up keep of one of the city's most historic and valuable areas.

I prefer brushed hatch for recycling bins, if we get them, and foot pedal for refuse bins.

<p>I have looked at the state of the bins you provide around this area of Brighton and consider them to be both ugly, badly maintained and a magnet for fly tipping..... I think they are a complete eyesore - and totally inappropriate for a Grade 1 listed conservation area therefore none of the above. If you were able to make the bins visually interesting- even dare I say beautiful - and they were kept that way by the council - then there may be some argument for a new system - as it stands what you are offering is not acceptable.....</p>
<p>The opening to the bin needs to be such that it prevents people depositing large items (eg small furniture!) inside them.</p>
<p>I don't want any communal bins but if they are going to be installed they should be appropriate to a Grade 1 Listed/Conservation Area. They would need to be maintained to a better standard than those already situated in other parts of the City. Residents of Brunswick Square & Terrace pay high prices to have their houses re-painted every five years as per the 1976 Act of Parliament, enforced by the Council. It is unreasonable to enforce compliance by residents on the re-paint but then fail to maintain a Conservation Area by installing what will inevitably become dirty communal bins surrounded by fly tipping.</p>
<p>The current method of refuse collection from the coal holes should be maintained. The square is grade1 listed and should not have unsightly bins around the square.</p>
<p>The meeting with City clean suggested bins could be cream and that recycling bins would not be put in the square. Has this now changed? I am concerned with the amount of fly tipping in nearby Brunswick Place and this would happen in our beautiful Square. The black bins with brushes are often attacked by seagulls offering little protection, the foot pedal I find difficult to open. None of the above options are preferable for me.</p>
<p>I am happy to do my recycling at the recycling bins, if provided, but refuse bins could get messy and will become a dumping ground for anyone, whether they live in the square or not. i am happy to put my rubbish bags out on the day of collection providing we know exact time of collection so the bags do not sit for too long out on the kerb for seagulls to attack. however, i am concerned not everybody living in the square will be bothered in putting rubbish in the right place at the right time</p>
<p>I disagree with the proposal. its a cost saving excersise, nothing else. its simply idiotic to suddenly come up with health and safety issues about a system that worked for decades!!! suggest to check (and improve) the safety of all the stairs, if that should be required.</p>
<p>The bins would need to be emptied at weekends as the square is very busy for picnics ect. the worry is that bins will overflow on busy weekends/bank holidays.</p>
<p>If the communal bins looked more aesthetically pleasing then i might be more inclined to have them, at least the same colour as the buildings or inside the gardens.</p>
<p>We have already had a consultation about this issue where residents made their feelings clear, we do not want these bins. it feels that you are just re-consulting until you get the answer you want! these bins will ruin the sea views from the top of Brunswick Square, a real tourist attraction.</p>
<p>fire brigade and emergency rick assessment due to sharp bends and narrow area.</p>
<p>If there are to be communal bins please put them all* at the south end of the square on Brunswick Terrace where they are not an eyesore to flat residents. concentrate the bins in this one place to minimise adverse environmental impact. *as many as reasonably possible if all not possible for space reasons, otherwise all of them please</p>
<p>Too many bins will be an eyesore to this elegant space.</p>
<p>This has not been a fair consaultation process. i do not want refuse/recycle bins in this historic conservation area. you seem to have forgotten your obligations to protect conservation areas. nobody is convinced that flytips will be removed promptly.</p>
<p>The bins would look better in white or cream. i am afraid i dont think it will work well. the square will get full of dropped litter and general mess. there is no better way than keeping the rubbish out of sight. if there is it would be great if someone could invent one. it will work if someone is personally monitoring it.</p>

This is not a consultation, the first consultation should have been to do away with our use of adequate bin stores which we all have. safety concerns are nonsense. you just want city clean to force its will on us when you spend millions repainting our houses to keep this grade 1 listed square pleasant for all residents and visitors, only to have it ruined with bin eyesores and flytipping and seagull carnage. i'd be minded to suggest the council were misguided incompetents.

Each house has a perfectly good bin store that has been used as such for decades. it is a disgrace the way the council has pushed this through and amended the council vote wording at the last minute. (i saw the video on line). this has been voted on before and people said NO and now you are giving people a choice, offering kerbside collection when you know the seagulls will rip it to shreds. health and safety grounds are a farce and the council knows it. APPALLING!

Where on earth do you suggest we store rubbish if not in the basements? it is impossible to keep rotting rubbish inside building, a health hazard. what happens if rubbish is not collected, it will get dumped into road and cause a mess and rats

It is outrageous for BHCC to put communal bins outside anyones residence. they become disgusting dumping grounds and an eyesore. they are making me not want to live in brighton. they are abused by the selfish, dumping stuff that should go to the tip. this is a grade 1 listed square and an advert for brighton. dont spoil it!

If we have to have these communal bins then we should have cream coloured bins (which i have seen elsewhere in the city) that would blend better with brunswick conservation area.

Please provide details of HSE incidents which have occurred in the history of basemant rubbish collections in the square. you have not justified the HSE risk. if communal bin are going to be used they should be housed in properly designed and aesthetically pleasing structures. residents of the square spend a fortune complying with the squares grade 1 listing. it is just not acceptable for the council to propose the placement of deeply ugly black bins around the square. please use some more imagination.

Resident has ticked brushed hatch and foot pedal.

Re question 5 - why are you asking us? Whatever works best. It will be a huge relief to finally have a solution to the rubbish. I don't care about losing car parking spaces, I quite often have to park on the seafront anyway when returning in the evening. Idea: reduce pay spaces, increase the number of permit spaces on the square.

Could refuse bins be at top and bottom of the square only to stop the look of the square being spoilt and avoiding putting outside anyone's house directly.

Re question 5, resident has ticked open hatch and foot pedal In order to reduce impact, I have suggested "indents" into the park railings to create space for the bins. I offered to subsidise these works but then heard nothing.

I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE LOSS OF PARKING SPACES.

Please can the glass recycling be collected not too early in the morning! Thank you!

The proposal to place bins (particularly glass bottles) outside 15 Brunswick Square, will add to the already considerable noise that we have with parties and picnics taking place into the late evening in the only designated picnic area, under the trees, in Brunswick Square. I would suggest that bins be placed further down the square towards the seafront, by the other gate, please! Any bin with a lid that lifts up is subject to overfilling making it open to seagulls and wind.

I have these bins outside my work on Guildford Road and they attract fly tipping constantly. As this is a conservation area, I would expect an increase in street cleaning to maintain the tidiness of the square should the refuse bins be installed.

City Clean has been a disaster as an outsourced company for rubbish collection. Brunswick Square has never been so filthy. The rationale to stop collection from the basement is unfounded and pathetic. City Clean do not have the ability to respond to tax payers needs.

We live in a basement flat and the rubbish/recycling is a nightmare at the moment. This idea is very good, however, the bin areas at the moment will turn into a dumping ground???

I do not want the bins outside my house/door. Recycling boxes attract rats.

Tried filling out the online form but would not submit. In Brunswick Square bins could be placed inside the gardens and hidden from sight by bushes/hedges.

Resident has ticked both open hatch and foot pedal. I fully support the introduction of communal refuse and recycling bins.
Do the bins need to be at the top of the square if there are four other spots. The area can be congested with traffic and congestion of people especially in the summer months.
The bins at the top of Brunswick Square infringe on a protected vista. Could consideration be given to adding additional residents parking on Kingsway in lieu of spaces lost?
Concerns over placing communal bin opposite 30/29 - but certainly very critical if recycling bins are included. Paper/cardboard extra can be very untidy and encourage dumping. Glass is very noisy for the neighbours opposite and concerned it is not being emptied on a daily basis. Only one bin, also view from top of square will be impeded by a large bin?
I have included a visual of my suggested positions for the bins. If the current proposals go ahead as proposed, is it possible to request that people not deposit glass between, say, 10pm and 8am, to reduce noise pollution.
Bins need to be collected every day. Bins are not equally spaced. Move one bin on top and bottom of the square to the sides (nearer to the entrances). Bins should be printed in the same colour as the properties.
"No change" should be an option - this survey is rigged by the Council and it is a disgrace and a pretence at consultation. The bins have been emptied for 100 years without problems, this is pathetic. In an area of high council tax contributions and a national heritage site, the vista will be ruined.
I think the bins on brunswick terrace are unnecessary in this area, could be sited in the gardens if needed, being on the main road will be a target for all sorts of fly tippers, also noisy.
This is a difficult issue. The smell and noise from these bins is unpleasant for residents and passers by. The bins themselves are higher than a standard car so they are visually unappealing and intrusive. Changing those things would make them a much better prospect. Also, it would help if people knew how much/frequency of noise is created from glass recycling - perhaps that could be dealt with differently.
But I am concerned about the loss of parking spaces.
I would prefer the current situation to be maintained. Brunswick Square is currently very clean because no communal bins are used, other roads nearby which use communal bins frequently have litter on the ground surrounding the bins. The risk from using current bins is very low.
I agree with the proposed communal refuse bin as I live in a lower ground floor flat. The lounge window to my flat is six feet away from the bin area which has waste from seven flats. The smell and flies in the summer months can be very bad by the time it is collected. Its a risk hazard, both for us and your crews to collect from this dirty dark area.
I am happy to have a communal refuse collection as long as the bins do not take up cycle parking that has been recently created.
Brushed hatch and Foot Pedal are both ticked. Do not want the bins outside my house. Provided the bins are where you stated (by the railings).
Do not agree with bins in black bags on the street and recycling boxes.
Collection five days a week is insufficient - there are 7 flats per building in the square. Collection should be almost always every day, possibly early in the morning. Brunswick Square must be one of the most thickly populated areas in the city providing the Council with a HUGE income from council tax!!!
However, I am concerned about the loss of parking spaces.
Would be great to have communal bins (as long as they are emptied often). Every week rubbish is dragged out by the seagulls or put out too early by some properties and it is horrid!
The irony that this is a regency/conservation area and yet it is one big, unsightly, unhygienic rubbish bin. I get A LOT of flies in my flat which I know are coming from the one bin which is underneath my window and is always overflowing. My neighbours are also lazy and do not put their boxes on the street, meaning I have to do it to get them emptied. I SHOULD NOT have to be responsible for having my entire building's rubbish collected each week. PLEASE give us communal bins!
I prefer not to have communal glass recycling because of noise from the bottle deposits.
Design bins in natural materials and to blend in with the environment.

Foot pedal for refuse and Brushed hatch for recycling and bottles I fully endorse and support these proposals for communal bins or collection and their proposed siting in the square.

I note that glass recycle bins can be noisy when they are used...1. Why are the same number as general refuse bins required? Surely lesser quantity would do? 2. Why not site glass bins at the centre or top and bottom of the square - maximum distance from homes? Also note that collections 5 times a week - why so frequent? Collection noise is a concern!

Please implement this as soon as possible as we have been held to ransom by the friends of Brunswick Square for too long. The streets are covered with rubbish because of their attachment to the past! and cars!! PS I was a founder member.

I can not reply. The whole voting issue is a warped, contrived, mind bending issue, unworthy of a council dealing with a Grade one Conservation Area and chosen at a time when a particularly messy "repaint" is in progress. I have followed the antics of the black bag refuse collection and its consequences and the shock of the recyclable collection on Friday August 12th, I could write reams.

A bi weekly collection would prevent overspill and therefore less mess and vermin. This should be possible as its much quicker to collect collective bins. Screening bins with some form of protection from gulls looks better and it is less intrusive. Currently collections of at least five times a week does not happen on Western Road.

The bins are in totally inappropriate places either for health and safety or taking up other spaces already used i.e. motorcycle bay and bike racks (one is on a blind corner on double yellow lines!). The consultation by the council is so riddled with holes that it resembles a Swiss cheese, I have lived in Brunswick Square for 46 years and there has never been a problem with rubbish collection except where a strike occurred. When we first discussed the introduction of communal rubbish bins in December of last year with Jan Jonker from City Clean we were told we would have the option of communal rubbish bins or the status quo of weekly bin collections from basements. Later this was reversed by the council and the only choice was black communal bins or kerbside black sack collection which the Council knows is not viable as the sacks would be pulled apart by seagulls! We were told by Jan Jonker that communal refuse bins could not go next to the railings in the Square because of health and safety and yet their stance has now been completely reversed by the council who say the bins can go next to the railings as money has suddenly been miraculously found to pay for concrete build outs which I presume are to comply with health and safety. So more cost will be incurred to allow people to take rubbish across the road to the railings which was first deemed to be against health and safety! So more cost will be incurred to allow people to take rubbish across the road to the railings which was first deemed to be against health and safety! Health and Safety is the reason that the Council is giving for discontinuing once a week basement collections, although there have never been any accidents to speak of and the council has so far refused to supply information regarding accidents at basement collections and black bin collections. I do know that people have actually been killed by crawling into black communal bins and been crushed! This doesn't happen with basements. Although I asked Tracy Phipps at the first drop in meeting on 15th August at the Cornerstone to send me an image of a build out so I could see what it looked like and how much it projected into the road to the date of sending this I have received nothing despite sending several emails to her. Today, this afternoon I have finally received an email from Peter McNeil just as I am about to put this in the post and Tracy has finally sent me a photo of the build out. How could it take so long? From the picture the build out will add clutter to the Square in an already compact and close area. There are many reasons why this flawed sham consultation of the council to impose communal black bins into Brunswick Square and Terrace should not go ahead. Here are some as I will probably not remember all, there are so many.

Cont.. 1. The sites indicated on the map sent with the form are completely untenable. Apart from that there are no sites that would be acceptable as the Square is compact and there is nowhere that the black bins would not be visible as in Palmeira and Adelaide. 2. Siting bins in other spaces which are re usable would result in loss of car parking spaces for the residents. Would the council then permit resident parking spaces on the seafront. There are not enough spaces to go around at present. 3. The appearance of the Grade 1 listed historic Square and Terrace would be compromised by the introduction of ugly large black bins and concrete build outs. 4. The large communal black bins would attract fly tipping. "Black communal rubbish bins are a magnet for fly tipping" quote from a resident of Regency Square. 5. Large noisy bin lorries would be driving round the Square and along the Terrace at least five times a week and can be collected daily when necessary". This would add to congestion, pollution and wear and tear in our cul de sac Square. 6. People would have to carry smaller sacks several times a week to the communal bins adding to the use of more plastic, hardly ecological. 7. We were lied to by the Council when they said there would be a choice. There is no choice. Why have once a week seagull proof sack kerbside collections not been mentioned or explored by the Council. 8. An example of the failure of bins has been the disastrous green bin fiasco introduced by Cityclean during the repainting year 2015. These bins were often overflowing (some still are!) never collected when scaffolding came down and whether dumped by the railing by exasperated householders or left outside houses for months and not even collected when rung up and asked, they attracted masses of fly tipping which is what will happen if we have communal black eyesore bins and our beautiful Square will be ruined. I never even had my green bins delivered to my house whilst scaffolding was up, only after it came down. LOL. 9. As a volunteer gardener in the square and litter picker upper I do not see why I should donate my time to helping to improve this public Square when this Council are determined to ruin the Square and Terrace with the introduction of black communal bins. I only have to look at the streets surrounding the Square to see what the Square and Terrace will look like a few months after these bins are introduced or maybe sooner. 10. Please do not ruin the "jewel in the crown".

We live in an historic square that is maintained to a high standard. The council insists that the houses are painted every five years, that all the home owners have to pay for themselves. Why would we want communal bins and recycling. We pay council taxes like everyone else but they don't have to paint their house fronts. Its all about cost cutting! From all the other bins around in Brighton and Hove to me, they are overflowing with litter all over the pavements and large pieces of furniture (fly tipping) left at most times, I have SEEN THEM!

Excellent idea about the refuse and recycling bins. As it is clear to see that currently bags and boxes are a mess, with litter scattered everywhere.

The council should give greater weight to protection of the amenity of these grade one heritage assets for the public good and consider other ways of mitigating risk, such as footwear. The Council is placing excessive weight on minor health and safety risks.

1. BHCC have provided no evidence that cellar collection is more dangerous than street level collection 2. There is no analysis/recognition of this unsightly mess that will affect the area seven days a week 3. No serious alternative proposals have been talked over regards bags versus communal bins.

As far as question 5, none of the above. All are ugly, poorly maintained and inappropriate to the setting of a grade one listed building and a visually sensitive conservation area. 1. Retain basement collections 2. "Decision in principle" for communal bins wrongly reached and in breach of BHCC's statutory duties. 3. Communal bins are an eyesore and a magnet for graffiti, fly tipping and spillages. 4. Consultation is skewed and starts from a wrong premise.

Communal bins are inappropriate to the setting of grade one listed buildings and in a visually sensitive conservation area. There is no appropriate location on Brunswick Square or Terrace to locate the refuse and recycling bins. (note this comment was particularly asked to be repeated for four responses)

All options in question 5 are unsatisfactory for different reasons. The health and safety issue is a "red herring" and if carried to its logical conclusion no one should be living tin the basements, let alone children and elderly. The GMB Union has no objection to going into these. I think the City Council should think again about one of the "gems" of their area. The collections don't always happen, I have seen examples where it has not.

<p>1. There are at present insufficient parking spaces in the Brunswick Area. Are you intending to allow residents to have spaces on the seafront? 2. Many of us are older or disabled and unable to carry bags across the road. 3. Very noisy for people sleeping at the front of their houses. 4. Totally inappropriate for a grade one listed area - Hove's "jewel" in the crown 5. Huge amounts of Council Tax from this densely populated area should provide an excellent and appropriate service.</p>
<p>Could the Council consult with SUEZ/WRAP (David Pelham-Jones) for some good ideas about rubbish collection? As a basement owner, I have had constant trouble re. bins being emptied. And both communal general rubbish and recycling bins are often overflowing.</p>
<p>I have lived in Brighton for 12 years and lived at 3 different addresses, Brunswick Square is by far the cleanest place I have lived and I believe this is due to NOT having communal bins and people having to make the extra effort to keep their bins clean (I know I do). I do believe less materials will be recycled too - people are lazy or too busy to keep making trips to bins (sad but true). Re question 5, brushed hatch will ensure less people recycle and Open hatch is pointless and dangerous to sea birds.</p>
<p>At present, we can hear the bins on Western Road being emptied. With three in front of our door step the sound will be deafening and will negatively impact our quality of life and property value.</p>
<p>I am concerned about the loss of parking spaces also and hope they can be sited in areas where there are fewer spaces lost i.e. nearer to the gates to Brunswick Square, keeping the spaces already there. A sign asking drivers to park considerably might not come amiss. But MOST OF ALL, rubbish must not be left on pavements where food and seepage from bags make the pavements quite disgusting.</p>

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<p>The foot pedal bins are good when they work - but when they don't the lids are REALLY heavy to lift.</p>
<p>I am happy with the proposed plans based on the current proposed locations. If these were to change whereby they were located outside of my building then I would have an issue.</p>
<p>Why do the bins have to be grey & black? Why can't they be a less obtrusive & more attractive colour?</p>
<p>I do not trust that recycling is properly dealt with in Brighton & Hove. Why do we not separate things out properly? Surely getting us to do it is the "free" end of sorting. Everything being chucked in together (apart from glass) plus no info about what kinds of plastics you can take, what you can't makes me think that everything is likely to just be burnt rather than recycled. This view is widely held among residents and you should do something about it.</p>
<p>My main concern is the loss of parking spaces. We have a public house nearby (the Brunswick Pub) and already had difficulty parking on busy nights. Two recycle bins have been placed along from our entrance (at the bottom of Holland Road) so we have already lost valuable parking spaces.</p>
<p>1. Many of us have children and elderly people living with us which creates diversity in the area - loss of parking spaces has a huge impact on their safety and well being as we have to circle in the evenings to find spaces - loss of parking spaces means intensifying concerns around safety and well being - we can't leave children and elderly people on the front steps while we park so we do our best to manage this - losing parking spaces diminishes the health and safety of those we have to look after. 2. Glass recycling is noisy; the recycling boxes right now work well.</p>
<p>I don't think communal bins are appropriate for a conservation area, especially as they tend to attract people dumping rubbish around them, not just in them. There is also too little parking on Brunswick Terrace as it is and the additional of communal bins would make this situation worse. The existing systems are working absolutely fine for me and I do not understand why they should be changed.</p>

1. There is a new housing development about to begin in Lansdowne Place which when completed will bring a significant increase in cars in the 'm' parking zone, which is already highly overstretched, losing more parking spaces for the rubbish bins will just cause increased parking problems in the area. If parking on Kingsway could be available for residents alongside the metered parking that might help a bit. 2. The bins interrupt the conservation vista of Brunswick Terrace with its historic status as the rubbish is put around the bins and not just inside them 3. Glass recycling is noisy and at night impacts the quality of sleep 4. Kerbside sacks could be do-able if they are seagull proof which is what Blackpool Council has and are provided by that council 5. Existing recycling boxes system works fine - don't need recycling communal bins - just adds to the mess, noise and loses more parking spaces.

It's clear that the current system doesn't really work, I often find myself walking around the corner to use the communal bins anyway. I really don't like the piecemeal rubbish being left around (at mercy of the wind and seagulls) and the presence of the small black bins everywhere. Despite the noise, parking space losses and cluttering up the place, I do think the communal bins are a necessary evil. A bit of a whimsical request, but how about painting them in Brunswick Cream?!

I'm really concerned about the lack of refuse and recycling on brunswick terrace and brunswick square. It is so hard for us to deal with our rubbish! so many days it is far to windy, and now you seem to be proposing that we have to walk for 10 minutes with heavy bags to deal with this. what on earth????

Re Q5 I would be happy with either "Brushed hatch" or "Foot pedal". I am very happy with the current locations of the Refuse and Recycling bins in Waterloo Street.

My previous experience is the foot pedal bins break very quickly so the lid has to be hand opened, and the lids bang open/shut in the wind. the brushed hatches work if they are the reasonable sized ones as on some of the local refuse bins. Ours is one of the few communal refuse bins at street level as the basement flat is laid out as a garden and so inaccessible . As a result many passers by use it for their rubbish and recycling of coffee cups/beer bottles and worst dog poop - all these things also get strewn in our recycling boxes and thus never get taken. There are no lids to our recycle boxes, the bin men are careless strewing them down the street and they blow further down in the seafront winds. Within half an hour of collection our boxes have dog poop in them, none of us have pets! After the Brunswick festival and Hove lawns festivals recently all our boxes and bins were overflowing with passers by waste - why are there no communal rubbish/recycle bins for use by the general public in this very busy area except right down on the seafront? This current system is failing. I understand residents don't like the look of communal bins but last week there were just 4 recycling boxes put out on Brunswick Terrace which really is shamefully low and inconsiderate to the environment as a whole. I am also aware that many residents just use the neighbouring streets communal recycling or rubbish facilities - which is hardly a very neighbourly thing to do! The bin men have extraordinarily bad attitudes and refused to take our box of bottles (left by attendees of the festival) because it was 'contaminated' with a flyer and a paper cup! Put there by well-meaning passers by rather than littering the ground as there is nowhere else for them to use. As for the people who regularly deposit semi-bagged dog poop in our recycling boxes I despair! Almost none of the recycling bags or boxes in the square were removed at all last week and have blown far and wide, meaning someone somewhere else will have to clean it up.

please do a year trial using seagull proof bags.

1, why maintain the beauty of brunswick square and terrace for the benefir of the community and visitors and then ruin the amenity with the siting of large ugly modern bins? 2, views from basements and ground floor flats will also be ruined,

i am appalled at the prospect of communal bins along brunswick terrace. the 'alternative options' notes in the notes makes no reference to the visual impact of the bins, this shows an extraordinary insensitivity to the conservation issue.

bins directly outside my flat are unsightly. in the summer when the windows need to be open, it will create an awful smell in the flat. could the bins not be put round the corner right on the end of waterloo street?

<p>1, the bins look unsightly in this grade 1 listed area 2, other communal bins are a haven for fly tipping 3, the bins you are suggesting to be located at the ends of the square and terrace will make crossing the road more dangerous for children and the elderly 4, in the summer they will be used more by day trippers than residents.</p>
<p>I object to the bins outside brunswick terrace particularly. i am concerned they will damage the look of our beautiful square. i appreciate that the black sack collection causes lots of rubbish on the street because of seagulls but are there other options?</p>
<p>none of the above. see spanish recycling bins, build under ground only small bin/opening on surface</p>
<p>keep things as they are. five lorry visits a week, fly tipping, more collections, more noise and hazards for residents. the grundons (24 in total)will take up parking spaces and block pedestrians view of the road when crossing.</p>
<p>the current system is effective, bins are unattractive and unsightly and ruin the beauty of the square. also parking is already a problem, we need more soaces not less.</p>
<p>New bins outside no. 7 will spoil the look of Grade 1 listed terrace. They will attract rubbish dumping from passers by, and from beach goers. Also we have a collection point around the corner in Waterloo St outside no. 7 entrance. We don't need another collection point that close.</p>
<p>Look forward to this as I now have to use bins for both services in Waterloo Street or Bedford Square.</p>
<p>Would it not be possible to locate the bins at the east and west ends of Brunswick Terrace on the edge of the Terrace closest to the sea so that they are not directly outside people's houses?</p>
<p>Brushed hatch and foot pedal are both ticked. 1. Open hatch does prevent large items being dumped next to the bins 2. Foot Pedal is fine IF regularly maintained (Most are soon broken) 3. Closed lid that is lift able allows quieter deposits of glass.</p>
<p>Open hatch for recycling. Can you position the bins on the raised cobbled areas at the end of each Terrace/the Square? This is spare "land", not used for parking and gives the bins a fixed position in each street? Alternatively, position them on the existing double yellow lines?</p>
<p>1. The existing system is a mess - I have to clean and dispose of rubbish/dumped items regularly from the cellar refuse store. 2. Recycling boxes are regularly left outside so the appearance around our lovely houses will be improved Re the proposed locations - two sets are not required on the South Square.</p>
<p>I think it would be better to have the bins on the side roads than on the seafront. This is because: 1. They detract from the street scene of this grade one listed structure. 2. We have issues with beach users filling the bins so regular DAILY emptying will be required.</p>
<p>Loss of parking is a huge no. Its already difficult enough to park here. If we get home passed 8pm it is a free for all and we have no hope. These bins need to be stored somewhere that will not affect parking. Suggestions would be on the larger kerb where people park everyday without getting a ticket, or in the square itself. No loss of parking please!</p>
<p>Communal bins help to keep streets clean.</p>
<p>It would be great if the collectors could return the empty recycling box upside down to avoid people throwing in rubbish. Currently, we find our recycling box full of rubbish when returning home at the end of the day.</p>
<p>Brushed Hatch preferred for recycling.</p>
<p>Resident should be responsible for ensuring their black bags/rubbish are stored in the existing communal bins to avoid foxes or seagulls from tampering with the food. Parking near my flat is already very limited and the proposal reduces these spaces. Parking is also expensive, with long waiting lists, therefore these spaces should not be taken.</p>
<p>I understand the problem and think communal bins are the best way forward but I would be very upset to have them directly on my door step (as proposed). The smell/noise/seagulls/view etc. Can more thought be put into placement of these bins? Thank you.</p>
<p>Existing communal refuse is adequate for our end of the terrace. Adding recycling bins on the seafront road or promenade would be better than right outside the building as they could also be used by beach users and pedestrians and collection/emptying wouldn't disturb anyone.</p>

Parking is at a premium at this end of Brunswick Terrace because it is very close to the boundary if zone M - I frequently have to park at Palmeira Square. Glass recycling bins should be as far away from the residential property as possible, ie, restricted in the proposals to the bottom end of Brunswick Square.
Thank you for proposing to provide more bins.
The concept is fine but the application is terrible, the areas around the bin are not kept clean they should be screened or designed in some way so they are more appealing to the eye.
Our house at Brunswick Terrace is not shown on the map?

Area 1 - Comments received throughout the consultation

Suggestions that the council should look into Underground bins
Resident suggested that some residents of Brunswick Square may be willing to look into funding underground bins
Suggestion for trials of seagull proof sacks
Suggestion to trial communal bins in the top centre of the square to see what happens
Resident complained that they needed picture of the proposed build-outs before they could comment on the consultation
Complaints received re lack of notice re consultation
Complaints received re length of consultation
Request received to include National Heritage
There should be a compensatory number of parking permits for Zone M for residents only, not for dual use. Parking Zone M, can this be restricted to the Square and Terrace only
Please confirm if any motorcycle or cycle bays are lost
Sound reverberates across the lawns - especially in relation to glass
Zone M is 9 months waiting list
Can we trial seagull bags for a year?
Parts of Brunswick Terrace are missing from the map
Concerns raised that bins are being proposed near the gates in Brunswick Square and this could cause a serious health and safety hazard and especially to children
Brunswick Terrace - Centre, bins cannot go in this proposed location as it is a black spot
The Parking team should have been involved. Even one lost space is unacceptable with a 13 month waiting list. Residents are scared they will lose their parking space if they drive away. This is especially difficult for women at night. There is a large flat development in Lansdowne Place where a former hotel is being converted to flats. This will further impact parking – there are 30-40 flats which will mean more bins.
Recycling will go down if we introduce communal bins – people won't bother to recycle. Most people will only recycle if it is taken from outside their property.
Why are we introducing 6 bins at the top of the square when there are others further up which are not far to walk. It is easier to walk to the recycling bins on Western Road.
Resident would like to see the statistics for accidents in Brunswick Square. They would also like to know why we can't put the onus on Landlords and property owners to ensure their basement bin stores are kept in a condition which complies with Health and Safety. If unsafe then the crew will be instructed not to go down. Can we not put these measures in place instead of the proposals? What about using a private contractor instead for this area? Can we cost this out?

The residents in the Square are sick of being told what they should have. They do not trust that this is a consultation; rather they are being told what will happen. No one is saying crews should have to work in dangerous conditions; they should be able to refuse to go down to dangerous basements. It's not fair to expect them to do anything inhumane. What about imposing something like a 'default notice' to the owners of properties that fail to look after their basement bin areas properly?

Other suggestions: punch locks on bin stores. Can we look into the costs of this and strengthening the doorways? Can we pass these costs on to owners and managing agents? Can we impose minimum guidelines for bin bag thickness to stop them being ripped apart?

Tourists take photographs of the square and it's upsetting that this will be ruined by giant bins with fly tips left next to them.

Resident is unhappy that she did not receive notification at her address. There are four flats at the address and no one received the notification.

Underground bins: she would like us to investigate underground bins – something the Germans use. She would like us to find out the costs involved. The houses which might have the bins located outside of them should be given the opportunity to pay for the bins to be moved underground. They might be motivated to find the money when they consider the lost in value to their property. They may also be able to get money from other sources to pay for the underground bins – English Heritage, National Lottery etc. What about introducing a pay and display parking bay to help fund it? Resident committees might have a war chest to pay for something like this. We should explore other avenues. We should contact the Brunswick Square Residents' Committee and offer to come along to explore these and other options. What companies would construct the underground bins? Can we contact them for a costing?

Just because some residents are happy for these bins or have not expressed an opinion does not mean that the actual property owners and long term dwellers feel the same way. Renters are often transient and are less invested in the aesthetics of the surroundings.

Tenants are not likely to put up money to help maintain the look of the area and are therefore less relevant in this consultation.

would prefer to keep the recycling boxes and have a communal bin for refuse only. Number of Lorries and glass noise is a concern.

thinks the communal bins are unattractive but can't think of an alternative.

in favour of the communal bins, has had serious rat infestation in basement. Wants sticker labels put on bins - new occupants.

don't like kerbside recycling as litter is spread & recycling not washed. They to do a litter pick up

leave the middle bins as don't spoil the character of the square

Central bins are OK but not proximity of others, near their living room and other main rooms. Sleep concerns.

– Ok with existing – uses communal bins around the corner. Architecture will be influenced. Bins could be set back within cobbled area.

seagull proof bags are being used in Blackpool effectively. Feels the consortium isn't a fair system, they haven't been given all the facts.

concerned about communal bin proposition & fly tipping potential. Recycling rates have gone down since communal bins came in.

likes communal bin system, has cleared basements with rubbish. Landlord for two properties and doesn't like black boxes.

comm bins emptied but never disinfected. Fire and ambulance viewpoint, to put the bins in the corners of Brunswick to cause a hazard. Fly tipping. Lots of broken bins. Holland Rd & Palmeira Square need programme in place

wants existing scheme to remain. Worried about fly tipping. Disputing the numbers of people that have been injured. Lack of parking spaces
against glass recycling because of noise, communal spot they can take this to. Proposed spot will distort the view from the flat, potential fly tipping. Building's character. Middle section, can't there be a screen or fence instead?
Worried over loss of parking spaces, feels proposed plan will be terrible for the presentation of the square.
Resident is questioning the way we are going to measure the volume of waste
Approves of comm bins for refuse but placement not be outside residents' houses. Wants period building and values of homes not to be affected. Doesn't want bin collections at entrance to park with children playing or outside gates.
Resident is concerned about - Rat infestation, unhygienic and attracts vermin / Location – not outside flats , Concern over seagulls currently / Place messy at moment / Collection frequency daily / Old system has produced injuries.
Resident Concerns over the placement / Locate at the edge of the terrace closest to the sea / Risk to resident and crew with LGF flat / Increase in street cleaning is needed / Concerned about loss of places to lock bikes/less parking / Daily collections needed – possibly early in the morning / Collection noise
Resident commented on and suggested - More frequent collections / Likes it as recycling will increase as a result / improvement in presentation of the bins / Wants weekly recycling for glass / More education over recycling, not enough controls by us.

Area 2 - Palmeira Square - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have
If there is a move away from bin store collections then the collections will have to be far more frequent to take account of the refusal to permit use of bin stores. I would suggest 3 times a week as a minimum. Any use of bins in the Square will detract from the beauty of the area and will reduce property values and visitor numbers. Presently tourists take taxi tours including the square. This is unlikely to continue if the place is full of overflowing bins. It appears there has been no consultation on any improvement to the use of bin stores. The bins at the top and middle will suffer from the same problem as the ones already by the Church, i.e. they will not be emptied often enough and their presence will be an eyesore in an area which is one of the most attractive for visitors and residences. It will become disgusting when there is industrial action. It is difficult enough now for the refuse collection of the bins in the Square, especially when there are increased visitor numbers.
I think this is a great idea and would be happier if there were more.
We already have communal bins and recycling close to the north-west corner of Palmeira Square, on Western Road, which we already use for refuse and recycling. These are far away enough from residential areas (facing commercial shopfronts) as to not cause a disturbance - both visually or audibly - to local residents. I don't feel having new communal refuse and recycling a few metres away from the current site is necessary. I feel the aesthetic of Palmeira Square and Adelaide Crescent would be ruined by having communal refuse and recycling bins here. I would be happy to have communal recycling and refuse bins at the south end of Palmeira Square / North end of Adelaide Crescent. As this would be out of fair distance of most properties, and would mean Adelaide Crescent residents would not have to walk all the way to the top of Palmeira Square to do their recycling/ refuse.
I think that this is both handy and safe.
There seem to be a lot of bins proposed for the Square and Crescent, particularly at the top of the Square where there are already bins in Western Road. Are all these really necessary? PLEASE once again, no glass recycling bins in the Square and Crescent - too noisy.
Bottles and glass should be recycled by individuals into communal glass bins i.e. as those situated near the church at the top of John Street
Need to be in a colour to match the surroundings

<p>I can not comprehend that you are considering putting these bins directly in front of a grade 2 listed building for the following reasons: With the communal bins at the top of Palmeria Square on the west side there is constantly large items of rubbish left at the sides of the bins like bed mattress, broken furniture etc. 2) The noise from recycling glass will be heard in my living room everytime someone puts a bottle in it. As we are not permitted to get double glazing because we are a grade 2 listed building, this noise will just be unbearable. 3) We pay a premium to own a property in Palmeria Square. The cost of council tax, and the maintenance cost of keeping such a building is very expensive. 4) I purchased my ground floor flat because of the area and being ground floor it has lovely big windows which look directly onto the square and down to the sea. If you were to put these bins in the proposed area, not only would I be constantly disturbed by the noise of breaking glass, but my lovely view would now include unsightly bins with fly tipping of all sorts. This will not only be intolerable for me - I work as a nurse and do shift work so sleep at different times including daytime, but also have a negative impact on the value of the property, but it would be very unlikely someone would buy. If you have to introduce these into the square, then I think you either need to put them at the top of the Square on the East side in front of the shops or construct proper huts that the bins could go into somewhere in the centre of the gardens. But the glass recycling should be in a separate area all together and people can take their own recycling to the nearest depot. I will be attending the drop in sessions to discuss this further. I will be seeking legal advice and meeting with the local councillor.</p>
<p>Seagulls are an issue in the Square</p>
<p>The bins will need to be emptied very regularly so that rubbish does not get dumped alongside the bin when it is full as this will encourage many seagulls.</p>
<p>One Communal refuse bin at either seafront end of the crescent on the road outside the walls - not outside any residents homes in full view Four Communal refuse and recycling bins in the middle section between the square and crescent - not 18 bins as in the plans Two existing Communal refuse bins kept at the top of the square on Western Road, but properly maintained and emptied more regularly Alternative of cream bins to be considered if agreed as more sympathetic to the character of the area No glass recycling as noisy and extremely dangerous around gardens and residential areas where children and dogs play Great accountability for the collection, maintenance, repair and enforcement Review with residents of the new collection system over regular periods eg. 3 months</p>
<p>The bins will need emptying VERY regularly to prevent rubbish being left on the pavement or road near the bin.</p>
<p>The bins need to be collected at least once a day to prevent overflow and spillage.</p>
<p>I think communal recycling is a good idea as our recycling bin was stolen and the council won't give us a new one!</p>
<p>1 The bins should be green to better blend in with the surroundings. 2 Your record on emptying communal bins, when full, in Brighton and Hove is poor. Many bins have rubbish piled round them on a regular basis which is unsightly and a health hazard. If you put bins in Palmeria Square can you guarantee this won't be the case? 3 The litter bins in the square are also often overflowing. It would be better to have bigger bins, more bins or empty them more regularly to avoid this problem. 4 Your assessment of the perceived problems is flawed. Health and safety has not been a problem for over 100 years and to my knowledge no dustman has been injured on steps or by rats or needles. You should come clean and admit it is a cost saving exercise. I am sure there are many other ways the Council could reduce expenditure.</p>
<p>N/A - I oppose any bins outside my house.</p>
<p>As previously stated these bins are already shabby around the city are not properly cleaned or maintained, For instance the bin on Holland Road towards the sea near the junction of western road has been missing it's lid for months! Often throughout the city they are constantly too full & rubbish is left beside them.</p>
<p>The black recycling box collection makes the area a complete mess on collection days - communal collection is better. However, very close management and frequent collections are crucial. Siting of the bins just outside the crescent and square, in front of businesses as current at north west end on western road and also on north east on western road is preferred. If bins are positioned in the area Definitely NO glass recycling within the crescent and square please and seriously consider screens around bins please.</p>

Alternative options for bin locations shown in supporting document - I feel first option is the only one which is acceptable
Consideration should be given to colour. Why can they not be green to blend in with vegetation, or magnolia to blend in with architecture? Reports on installation of new 'compacting' bins looks encouraging.
recycling individual boxes are occasionally not collected, just left full.
This is FANTASITC NEWS! The quicker we can have communal refuse bins the better! Hopefully no more rats outside my basement!
We live in a basement flat with a communal bin store which is dirty and often left in an unsanitary state after the bin men have collected the bin. We are delighted to have roadside communal bins. Thank you
I am opposed to the glass recycling in any of the projected sites. There is already glass recycling at the top of the already noisy square - buses etc. Glass recycling is too noisy.
Current system works poorly. Any black bag refuse box collection creates rubbish on the pavement and road due to windy weather and bags breaking. Your proposed arrangement seems sensible and is likely I would imagine to increase the recycling rate which I perceive as being quite poor under the current arrangement.
There must be regular collections. I have concerns regarding fly-tipping. Loss of parking spaces should be minimised
I contest that all this expense and disruption is justified "even if there is only one case of health and safety risk". Both in the home and out of the doors we all face risk of all kinds everyday of our lives. You cannot eliminate risk.
As the area is a conservation area the bins should be aesthetically pleasing - as they are in Spain and France where they are sunk into the ground. These bins are easily damaged and unsightly and out of keeping with a conservation area.
The current system is quite satisfactory for me and my partner.
Home waste bins within Palmeira Square itself + must be emptied everyday
I support having communal bins and recycling but it deeply upsets me to have them outside my flat. My partner and I do not use the bin collection service, we take our refuse to a communal bin and are happy with the distance we carry it. Please don't put them outside our flat.
Please no bins outside our houses a lot of noise and broken glass - Most of us sleep in the front overlooking Palmeira Sq. Hot days there will also be a smell and seagulls. We already put up with drunks. Even we 75 year olds can walk to the bins.
These bins are unnecessary as existing communal bins are in easy walking distance . Unless you are proposing an underground system, above ground bins will harm the character and appearance of the conservation area. Given there are bins in the area already, the conservation values to be give priority.
I think communal recycling bins are a good idea as not enough of us are recycling our rubbish, therefore this makes it so mush easier for us. I think it would be a good idea to allow us to keep our black boxes in case we want to take it all at once.
Make sure they are evenly spaced and kept clear.
My bedroom is on the Palmeira Square side of the flat. A glass recycling bin on the street outside would be too noisy. I know they have to go somewhere, but I would much prefer the recycling to be collected every week as it is now. Thanks so much.
Bottle/glass bins would be highly noisy and must be located away from homes. Emptying of these bins must not take place early in the morning, particularly at the weekends, as they are noisy. Provisions needed for elderly and disabled who cannot carry refuse to the new bins.
The parking for fee paying residents would be affected - loss of spaces means difficulties in parking reasonably near own location. Bins are unhygienic, as demonstrated in all of Palmeira Square - with rubbish strewn all over the Square - left beside bins because of limited bin capacity for flat residents and a limited capacity.
Elderly people are not used to recycling. There aren't enough controls by City Clean crews. Suggest there are teachers to "educate" us to recycle and to respect the environment.
Not enough bins.

As per FOPA advice, bins are to be beige and not placed outside houses. Only refuse bins in the Square or Crescent outside houses. Recycling in spot 5 (middle of the curve of Adelaide between gardens). Bins should be collected daily.

Many elderly/disabled persons would NOT be able to operate foot pedal bins. Kerbside black sack collection is NOT viable in this area as ripping open by seagulls is inevitable, resulting in almost permanent waste being blown around the streets. And the black sacks themselves, would constitute litter, especially as some persons would deposit them at their own convenience.

Q 5 - None of the options above The square will be dirtier. Bins will not be emptied, and maintained regularly. More refuse will collect outside the bins due to over spilling. Bottle banks are too noisy. Loss of precious parking space - there is already no space available in the evenings.

I am very disappointed that Brighton does not collect composting as many other councils do. If the council really wants to encourage a culture of recycling, the collection points need to be outside each house.

These bins are unsightly. We have lost a lot in Brighton. We need to keep some style in the town. This is a grade two listed square, and you think you can put out plastic bins.

NOT OPEN HATCH NO GLASS AT ALL This is all unsuitable for this heritage area. The constant mess, both in, and around the bins already in this city demonstrates that. Absolutely the only ones we would possibly accept are two refuse and two recycling bins at the point at the lower end of Palmeira Gardens and the two on the seafront road below Adelaide Crescent. None of this will result in cleaner streets, it will be exactly the opposite.

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I would prefer to retain the existing process.

I do not believe communal bins will necessarily 'result in cleaner streets' I am are not prepared to have communal bins outside ANY residents' homes I do believe unsightly and unpleasant smells - similar to other communal bin areas around the city will prevail. I do not believe that the council has listened to previous suggestions from residents rather than a considered consultation and working with communities to tackle any future issues that may occur.

I have no objections to the bins to be sited on the Kingsway. I am vehemently against any glass street boxes in the Crescent due to noise and expected spillage of broken glass. Communal rubbish bins above the electric station on the crescent would be acceptable. I would request that these bins be in cream as used in other areas of the city. Increased frequency of emptying would reduce the need for so many bins in Adelaide & Palmeira.

One Communal refuse bin at either seafront end of the crescent on the road outside the walls - not outside any residents homes in full view. Four Communal refuse and recycling bins in the middle section between the square and crescent - not 18 bins as in the plans. Two existing Communal refuse bins kept at the top of the square on Western Road, but properly maintained and emptied more regularly. Alternative of cream bins to be considered if agreed as more sympathetic to the character of the area. No glass recycling as noisy and extremely dangerous around gardens and residential areas where children and dogs play. Great accountability for the collection, maintenance, repair and enforcement. Review with residents of the new collection system over regular periods eg. 3 months

* I firmly agree with the FOPA recommendations - I'd like to see: - One Communal refuse bin at either seafront end of the crescent on the road outside the walls - not outside any residents homes in full view * Four Communal refuse and recycling bins in the middle section between the square and crescent - not 18 bins as in the plans * Two existing Communal refuse bins kept at the top of the square on Western Road, but properly maintained and emptied more regularly * Alternative of cream bins to be considered if agreed as more sympathetic to the character of the area * No glass recycling as noisy and extremely dangerous around gardens and residential areas where children and dogs play * Great accountability for the collection, maintenance, repair and enforcement * Review with residents of the new collection system over regular periods eg. 3 months

Pretty unimpressed that the existing collection process has been deemed unsafe - complete nonsense. I suspect no injuries have ever occurred. In my experience, street bins in the area attract more rubbish outside their capacity through passers-by. I fully expect the lower bins to overflow, and for rubbish to be blown down the square. Recycling I am less concerned with as I already take mine to the top of the street. However, again, overflowing through passers by is a major concern - I suspect these will be full in a flash during summer months.

Please see previous answer. We are very concerned about these proposals due to the noise and issues with small children and dogs.

The Regency Squares are an integral part of our city's heritage. Communal bins in this area are a sacrilege to our history and disrespectful to all of the residents of our city who are able to enjoy this special area.

Please see my comments in answer to Q4 - maybe the very front of Adelaide Crescent could be somehow exempted because of the detrimental effect on the aesthetics of this area? It may be true of other buildings too I think. So far, Brighton and Hove have done a fantastic job here of making sure everything is 'in keeping' with the environment. So much so, that sometimes you feel you have gone back in time. Please don't lose sight of this aspect!!

I am concerned that the proposed location of recycling bins is focused around the top of Adelaide Crescent, and therefore noise and debris will disproportionately affect residents in this area. I would recommend a more even distribution at the top of the crescent and at the bottom.

I don't care about the bin cover because I don't want them, you should have a multiple choice answer - don't want them

The design makes no difference I don't want them in the square

Ideally, I'd like to see a choice of colour so that they blend in. I believe there is cream and black, but green could also work. Additionally, I'd like to see a natural screen in front of the bins as they are so ugly.

I live in only one of two complete houses in Adelaide Crescent having purchased it virtually derelict in 1975 so 40 years resident. Much good work, gardens, parking lighting has been done. Please don't mess it up with your refuse plan.

We don't think the communal bins are in keeping with the listing status of this area. They will look ugly and distract from the whole atmosphere and character. We are not comfortable with just a promise of clearing the bins 5 days a week - also there are so many visitors to the Crescent and Square at weekends there will always be an excess of rubbish. Bottle banks are noisy and dangerous.

We have lived here and paid council tax for 7 years. Never has Adelaide Crescent and Palmeira Square looked so dilapidated and unkempt. Weeds everywhere, rusted lamp posts and bollards. So many visitors have commented on the above - a disgrace!

Bin grouped in the middle. Too many. Already noise travels from bins in Holland Road.

Absolutely NO glass bins in the residential area. It is too noisy. If its voted to have communal bins, then, the OBVIOUS place for them is at the bottom of Adelaide Crescent in the slope down to the seafront road, which is NOT outside anybody's flats. They should be CREAM and not ugly black. They should be MAINTAINED not like they are an eyesore. Absolutely NO glass bins in residential areas, please, too noisy.

You will probably ignore what people vote for anyway, why else would you ask about lid design?! If your dedication to the parks and gardens is anything to go by I don't hold up much hope of a good looking aesthetic solution. You should take a leaf out of other tourist destinations, in much poorer countries, like Spain.

RESIDENT HAS TICKED COMMUNAL REFUSE COLLECTION AND KERBSIDE BLACK SACK COLLECTION. THEY AGREE WITH THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR REFUSE BUT HAVE NOT AGREED TO THIS FOR RECYCLING AS THIS IS CROSSED THROUGH ON THEIR FORM. THEY HAVE TICKED THE BRUSHED HATCH AND FOOT PEDAL FOR THE RECYCLING BIN DESIGN.
I oppose the suggestions because we live in one of the finest regency crescents in the country, people come and film, take pictures every week and Brighton and Hove want to place huge great dustbins around, and these aren't refined to refuse they attract fly tipping!
Don't really mind but NOT open hatch. Thanks for requesting feedback and acting on this. What about senior citizens though who might need collections? Thanks
Happy to dispose of own rubbish and recycling outside of the crescent on Holland Road/Church Square/Tip.
I am 100% behind communal bins for refuse collection and recycling. There was a rat infestation at (number removed) Adelaide Crescent recently and they had to spend a fortune on preventative measures. We have banned cellar refuse bins at number (number removed)!
Loss of parking spaces - this is four spaces from about two hundred and fifty - Palmeira square and Adelaide Crescent. The bins outside numbers 13 and 25 would be better located at the foot of the ramps, adjacent to Kingsway, where they will be more convenient for the resident at the lower ends of the crescent, and less intrusive visually. The residents at the north end of Adelaide Crescent have the bins at the south end of Palmeira Square.
The resident has ticked the brushed hatch and foot pedal options. The bins do not look nice in a conservation area, surely smaller bins could be kept in the gardens and large bins at the bottom wall! I do hope we get communal bins in the crescent as we have had many basements infested with rats with the previous method. The recycling bins need brushed hatches as the crescent looks a mess when the seagulls come to play! PS Cant the bins be kept in the gardens? Less noise, easy access for picnickers, not outside any home ok they would have to be smaller bins.
PLEASE PLEASE can we have communal bins! We are fed up of the wind blowing rubbish around due to the kerbside collection on recycling day. It just makes the place look a mess.
If there is daily collection, less bins will be needed. Bins should not spread out over the crescent - need to be near seafront end.
Resident preference of Brushed hatch and Foot Pedal
I so hope that these bins will be collected daily and if so I agree!
Concerns over vermin, provides a perfect food source for rats and seagulls. Took steps to prevent infestation with our current set up and have concerns with how this will be policed under new proposals.
You must look seriously at the FOPIA proposal which has enormous backing. Amongst residents, WHITE painted, built in the sea front facing parking spaces...Anything else would be an abysmal lack of consideration for residents.
No bins outside residents homes!!! You want to put bins outside my front window!! Put them by the seafront or at the top of the square. Why not maintain the two communal bins at the top of Palmeira Square? No glass recycling bins near houses! Noisy and dangerous for children and dogs. Put bins at the top of the square or the bottom of the Crescent! Must review any system regularly!
Proposed plans are dangerous! Glass and rubbish will end up on the road! Bins will be noisy. People will fly tip!! Keep the bins at the top of Palmeira Square. NO BINS OUTSIDE HOMES!!
How many injuries have there been? I prefer communal bins, but, don't mask cost cutting with safety concerns!
I am keen that we move to the communal bin system as storing black bags in the cellar is very unhygienic and attracts vermin.
These bins will get full very quickly - they will need to be emptied daily/twice daily including weekends when many will dump their rubbish. I hope the cost saving which caused this change will reduce council tax.
Very much in favour of change.

I think it is essential that we have a communal refuse collection point. The risk of rats in the basement is too high. I do not think we should have communal recycling, as it would be loud and might destroy the park atmosphere and litter could get spread.
Is there any reason why recycling is not proposed on the south side of Adelaide Crescent (next to the proposed refuse bin)? If it were possible too, can we have bins green instead of black. I feel this would help the look of the area.
Cull seagulls and pigeons.
I am sorry for what you would like to do, but I know you will agree with me when you know how I feel. I am 90 years and cannot walk up that hill and have a heart problem. So sorry.
If this approach (communal bins is to be adopted as standard throughout central Hove and Brighton, the council should invest in proper underground bins, where only a small part is above ground. These are in operation all over Spain and Italy, look neater, have greater capacity and mean longer periods between collections. e.g.. sofkon, Taylor bins, Edmolift Envac.
We understand the problem - just not sure we like any of these solutions and don't want to spoil the conservation area and reduce parking.
I am concerned regarding DISABILITIES - will have to depend on help from neighbours, and this is not really fair on them or me! - but having said that, I cannot think of any other better option. Also NO BINS outside any residents' houses - this is a most beautiful area and we are its custodians! Up to US to keep it largely as it has always been (ditto bottle banks)
I would support the plans if more recycling bins were proposed.
I consider that the present system of bin-store collection from basements should be maintained.

Area 2 - Comments throughout the consultation
Residents expressed that they did not wish to have the two proposed locations in Adelaide Crescent itself
Suggestions that bins should be placed next to existing communal bins on the south of the crescent, rather than in the crescent itself
Suggestions that bins at the top end of both sides of Palmeira Square could be placed around the corner on the main road
Residents expressed that even without recycling being taken out, they still did not want bins in Adelaide Crescent
Some residents felt that if recycling did not go ahead this would reduce the amount of bins required and this made them feel that proposals may be acceptable
Residents felt that the two communal bins at the south end of Adelaide Crescent were not needed
Suggestions were made that there were two areas to the centre of the south side that should be explored

- They commented that we showed them two plans in a prior meeting and their preferred plan was omitted from the published plans.
- They have put forward a few freedom of information requests regarding the number of injuries reported by the crews in the squares.
- Palmeira and Adelaide are assets to the city which will be degraded and become devalued.
- There are a lot of rented properties in Palmeira / Adelaide Crescent who do not care for the area as much as residents who own their properties.
- They are happy to keep recycling with kerbside boxes; they do not believe that there is any need to change.
- They would like to have more nets sent to the residents for recycling boxes (they think the nets work well).
- They would like to have notices on the communal bins to explain what can be put in them (non-recyclables, landfill etc.) and what should not be (recyclable materials, large items, electrical goods etc.).
- The bins should also have warning notices about fly-tipping.
- They would like us to make the bins more attractive (perhaps a different colour) and to make them out of materials which are stronger and last longer.
- People in the Square work hard to keep the area looking good and regularly enter the 'In Bloom' competition.

- Opposed totally to the proposed introduction of communal bins into the square.
- They believe that there are no health and safety issues.
- They believe the council has an obligation to the conservation of the area which it is not meeting with this proposal.

- Happy for the introduction of communal bins
- Resident already uses communal bins in the surrounding area for their refuse and believes many of their neighbours do the same
- Resident believes many other residents in the area are pro communal bins

- Concerned about the location of the bins at the top of the square. Resident believes they are on a blind corner and will cause problems for cars, cyclists and pedestrians. Officer explained that the map was slightly misleading and the bins are located further to the middle of the Square, away from the blind corner.
- Resident commented that some people in the Square have held back their consultation comments until they see visuals of the proposals

Area 3 - Sussex Square - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have

Whilst we already re-cycle on Bristol Place and Easter road locations, if bins are introduced a more regular collection needs to be implemented as overflows and fly tipping are a regular experience, resulting in a loss of the benefits claimed. There also needs to be a notice in these locations about bags to be placed in side, and if full at the next location and that FLY TIPPING is strictly forbidden?

I do not want the bins full stop regardless of colour. The question is presuming that they are coming in regardless of what people say. Another corrupt survey?

The bins do not belong in a grade 1 listed area and certainly not in the locations you mention. They are dumping sites around the city and overflow and cause more problems than the existing situation ever will. The scheme does not need to change any change will be massively detrimental to the area and more likely to cause risk to life from obstructions and overflowing bins.

The other 2 options will allow overflow of the bins as people might throw away bulky stuff and the lids won't close properly with the risks of seagulls and other animals ripping open sacks etc

Its important that these bins do not become tired. Sussex Square is an important Grade 1 development and we must try and be sympathetic to the heritage zone.

I take issue with the fact that the health and safety concerns of the presumably fit, largely male refuse collectors is clearly taking priority over the risks to the frail, old, disabled and young mothers with babies and toddlers who will now have to carry their waste up or down the street to the nearest communal bin. Does the Council not have an equal responsibility to minimise risks to local residents too, even if there is only one case of an H & S risk to them as you claim for refuse collectors? What is your duty of care to residents and will you be accepting liability for any falls resulting from the less able carrying what can be heavy waste to them if not to healthy younger people? Although I have indicated preferences in the questions above, I am very unhappy with the scope of the questionnaire which indicates a fait accompli on the part of the Council with only marginal choice at the edges. It does not give me the options I wish to select as I do not support communal refuse and recycling in our square where black bags are not left on the street as refuse is stored in suitable basement level bin stores, alongside recycling. The recycling bins in our house are always full and I do not believe us to be exceptional.

In Sussex Square the bins should be sited on the Garden side of the road not outside the front doors of the houses.

The current system is awful with rubbish/recycling blowing all over the place so communal bins should be mandatory. People hang their rubbish from the railings and it looks awful too.

brushes are best idea but they only last a couple of months use before they break and are never replaced

Any of the options above has its disadvantages. The truth is that this communal bins look always awful and dirty and they smell. The whole city is becoming a huge communal bin itself.. I haven't seen so many of this communal bins in other cities here or abroad and the cities look even cleaner than Brighton...All this thing about communal bins is about cost savings by all costs.

None of the designs proposed will deal with the rubbish that is left on the pavements that often includes furniture, fridges etc.

Communal bins and recycling bins are constantly overflowing in this area due to high population density?not enough collections

It is really important that a better job is done than presently to ensure bins are emptied every day and that refuse is not left in piles on the street either before or after collections. Bristol Place looks most days like a developing world slum because of the mess left behind after collections, and sometimes the communal bin is left to overflow for days without collection. This is not acceptable: I have a collection of photos taken over the last two years of the mess, which is a health hazard and deeply unsightly.

Bins along either side of Eastern Road are appropriate. Bins along Arundel Terrace on the side where cars can park are appropriate, as would be bins along Chichester Terrace on the side where cars can park. It is the proposed siting of bins on both sides of Lewes Crescent adjacent to the pavements in front of the buildings to which I object.

Brushed Hatch and Foot Pedal both ticked as question 5. As above not GREEN - doesn't work as rubbish is still strewn across Brighton and always untidy and unsightly on the seafront. Poor design - lids are heavy and the process is too difficult for elderly or impaired adults. Think outside the box! Submerged containers with shoots kerbside as in other parts of Europe. Don't understand why its not part of town planning and future proofed? Eastern Road causes a traffic hazard on the corner and congestion. Noise levels for immediate proximity of neighbours. If emptied every day it affects some more than others and impact on property prices!

We really appreciate the chance to have our say. We also really appreciate the hard work done by City Clean and the council. Still wanting organic waste recycling though!!

Appreciate this consolidation and all the hard work carried out by refuse staff and administrative staff on my behalf as a resident here. Thank you

Brushed hatch will stop non domestic refuse being dumped in the bins. Concerned about the frequency of emptying, cleaning of surrounding area, rats, etc.

Sussex Square becomes extremely dirty around bin collections and I welcome these proposals which would improve the area considerably.

More bins could be provided in Bristol Place and Church Place and additional to those proposed on Eastern Road.
I am happy with the current refuse and recycling and so would like it to stay the same.
I would rather keep things as they are. The problem with the proposed locations for the refuse collection is that there are not enough, even if the recycling bins became refuse only. The streets surround Sussex Square are often a disgrace as tub bins are always overloaded and not cleaned or tidied around or emptied enough!
Alternative suggestions for bins placement 1) 2 sets of 3 on the North side of Eastern Road - between Sussex Square and Church Walk and between Sussex Square and Bristol Place. 2) 3 sets of 3 on Marine Parade, below Chichester Terrace, below Arundel Terrace and 1 or 2 sets on Marine Parade at the South of Sussex Square. My observation is that fly tippers tend to use side streets where they think they are unseen, rather than main roads.
For fit and healthy people, using the bins is no problem but we have a neighbour who cannot lift a bag of rubbish into the bin. What provision is there for people with disabilities to put rubbish into the bins?
Could the bins have a less ugly design? Maybe a leaf green design?
I am concerned about litter, waste AROUND the bins and items not easily disposed of being dumped next to the bins. These squares have some of Brighton's best architecture and must be preserved and looked after appropriately. I would be very upset if I lived in numbers 14 or 16 Lewes Crescent. This prime real estate and where the Crescent opens out offering spectacular views. We all know bins allow rubbish to congregate OUTSIDE on the pavement. People will leave large items and cardboard etc. next to them. This is why I am AGAINST recycling bins.
Brushed hatch for recycling and Foot pedal for refuse. My mother lives in France in the country and walks about 10 mins to her communal bins. She enjoys it as part of her constitutional walking and meets people etc. She is 80.
IF City Clean collect five times a week then this might well be a good solution.
I think you should use the bike park/motorcycles area opposite number 25 Sussex Square as no one ever uses this and there are motor bike areas on each corner of the Square - if not the rubbish bins you are suggesting are quite far away from the properties at the top of the square.
Although I agree with the proposal overall I am a little concerned about the loss of parking spaces but I think having more bins and recycling points is probably essential.
In theory this should work as long as the bins are collected at least 5 days a week and you have a vehicle small enough to get around the back of Sussex Square which can be tight for larger vehicles.
Open hatch and Foot pedal BOTH ticked. I personally dislike boxes because they are ugly so must be hidden in my flat and, when full, I cant lift them. A problem which I am pleased you will resolve by introducing communal refuse bins. Thank you.
Be sure to collect daily! The nearest common bins, at the moment, are often a disgrace of scattered litter, food, and general rubbish because the bins are overflowing!!! THIS IN A UK PREMIER GRADE ONE SITE!
Brushed Hatch and Foot Pedal preferred. Evidence from nearby refuse communal bins, strongly suggest that fly tipping and abandoned large items are common. Enforcement promises are hollow! Neither is daily collection much in evidence! If this is to work properly daily attention is necessary!!
About time!
The communal bins are so much more hygienic and convenient. Our basement store is a mess. Bags burst and there is always garbage on the ground. All rats are a regular nuisance.
Presently there are two communal refuse/recycling bins situated in Bristol Place behind Sussex Square. Rather than site the new bins on Western Road, where they would be unsightly in a grade one conservation area, simply site them all in Bristol Place, which is as easily accessible for the residents in Sussex Square and less noticeable.
There are no current recycling bins on Lewes Crescent and I feel it will spoil the conservation area.
I do not want the bins outside of my house.
ASAP

The major disadvantage of communal bins is the outrageous litter across the streets. It does not seem to cure the litter problem. More frequent collections are ESSENTIAL.
Open Hatch and Foot Pedal are both ticked in question 5
Open Hatch and Foot Pedal both ticked Very happy with proposals - already use on street bins. Would appreciate a food waste recycling scheme.
See attached sheet. I note that the council says bins will usually be collected 5 times a week although it does not specify which days this will occur. It is important that the bins are emptied on Saturdays and Sundays for two reasons: 1. Firstly, to minimise overflowing bins as these are the days when they are most used - many of the properties in the area are occupied only at weekends and 2. As tourism is so important to the Brighton economy and most tourists come at the weekends, it is important that the city looks at its best on those days to ensure tourists are encouraged to return.
I think bin locations are not suitable. Residents paying for parking permits are already struggling with parking space. Only pay and display bays should be used. I do not believe ANY spaces on the lower end of Sussex Square or Lewes Crescent should be used for bins - this is a listed/conservation area and we pay a premium to live here. You are ruining our neighbourhood.
If new street bins are provided there should be more street cleaning as well as there is always spillage.
Bins should be located in Eastern Road either side of the bus stop and along the flank wall of number 40. On the verge of Arundel Terrace would be hidden by hedging so unseen from the main road as the Chichester Terrace location - bins should not be seen when you drive into the estate of grade one listed properties.
Re question 5, Brushed Hatch and Foot Pedal are both ticked. The bins DO create rubbish over the streets. People do not collapse boxes, just dump them, which attracts fly tipping of domestic as well as commercial items. Brighton's heritage areas are a national treasure and should not be so DEFILED.
SEE 4B This is a regency square and as such its look should be protected in line with previous local planning agreements. This proposal is very disappointing and upsetting for residents.
The "sites" for proposed bins are dangerous for motorists (vision of traffic and pedestrians for motorists) and also dangerous for the elderly and young alike crossing the road to access communal gardens on Sussex Square. NOT appropriate, it's an eyesore for a grade one listed square. Recycling collection is already put onto pavements for collection by residents each week. COSTS - surely a daily collection five days a week will cost more than a weekly collection? if so then this cost will be passed on through Council Tax!!
I strongly support street collection. I live in a basement next to a communal bin store for eight flats and it is often unhygienic and attracts rodents, especially since collections are often missed. I often have to clear cat litter etc. from the steps which is a health hazard.
This was refused last time for the reasons above, and should remain as it is.
The position of the bins indicated for Sussex Square will be right under the windows of a flat. We already have bicycle racks, outside our house. This does not preserve the grade one appearance. This would not happen in any other Grade One square in the country.
Sussex Square is a conservation area and these bins are not in keeping. The proposed site on Eastern Road is of additional concern as there is risk from the continuously speeding cars (as it is near the pedestrian crossing) and most nights, there are drunk revellers passing and the bin will be an obvious target.
To have all three bins immediately outside my house is unacceptable. The noise and visual effect will be hugely inconvenient as I have babies, the noise is a particular issue. If anything, they should be around the corner, opposite and near the gardens and bus stop. I have drawn this on the map.
As above, based on experience of communal bins around the area already. Rubbish is NOT securely maintained or contained. Problems with split sacks. Risk of discarded needles, etc. already exists around these bins.
Re question 5, Brushed Hatch and Foot Pedal boxes both ticked. All this has been said before. This is a grade 1 historic, protected area. Possibly collecting from cellars could be discontinued but collection from ground level pavement MUST continue.
MESS, UGLY, UNTIDY. DONT WANT BINS.

Question 5 - none of the above This is a GRADE ONE LISTED AREA with regulations governing the street as well as the houses.
I think things might look unsightly all week if the bins don't get emptied.
The communal bins would ruin the aesthetic of the square. We are currently struggling to replace our old aluminium window frames with modern windows. So I find it rather disappointing that the Council are happy to ignore the heritage image of the area when it suits them, but, not for residents of these homes.
Recycle bins are a means to save money only. They discourage recycling and encourage fly tipping - I am attaching images taken in and around Sussex Square/Lewes Crescent/Arundel Terrace which shows how unsightly these communal bins will be in a conservation area.
Communal bins will be an eyesore on the only grade one square/crescent. They would need daily collections. Please don't ruin our beautiful square/crescent. The accident risk mentioned above is very real as sight lines will be blocked. Please consult with Highways. The Council will be sued for any accidents.

Area 3 - Arundel Terrace - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have
I'm happy for bins to be used for refuse - no-one leaves black bags out for collection on our terrace anymore anyway, but I don't think extra bins are needed - we always use the ones on Arundel Place, and there are also ones on Rock St and Bristol Place (I think!)
Brushed lids can still be lifted up for more than single items.
THE BINS COULD EASILY BE LOCATED ON THE GARDEN SIDE OF LEWES CRESCENT, LEAVING ENOUGH ROOM FOR MAINTENANCE SO NO ONE HAS THIER VIEW RUINED, ALSO THE RAILINGS ACT AS CAMOUFLAGE. WE ALL PAY HIGH RATES FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO LIVE HERE, WITH THE PROPOSED POSITION IN ARUNDEL TERRACE THE BINS WILL BE DIRECTLY IN OUR VIEW AND RUIN THE ENTRANCE TO THE GRADE 1 LISTED ENCLOSURES WHICH ARE GREAT HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE TO THE AREA.
none of the bins. they all break, are unsightly and take up parking spaces. you will do what you want to do anyhow.
it is shocking to ask for contribution from residents if a decision has already been made. but this will not be the first time. the main reason for this change (health and safety) is exaggerated, and that its needed is a careful approach.
i think this is an outrageous suggestion, and the excuse for "Health and safety" is insulting to us and the bin men. its far more of a risk for them to drive in the bin trucks! ALSO, residents put their bags out at night on the pavements and only very, very rarely is there a problem with seagulls, which is invariably cleaned up by other residents. I AM STONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL.
please, please, put the communal bins on the main road (a259) not in a beautiful grade 1 listed square. you will ruin the areas look and cleanliness. its also easier for the communal bins to be emptied on a wide road (a259)
please put the communal bins on the main road a259 and eastern road. they will destroy the look of the grade 1 listed area. you have put them on the main road for Chichester Terrace, please do the same for Arundel Terrace.
if certain houses are creating the problem penalise them and not collect from them. why punish all of us for the sins of a few!!! this is another scheme to get rid of unskilled jobs and put people on the dole. shame on you!!!
the communal bin have caused an increase in rubbish/mess/flytipping. this is a "cost saving" measure dressed up as improvement in service. it will result in even more mess and rubbish on the streets of our city. Cityclean and the council should do the job they are paid for and keep beighton clean.
I'd rather have a black box - please provide one. I have contacted the council before and been told black boxes weren't collected in our area, they are!
We have the bins behind the Terrace in Arundle Mews, this works fine.
I am fully in favour of communal bins if they are located discretely and not in front of a Grade one listed area. I am happy to walk to a communal bin e.g. in Arundel Place (as at present) or Arundel Road.

Not sure where the bins will be placed on Arundel Terrace. The map is cut off.
Brighton and Hove is quickly becoming covered in rubbish and filth. The only way to stop the problem is to empty bins more frequently and have more foot patrol cleaners to clean up after the bins have been emptied. The system is broken!! Money is needed to fix!!
Resident has ticked brushed hatch and foot pedal. The current communal bins are often too full and this means it is likely that refuse and recycling is left in piles on the road. Could foot pedal opening not be provided for recycling bins as well as refuse bins? Parking is already at capacity - could alternative locations be considered which would not reduce this capacity even further?
There are bins around the corner in Arundel Place that some people on the terrace use. So is it really necessary for them to be on the terraces?
This is a poorly designed questionnaire! My objections to the communal bins are two fold. They are very unsightly when banged up. Furthermore, in many areas they do not seem to be emptied frequently enough - they overflow and attract sea gulls and foxes and make a considerable mess.

Area 3 - Chichester Terrace - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have
Chichester Terrace & Sussex Square is not an appropriate area for large black bins.
The most important thing is that the bins are kept in good repair. Some of the ones near to us have badly damaged or no lids - all caused by the collection men and machinery. It looks horrendous and leads to a lot of mess, especially as it then gives open access to the gulls.
If the brushed hatch option is used it would solve issues by ensuring at least one bin in each location is left unlocked so the lid can be raised just and multiple items added at one time!
is Brighton the dirtiest town in the country?
my mother (aged 96) in (number removed) and i currently hang our refuse sacks on our railings the morning of collections - no problems with foxes or seagulls. i cannot physically carry my own refuse or recycling to the nearest bin, let alone my mother. currently i collect recycling in a box on my patio and place it at top of my steps on recycling collection morning. this system works well. i understood this street would keep its weekly refuse/recycling collections due to being part of the kemptown enclosures.
i strongly disagree with plans for communal refuse bins. it is inconvenient messy and ugly and hard to carry rubbish to. we are happy with the current collection and very sad that recycling is no longer collected.
Propose that bins on Lewes Crescent be located at the rear of Lewes Crescent and more on Marine Parade by Kemptown Enclosures.
Full set of bins required at each location. Fly tipping is still a problem in vicinity of communal bins. Suggest that CCTV to stop clearance companies abusing residents refuse and recycling facilities, which is a problem to rear North East of Sussex Square. Suggested that bins on Lewes Crescent are likely to cause accidents. Enforcement need to investigate fly tipping at Bristol Place.
If the existing bins were emptied more frequently no new bins would be required. We have sufficient facilities.
NB Also ticked foot pedal. The refuse disposal is WAY too far from my house. The recycling hatch is also difficult. It takes me ages to put items in one at a time. I have never been informed about recycling boxes on planned front door collections.
I use the communal bins located on Clarendon Terrace and on Marine Parade. These bins meet my requirements so I don't want to have additional bins within the conservation area. The brushed hatch bins are sometimes locked which makes them very awkward to use. Please could you ensure the lids are always open to lift.
Bins positioned on the corner of Sussex Square and Eastern Road, restricts your view of oncoming traffic. As do the bins in surrounding streets i.e. Rock Street.

We are pleased to see that no bins have been positioned on the junction of 1 Lewes Crescent and Marine Parade A259. This spot is very dangerous with cars taking short cuts and joining the A259 from the North so any extra use by pedestrians would be very likely to result in accidents. The location of the bins on Arundle Terrace is not quite so dangerous because there is less traffic. If it helps with parking spaces - there is one disabled bay outside 2/3/4 Lewes Crescent which never seems used anymore.

Having just moved from Westminster, I find their recycling scheme much more convenient. All residents get a supply of transparent blue bin bags which can hold all recycling together, I am not sure if they are viable here but I thought I would mention it.

You must involve English heritage. If you look at the listed map its not just the houses but also the road that is protected. As far as the statement regarding repair and maintenance, this is not true if you look at the bins in the area.

Re question 5, open hatch and foot pedal options are both ticked. In the subject area of study - how many genuine related health and safety incidents have occurred in the last 150 years? You are simply transferring any minute risks to the public rather than your "trained" staff. It is your use of certain intransigent staff which has created any reported problems, not the reasonable activities of their allotted tasks! All life/work activity contains some risk! Be honest with residents, this is all about cost saving, not concern for safety. What reduction in Council Tax will this achieve for me?

Re questions 3 - resident has ticked BOTH Communal Refuse Collection and to keep existing weekly recycling box collections. The bins are not emptied regularly enough and all the benefits go to disadvantages! Encourages fly tipping. There is absolutely no point providing bins if they are not emptied regularly. With the existing communal bins, they are frequently surrounded by refuse and subject to seagulls and foxes. The situation is DIRE!

Area 3 - Lewes Crescent - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have

I strongly object to ANY bins in this area. Judging by those outside J Rolls estate agents in East Street, they smell, are misused and rubbish is piled up outside them. Vandals have tried to move and break them. They are unsightly and most objectionable close to any residential area.

The bin lids are not properly maintained at present. Recently the lid of the bin on Arundel Terrace had been completely torn off, leaving the contents open to the seagulls.

If bins are located on Eastern Road, 2 Terraces and Marine Parade the bins will be close enough to all houses on the Square and the Crescent without losing parking spaces or causing noise issues for residents.

I agree that it is really important to protect against seagulls.

I'm very concerned that you don't take into consideration the amount of litter and dumped garbage that tends to happen around the communal bins. They are generally not kept tidy enough. I'm already struggling with litter blowing down on my patio. The EF language school and it's many students contribute to this. Having the communal bins straight outside would be adding to this in a big way and would affect the value of the flat and my enjoyment of being outside on the patio. The second thing I'm concerned about is the noise from disposing of glass and also the emptying of the bins. My suggestion is that you place the bins on Madeira Drive instead, away from flats. If this was xxx, where I'm from, a neat and tidy space would be built where the residents would need a key to be able to dispose bins. This would stop others from fly tipping. It's embarrassing for the city to have big bins standing open like they are now.

A Glass dedicated bin is a very good idea, even if people vote for the black sack collection

Please don't put any bins at all in the actual Crescent. It's an area of special importance and I don't mind walking to the bin but don't want to be looking out at the bins. Nobody would mind if there are additional bins on Eastern Road - but definitely not in the crescent / square please.

Definitely no bins on Sussex Square / Lewes Crescent.

I don't want any bins in the square.

Please do not put communal bins on Sussex Square/Lewes Crescent!!! The bins that are on the next street over are already a disaster; people use them as a dumping ground (people drive from the surrounding areas to dump rubbish!!), no-one pushes through the bin bags so seagulls attack the bags, recycling is constantly overflowing...basically it's horrible and if you were to put communal bins on Lewes Crescent, people would not respect this historic street and there would be garbage everywhere! Weekly collections would be better OR individual bins for each apartment block (that you have to have a key for) located on Eastern Road. I'm also getting concerned about rats as the bin situation is getting so bad!! PLEASE no bins on Lewes Crescent!

At one of the drop in sessions I was told by a member of City Clean that the post for the recycling bins were going to be removed and no longer used. I have noticed that many of the posts are bent and the bins are not attached.

the brushed hatch bins are not safe in terms of bacterial (un-readable word). people put their hands in and become contaminated by bacteria and thus cross infection is encouraged.

Brushed hatch and Foot pedal both ticked.

I think it would be important to keep the area around the communal bins cleared regularly as they can encourage general dumping of larger items around them. From experience, any black bin bags left out result in considerable spillage and scattering by animals.

Many residents of Lewes Crescent use the refuse and recycling bins in Rock Street and Arundel Place using the rear entrances to their properties. Therefore, there is no need for refuse bins in the middle of Lewes Crescent. The bins should be sited in Eastern Road and Marine Parade. At present, we bring up our own recycling bins on Friday mornings to the kerbside and this should continue. It will result in the need for less bins in total - good for appearance/more room for refuse bins.

If kerbside collection of recycling is retained, then, there is no need for glass and mixed recycling bins. Many residents use the existing bins at the rear of Lewes Crescent in Rock Street and Arundel Road. This lessens the number of bins required. Bins should be sited on Eastern Terrace and also on the grass verge at the bottom ends of Lewes Crescent and near Arundel Terrace and Chichester Terrace. Bins could also be sited along Marine Parade in keeping with the number already sited there.

Place bins on Eastern Road and/or Marine Drive. For us we access bins in Rock Street via the rear of our building. Cost under ground systems for future consideration.

Please put the westerly (Lewes Cres). Bins on the Eastern end of the Chichester Terrace (on the bend from Marine Parade. These should not be outside anyone's house. Thank you!

Stick the bins on double yellow lines, people wont mind losing them.

The impact of the bins in a conservation area is enormous. Location of the bins opposite the garden gate is dangerous. Bins need to be located behind the square and crescent in Eastern Road.

The design of the consultation is commendably clear + simple to use. Thanks

I have lived at (number removed) Lewes Crescent for 32 years and refuse has always been collected from the house cellar. I would like to know how many accidents have been recorded during this time. The intimation from your literature is that there is no evidence, only that an accident might happen! There is no justification for such sweeping changes being proposed. The communal bins in our area are an eyesore. The one placed in Clarendon Terrace has had its lid missing all summer and the amount of spillage around it is unsightly. Likewise, the bin in Eastern Terrace outside Jonathan Rolls Property Management is surrounded by contents spilled all over the pavement. Such evidence gives the lie to the promised cleaner streets. The collection of black sacks placed by the residents on the pavement is a non starter. We have a real problem with seagulls tearing bags open and scattering their contents all over the pavement. If such bins are introduced, then the siting of them has to be much more sympathetic to their surroundings. It is the duty of us all, including our council to protect the visual appearance of our grade one listed heritage and the siting of the bins destroys the magnificent vista looking down to the sea from Sussex Square on both sides of the Crescent. Other residents have suggested that the bins be placed in Eastern Road in locations not directly outside any of the houses and I support this suggestion and insist that this must be considered. As a last option, if a bin does have to be sited directly outside number 16 then it should at least be located on the other side of the road against the garden railings. We already cross the road to reach our cars, parked against the railings and also to enter the gardens by the gate opposite our dwelling. As far as the recycling boxes, the present arrangement of weekly collection from black boxes placed on the pavement works perfectly well and by continuing this practice there would be fewer of the ugly black communal bins that proliferate our city and which threaten to ruin the environment, which must be protected at all costs. I write in behalf of our Chairman and directors of 16 Lewes Crescent.
Yours sincerely

How about instead of spending money on this you spend it on ensuring collections of existing bins is regular and the communal bins are kept clean. The design of the lids should specifically be in keeping with the building i.e. none of the options stated.

The communal bins should be placed on the seafront or the bottom of Chichester Terrace. We are also concerned about fly tipping.

If the Lewes Crescent bins were located on the garden-side they may be less of an eyesore (although I don't think they are that bad - considering the good they do!) Also locating them on a corner may compromise visibility for road users, as they are taller than an average car. If positioned sideways, the user could still access the bins without being in the road.

This is an important Regency Estate - GRADE ONE LISTED and should not be defaced by rubbish bins. Alternative positions are available e.g. the South side of Eastern Road and on Marine Parade at the bottom of Lewes Crescent (East and West) but not in front of the houses. There are rear exits to most houses in Lewes Crescent (East) where there are ample bins available.

It sounds like an excellent idea.

Like the proposal for communal refuse collection for the benefits you have outlined which outweigh the non benefits.

As a household of senior citizens, any of the above would be extremely difficult to cope with. Also, in reality, we are all aware of the mess surrounding the current bins, apparently unavoidable.

This will mean we have two rubbish bins outside the back door (see the cross on the map) and two recycle bins across the road in the front - 15 feet from our bedroom (rubbish and glass recycling) - we are surrounded - this is unfair. 4 of the flats are for sale and re-rent and are currently empty, therefore, no response currently (number 13). We have only just returned from holiday and several people in the area have NOT had forms.

Re question 5 - None of the Options These bins are nothing more than an eyesore. They are just targets for seagulls to rip open bags due to excess rubbish being left around them and the non-collection of rubbish in an area by Rock Grove, etc. This is what will happen in Sussex Square and Lewes Crescent.

I understand the health and safety issues, but, would still like to use storage under stairs for bags and put them out on the morning of the refuse collection. If the recycling is not collected I am afraid the system will break down and recycling will not be done efficiently.

I prefer the option of communal refuse bins and recycling boxes. But, the seagull population has increased. Can we also address this?
This has worked very well and any problems are dealt with by neighbours for newcomers.
The Council should respect the International importance of this grade one conservation area. If four refuse bins are agreed, they should only be on Eastern Road (by the bus stop) and on the wide and little used pavement along Marine Parade. See plan. Many residents use bins at the rear of their houses. The Council needs to check residents have black boxes with net tops. Collections currently are often needed twice daily.
You use the excuse of "health and safety" to bring in measures on which you have already decided.
I often see bins with rubbish dumped beside - is this because people are lazy or there is insufficient capacity? If there is kerbside black bin collection, is there an option for either cleaning up afterwards or providing extra tough (90L) bags? Bags often split through no explicit fault of the householder.
There is no need for bins in Lewes Crescent - there are more bins in Bristol Place which is not residential or of historical interest and would be sufficient.
How is one to empty a bin or box of recycling into a communal bin without an opening lid??
I feel these bins will attract people to DUMP larger items by the side of them which I have seen at many of these bins. Also what about the elderly people who cant get to the bins, what happens then?
I will happily keep my bin bags in the green council bins for kerbside collection to prevent seagulls breaking them open. Having moved here recently, I am surprised at the limited items that can be recycled in this area and believe efforts would be best concentrated on catching up with rest of the UK. I am interested in where research came from to suggest people are more likely to recycle in communal bins a walk from their homes? Making it less accessible will surely discourage people.
Brushed Hatch and Foot Pedal both ticked.
NO BINS HERE! It is disgusting that BHC think it is OK to have these bins in such a gem of an area. Wake up and smell the coffee, look after what is here and not add crap like ugly bins of ugly stupidity. Why does BHCC do what they want even if residents are opposed? What about cleaning up Dukes Mound - stopping the cruising amongst other stuff that happens there. Answer me that, yet another disgrace!

Area 3 - Comments throughout the consultation

Some residents suggested a trial of seagull proof sacks for a trial period, other residents would also not like to see these in the area, i.e. hanging on railings or on the ground
Suggestions were made to use seagull proof sacks or underground bins
Some residents had concerns that seagull proof sacks would be left out and not taken in
Concerns were raised over locations that were of a traffic and/or health and safety concern, these are particularly locations that have been proposed on bends and in narrow roads where ambulances or other emergency vehicles use
Residents would like to see some bin locations i.e. in Lewes Crescent bins moved to the south end
Other residents would not like to see any bins on the south end (seafacing) end of the crescent
Suggestions that the bins could be located on the other side of the road i.e. on the seafront side
Residents in Lewes Crescent explained that they have access to communal bins in other streets via the rear of their properties and therefore by using these, why are more bins needed, and/or could this reduce the amount of bins required?
Residents would prefer to see bins by the bus stop at the top of Sussex Square, others felt this would be dangerous
Residents felt that the six bins in Lewes Crescent could be dangerous as they are on corners
Residents felt that glass bins would be noisy
Concerns were raised over three bins at the north of the square, partially as at the side of someones house and therefore unfair and potentially noisy, and because this is a heavy traffic area which could cause a health and safety issues, as well as problems for emergency vehicles
Resident proposed two potential locations at the bus stop to the north of Sussex Square

A map was provided of the Kemptown conservation area, the map indicates recesses where it could be explored if bins could be placed here

Suggestion that bins could go in front of Chichester Terrace, where there is thick foliage and could be hidden

Residents expressed concerns over continuous flytipping and current lack of bin maintenance

I live in Lewes Crescent and object to having any large communal bins (which I understand are to be introduced) on the pavements of the Crescent and Sussex Square.

There are other spaces better suited, away from residents' windows and front doors, eg along the roadside of Eastern Road where the garden divides and there are no houses at all. Also, at the southern entrance to the eastern side of Lewes Crescent, near the "gate-posts" and the grass verge, there is space where there used to be a machine for pay and display parking. Likewise on the western side of Lewes Crescent, there is space across the drive from the pavement itself, where bins could be safely accessed from the grass verge.

Not only do residents need to park cars but also to enjoy the benefits of communal bins in a way that minimises the disruption and unsightliness that they inevitably cause, whether it be careless dumping, fly-tipping, mess caused by seagulls or upsetting noise. Losing a few parking spaces is a small price to pay to keep communal bins off the pavements and away from the houses in the Crescent and the Square.

We have been made aware of a proposal to site communal waste collection bins along the roadways of Lewes Crescent and Sussex Square, and of an alternative put forward by local residents which makes use of land at the junctions with Chichester and Arundel Terraces to allow the bins to be sited away from the houses, as explained in a recent e-mail to you from (name removed) We are writing in support of this alternative scheme.

However, we wish to emphasise a further benefit of the alternative: It seems to us that removal of the bins from the carriageways also provides the option of screening them within simple purpose-built compounds, sympathetically designed to be compatible with the Grade I listed architecture of the Crescent and the Conservation Area in general.

We would be grateful if you can ensure the Committee properly considers this alternative, and especially its potential for a much reduced visual impact on this area of exceptional heritage value.

I live at Lewes Crescent, and have just received the council's consultation document about the community bins proposed for Lewes Crescent/Sussex Square.

In principle, I think community bins are a very good idea and should keep our streets tidier; we cannot have black bags strewn around by seagulls, as happens now. On the other hand, the bins soon look atrocious, attract fly-tipping and are emptied very noisily at anti-social hours (as my friends have discovered in Rock Street). At present the proposals also include one for glass, which is noisiest of all. I will be trying to sleep immediately above!

I therefore think that both on aesthetic grounds (because they are in the middle of a Grade 1 listed Estate) and on grounds of noise, they should be sited as near the major roads and as far from the houses as possible, and not centrally within the estate.

To my mind a better site exists at the junction of Lewes Crescent and Chichester Terrace, on the west side, where an existing piece of paving would allow the bins to be reached in safety and without the loss of parking space (another consideration, as all the places in the Crescent are often full at weekends.) Even my neighbours in Chichester Terrace think this is a better spot! It also balances the placing of bins at the junction of Lewes Crescent and Arundel Terrace on the east side.

With bins there, and on Eastern Road (as proposed), and presumably still in Rock Street, we should have quite enough, and still manage to keep up our appearance as one of the most beautiful cityscapes in Brighton.

Further to your proposal to site Communal refuse bins on Lewes Crescent, I am writing to support an alternative proposal which I believe would cause less disruption, detritus and noise for the residents and also preserve the cleanliness and integrity of one of Brighton and Hove's most important and historic architectural areas.

I support the proposal that on the East side, there be extra bins sited on the Eastern Road flank wall of No.40 Sussex Square and that, together with the bins proposed at the junction of Arundel Terrace with Lewes Crescent, would mean that Sussex Square and Lewes Crescent could be adequately served without any bins at the pavement edge.

Similarly on the West Side of the Crescent, if we add to the bins proposed on Eastern Road additional bins on Marine parade at the site where you already propose a communal refuse bin, no bins would be needed in Lewes Crescent or Sussex Square.

I urge you to seriously consider this proposal that would be better for the area and minimise the disturbance for residents.

I am extremely unhappy about the possibility of communal bins being placed in Lewes Crescent/Sussex Square. If, in spite of asking us in the consultation, bins are a 'fait accompli', then I agree with (name removed) suggested positioning at either end of the area and NOT close to any of the residences. Judging by the state of bins outside J Rolls, they are unsightly, noisy, they smell and are misused.

It was disappointing that the consultation went out in August when many of us are away and unable to attend the meeting or respond. Fortunately a neighbour sent me the link by email.

I have read with interest and concern, the information issued about the plan to do away with house collections on the Kemptown Estate and their replacement by communal bins to be sited in what is arguably one of the finest architectural features in Brighton if not England.

I cannot imagine that such a plan would be even mooted in, say, Bath should their Royal Crescent be concerned. That said, I appreciate that the move to communal bins is probably a fait accompli (Health and Safety etc!). But I feel that the location of the bins should be carefully considered to ensure the least disruption and destruction of this unique area. There is no need, surely, for bins halfway up the curve on each side of Lewes Crescent – bins at the top (Eastern Road) and bottom would be more than adequate. Even better, could consideration not be given to simply enlarging the facility in Bristol Place and Arundel Place. The latter is bordered largely by lock up garages so is unlikely to prove such a health hazard and eyesore to residents and tourists who visit the area. Incidentally, even in its present state the facility in Bristol Place is a considerable eyesore as a result of seagull depredations and fly tipping but at least the problem would then be contained to some degree on one area. Fly tipping is a considerable problem here and it is not uncommon to see builders vans unloading their detritus at the end of the working day in the bins in Rock Place, Arundel Place and Bristol Place.

Please believe me when I say this is not the plea of an elitist Nimby. I am simply an OAP of modest means who lives in and loves this city and its unique Georgian architectural heritage which I would like to see passed on to future generations in some sort of order.

I have read the council's proposal for a number of rubbish / recycling bins to be placed in front of 16 Lewes Crescent with alarm, and support (name removed) suggestion of expanding those proposed to the south and north of the main gardens as a reasonable and thoughtful solution. One need only look at how similar bins in the area are currently treated, consider the noise impact on what is one of the most beautiful, residential streets in all Brighton and recognise the horrific aesthetic and hygienic damage of having garbage piled outside Grade 1 listed buildings to see what sense there is in this alternative.

Could I suggest a siting of the communal bins so that they can serve the houses in Kemp Town without having to site them in front of the houses themselves. It would seem a pity when we and the council want to and are required to go to such great lengths to preserve and maintain the houses in the estate to their Grade 1 Listed standard, to site bins in front of them. While we all agree that the bins are essential to our everyday life and welfare, I do not think anyone would claim them to be things of beauty!

On the West side of Sussex Square and Lewes Crescent the bins could be located both at the corner of Sussex Square and Eastern Road, as I believe is currently proposed and, in addition, at the junction of Chichester Terrace and Lewes Crescent. There is a piece of paving on the Chichester Terrace garden side which could enable the bins to be sited away from the houses but to be used without standing in the roadway.

Similarly, on the East side of Sussex Square and Lewes Crescent, I understand the present proposal sites bins at the junction of Lewes Crescent and Arundel Terrace where they can be safely accessed from the grass verge rather than from the roadway. If there were additional bins on Eastern Road, along the flank wall of 40 Sussex Square, there would be no need for bins to be located in front of the houses themselves.

I hope this is helpful and I look forward to hearing the final decision on the siting of these bins.

I am writing to you regarding the consultation document for communal bins and for the placing of some of these bins outside 13 & 14 Lewes Crescent. I am sure nobody is ever in favour of having these bins outside their property, but I would just like to make the following points:

There is already a bottle bank to the rear of my apartment in Lewes Crescent and this already causes a certain amount of noise and nuisance. If recycling stations are now placed at the front as well, this would double the amount of noise and cause significant nuisance.

The main road is just a short distance away and would it not be more appropriate to place the recycling stations there (as is already the case the length of the sea front). This is already a busy road and would cause very little extra inconvenience to anyone. Specifically, would not the following proposal be a suitable alternative and with the added advantage of minimising the visual impact of these bins: Siting the bins at the top of the street (Eastern Road), as proposed, and, as a new proposal, at the bottom of the street at the junction of Chichester Terrace with Lewes Crescent . There is a piece of paving there on the Chichester Terrace garden side which could enable the bins to be sited away from the houses but where they could be used without standing in the carriageway. Similarly, on the other side of the Crescent the present proposal sites some bins at the junction of Lewes Crescent and Arundel Terrace where they can be safely accessed from the grass verge rather than the carriageway. Additionally some bins could be placed on Eastern Road, perhaps along the flank wall of 40 Sussex Square. This could be a workable version of your own plan and with the benefit of some local support.

When making planning applications, as Lewes Crescent is grade 1 listed, the restrictions are quite onerous, and rightly so. It does appear a bit of a contradiction that changes to both the inside and the outside of the building are strictly controlled, but it is being considered to place recycling stations between the Crescent and the gardens!

A letter was received from Sussex Square Management Limited

Area 4 - Westbourne - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have

This will make a tremendous improvement to the appearance of Westbourne St, and will improve access for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. (Just need to sort out the tree roots and uneven slabs and it will be perfect!)

This is definitely needed on westbourne street, the existing set up is so messy

Great idea to make the bins communal. Will make the street far cleaner and probably improve efficiency of collection and volumes of recycling

Perhaps bins should only be at the bottom of the street and the end of the street and no bins in the middle, with extra collections. Parking is particularly bad in the middle of the street and there are always more spaces available at both end of the streets which would be better positions for the bins particularly outside the pub. You could always have a larger bin at both ends of the street or 2 bins rather than having ones in the middle.

Wheelie bins and (lidless) recycling boxes are left out permanently on the pavement in Westbourne St by many residents. This poses a hazard and makes it difficult to get a pram, wheelchair, mobility scooter, dustcart etc down the pavement. Often people have to use the road! Communal recycling would free the pavement for people to use, rather than obstruct with plastic bins and boxes. A lot of littering and fly tipping goes on in this street at the moment. And as residents leave lidless recycling boxes out, the contents frequently get scattered all over the street by wind and seagulls. Very unsightly and unpleasant. Communal bins would solve all these problems.

I think that we have to move to communal bins. The footpath is clogged with bins. Elderly people and disabled people are forced to walk in the road to avoid obstacles not to mention the hazards presented by possibly the most uneven footpaths in Brighton. However, we will continue to use the AMAZING Magpie for recycling, as the council recycling is shocking. Regularly our recycling remained uncollected. Whenever we queried this, we were told we either: had too much, it was too heavy (usually wet papers) or we had put it out in the wrong place. Magpie collect everything, clothes, batteries, plastic, etc. If the Greens had only focussed on recycling, first and tackled cars later! Good luck. Please improve recycling.

Foot pedal for bins, but brushed hatch for recycling (the survey doesn't allow us to opt for that!) I think its a great idea to have the communal bins, as the street is a complete eyesore at present with bins and recycling boxes splayed over the street (most residents have nowhere to put their bins off street). The recycling bins, when emptied, currently ends up with various items left on the street that don't get tipped in correctly by the bin men, so to have everything in the big bins makes so much more sense. I wholeheartedly agree with this plan (subject to the point about the placing of the mid road bins)

These communal bins have led to more fly tipping in nearby streets. The proposed locations mean that I am right in the middle of either option of bin, so I'd have to make several trips to the bins each week with general rubbish, glass, and mixed recycling, all of which is heavy and dirty. I already have to park a walk from my flat if I try and park after 8pm so I do not wish to lose any further parking spaces.

Agree. Communal bins will make the street a lot tidier taking away all the bins and recycling boxes. So we can be as environmentally friendly as possible can we have separate bins for general waste, glass, plastic, paper/card, and garden waste?

1. There does not look to be enough bins to take the refuse produced in this street so they are likely to overflow like in other streets. 2. Will any rubbish dumped outside the bins be removed quickly to avoid it spreading around the street as seen on other streets where bins have been placed? 3. Will the bins be cleaned regularly as it does not look like it happens in other places where they are being used? 4. Will they be repaired promptly if damaged as again this does not seem to happen.

Parking spaces are already difficult to find in Westbourne Street as there are a large number of properties which have been converted into flats or HMOs. Losing 5 additional spaces in the street is not satisfactory, particularly as residents are already having to pay for parking which they can't always access close by. Additionally, the proposed locations of the bins is on the side of the road which has parking permit holders only so that residents who pay their yearly parking fee lose spaces rather than visitors to the street. Furthermore, the communal bins already in use in other parts of the city are a draw for fly tippers with parts of the pavement adjacent to them seemingly always blocked by broken furniture and additional rubbish bags which can't fit in the bins. This would therefore reduce the general look of the street which is nearly always tidy and clear of rubbish. Finally, Westbourne Street is a quiet street and large recycling bins, particularly for glass, generates a large amount of noise when glass bottles are thrown in, particularly at night.

The road is far too narrow for Communal bins. These bins will be situated close to the side of our house, having seen other communal bins they will lead to increased rubbish left near the bins, noise and vermin and will effect the access on what is already a very narrow pavement.

We have previously consulted with the council - only a couple of years ago about the use of communal bins and the street voted against it so it is a bit of a surprise to receive this. Personally I am concerned as I see in other streets around the city that the bins are not emptied frequently enough and they are not replaced when broken i.e. when the foot pedal stops working or the brush has worn away. When the rubbish is not taken away frequently enough people dump their bags on the street which are then ripped apart by seagulls and foxes which is extremely unpleasant.

I see no reason why the opening on brushed hatched model should be so small.

The communal bins are always a mess even with the brushes. People leave more rubbish anytime, they are always full. In summer time the smell is impossible. There are always rubbish outside the bins the look is not healthy and nice.

<p>Carmel House is a small block in the corner of Westbourne Street and has 33 flats and our own refuse bins for general waste and one for paper and plastic and one for glass - these are a necessity for us and must remain - the only problem is they are old and very heavy and need emptying weekly.</p>
<p>Should have read this page first. Sorry. Cant see this working they could put bins and refuse in the front gardens and the empty bins, but, don't. The three bins proposed are near the South Corner, and big vans, including yours, have difficulty getting round it now.</p>
<p>I strongly disagree with this proposal going ahead. Parking is difficult enough already. Your information, that 5 spaces out of 4,159 (0.12%) is misleading. It is 5 spaces on our street. As a woman, I do not want to park two or three streets from my house and have to walk home in the dark. What happens when bins overflow on to the street - more collections? How do you find out who is fly tipping?</p>
<p>The road is too narrow for communal bins. Proposed bins are immediately outside our living room window and bedroom window above. This will cause unacceptable noise at all times and rubbish being left everywhere. Letter enclosed - "The proposed Communal Bins are unsuitable for our street. Both the street and the pavements are narrow. The bins would therefore be very close to the residential properties. This would result in some very unpleasant noise being caused by inconsiderate use of the bins, in particular bottles being smashed in the middle of the night. We observed similar bins in Poets Corner, where a lot of rubbish was deposited around the bins. A very unpleasant sight apart from the associated health issues. You state in your letter that the three proposed sites in our section on Westbourne Street would result in the loss of five parking spaces. This is an underestimate - I estimate that for each of the three bins at least two spaces would be lost. It is also completely wrong to suggest that there are 4,159 parking spaces in the road, so your statement of the loss of 0.12% is totally wrong. Residents whose properties are further away from the proposed sites may not be quite as concerned, but their views would change quickly if the bins were moved closer outside their house.</p>
<p>For the reasons stated above, this would be disastrous for the street, creating a huge amount of noise pollution, mass overflowing and lack of space at key times of the year such as Christmas, and only make worse the situation with the seagulls. Plus, as already stated, elderly and incapacitated will be seriously disadvantaged, along with the entire street during bad weather"!</p>
<p>The proposed placement does not fit with the dynamic of the street. The upper half towards Portland Road has more flats, more bins in the road. Get someone from the office to actually walk the street. Cheers.</p>
<p>Why not stop any more properties being turned into HMOs and flats? The parking issue is already at breaking point. As an emergency on call nurse I have real problems with parking anywhere near my property which means a delay in arriving at the hospital for time critical, life saving surgery.</p>
<p>I have absolutely no confidence that the bins will be collected five times a week should that be necessary. Also Area R extends far beyond Westbourne Street. From information supplied, you state that there are 4,159 parking bays available in Area R and only five of those will be lost by bins. Therefore, are the bins in Westbourne Street to be used by the whole of Area R? As there are spaces for about 110 vehicles to park in Westbourne Street, your figure of 0.12% lost is incorrect and misleading.</p>
<p>I compost garden refuse or a friend takes it to site at Old Shoreham Road but if I need a brown bin I will contact you.</p>
<p>LIDS - NONE OF THE ABOVE Glass bins will create unacceptable levels of noise. Daily collections (if this happens) would block the one way street. There are approx. 150 parking spaces in the street - 5 less is 5 per cent. Residents do not pay to park half a mile away.</p>
<p>See the above comments re. parking. To reiterate, losing 5 spaces in our street would mean that a lot of us would end up having to park 3 streets away rather than 2 if we come home after 18:00 hours.</p>
<p>I DO NOT WANT THE BINS!</p>
<p>These bins will be unsightly and will be very smelly in the hot weather which is bad for the environment. My wife and I are unable to carry things to communal bins due to disabilities. Please leave it the way it is.</p>
<p>When you are on strike there will be vermin. Existing bins in the neighbourhood are unsightly + smelly + take up a lot of room. This is a narrow busy street + there is not enough room for communal bins.</p>

Flats here are small with little/no room for storing recycling. - the current system works well as you can easily put recycling out everyday.
In densely populated areas, either collect more regularly bury bins in street, underground bins like in Spain then they are out of sight and look like normal waste bins. The large black bins are awful.
Why do spaces have to be lost? is there a refund for parking in the street this is put in place? I lived in Tisbury Road and all sorts was left next to the communal bins, the system works fine as it is, Portland Road is big enough why not put them along there as this where the seagulls go?
OTHER COMMENT - Retirement flat - refuse and recycling bins are on the premises near to the car park.
A lot of folk have had falls walking down Westbourne Street because of the tree roots and all the bins. Carmel House is a private over 55 block. But some are much older and have various walking aids, they walk in the road. Not able to push wheelchairs or some buggies now. This has to happen as soon as possible.
Communal bins are desperately needed in Westbourne Street. As a senior citizen negotiating the bins and recycle boxes is a daily hazard. Most people living in Carmel House walk in the road as its safer.
Repair and maintenance - not evident in the neighbouring streets, bins are left without repairs. Enforcement - must improve - fly tipping is a regular occurrence in neighbouring streets that have communal bins.
My fear is that idiots will dump their TVs and mattresses at the bins. Please can there be a big sign up explaining that it is forbidden and that they will be prosecuted. Can you guarantee the five times a week collection?
Please, please lets have communal bins. My flat overlooks Westbourne Street and looks so tatty with all the bins and rubbish outside. Foxes and seagulls mess a lot of the bins up. Pavements are too narrow and dangerous for the bins on the pavement outside of each house.
Communal bins are absolutely vital in Westbourne Street which due to the total lack of residents civic pride is an unmitigated slum. Constant complaints through local ward councillors and to the cleaning department direct have not resulted in any action to improve the disgusting situation for customers in Westbourne Street. Lets hope improvement is on the way.
The current refuse situation is unbearable. The streets look disgusting. The communal bins are a much better idea and have worked well on other roads that we have lived on. A better site, however, might be at the top of the street opposite the Westbourne pub (less residential, closer to Portland Road which would cause less disruption for more residents).
My thoughts are based on collections taking place regularly enough to prevent overflow etc. and are not cut down in the future as a result of any cost cutting exercise.
My concern with them being outside my house is noise on collection days as I often work nights and so try to sleep longer in the mornings. Resident has ticked brushed hatch and foot pedal as above.
I agree to the bins at either end of the street - however how is the third (middle) location determined? I have paid a substantial amount to live at (number removed) and do not want the bins located outside my property. I feel the disturbance and smell during unsociable hours will also be unbeneficial. Would you like them located outside your property?!?!?
Resident has ticked brushed hatched and foot pedal. This really will make Westbourne Street look better, smell better. Well worth losing five car parking spaces. So pleased.
I think two areas either end of the street is better than one other in the middle of the street. It is not fair on the home owner as the bin areas do become a bit messy, like the ones near Danny's Restaurant on Portland Road.
I do not understand why these bins will be collected five times a week yet the current system can not be. This would address "the problem" outlined in your leaflet. Also will it mean that we will be unable to use our wheelie bins? I look forward to your response. Regards
A switch from wheelie bins will not only improve the appearance of the street but would also make access for wheelchairs and pushchairs easier. A number of residents put their wheelie bins away from their gate, often next to trees, which causes pinch points.

Although if it was to be located outside my flat, I would not be so keen and can see why neighbours who have it located there would be unhappy. Should only be placed at the end of each road. See 4B as well. There isn't just a yes/no answer. (Resident has ticked I do not want the bins outside my house and also I am concerned about the loss of parking spaces which only related to a No answer to question 3A). Parking is a major issue in Westbourne Street but better bins and recycling bins outside each house is also unsightly and allows litter to travel. It is a trade off. Bins need to be placed at the end of each road if possible, or for elderly and disabled residents, special provision should be made available.

Re the above, the resident has also ticked foot pedal.

Proposed communal refuse and recycling bins will greatly improve the appearance and safety of Westbourne Street. Often items are fly-tipped outside people's houses alongside their green bins. And recycling often mixed, therefore, not collected, ending up littering the pathway.

Good idea.

Slightly concerned that the loss of parking spaces could cause issues in a street that already has more cars than parking areas. Hopeful that communal bins will reduce the amount of rubbish and clutter on the pavement which is why I have voted for the communal refuse and recycling bins.

The residents all bring their recycling up to the kerb so what is the need to introduce communal recycling bins? The questionnaire suggested that the 'do nothing' option is not an option, yet it seems the best option with regards the kerbside recycling. We should have been more aware of the situation regarding kerbside recycling in the Square

Would like us to explore the option of underground bins. would like the council to cost this out. They recently put up £400k to purchase a plinth in the Square and there may be the option to do something similar to install underground bins. There are potentially 500 sources of funding in the area.

Agree that black sacks are not the answer as they can be easily ripped apart by wildlife

They want to remind us that this is a Grade 1 listed Heritage area and needs to be treated as a special case for the sake of the city. The gardens themselves – which the residents purchased privately from the council – are Grade 2 listed gardens and need to be preserved.

Rock Street bins: The residents on the west side of the Square have access to the bins on Rock Street – many of their properties have doors leading to Rock Street and have no problem disposing of their waste in the bins there. They haven't noticed the bins overflowing in Rock Street so there seems to be ample capacity for their needs. They do mention that there have been occasions where Rock Street has been full of litter and waste; they have ended up sending photos to councillors because Cityclean were difficult to get through to via the Contact Centre.

They also note that there is regular fly tipping in the street – especially on Fridays. Local builders seem to be responsible for these fly tips – they can be quite intimidating and aggressive when confronted. Tracy Phipps explained that we may put CCTV in the street to monitor this. We will also inform the 3GS crew so they can visit the area. We will investigate the possibility of putting up new signs warning against fly tipping. TP offered to send council officers to the Square on Fridays in the morning before collection to monitor the number of black sacks left out for the crews in the roads at the rear (Rock Street and Arundel Place).

One resident wanted to know if there was the possibility of placing another bin on Arundel Place. He said there was not much fly-tipping at the entrance to Arundel Mews, though the bin lids are broken.

Black bins: several residents mentioned that the aperture was not big enough and people had trouble placing their black sacks into the bin. Tracy acknowledged this but mentioned that the idea on communal bins was to use them 'little and often'. She acknowledged that there are problems with the small aperture when someone jams a large sack in the hole. When this happens lots of bags appear to the side of the bins. When the bins have broken down in other squares, this has dampened enthusiasm for them – one resident cited Eaton Place, where bins have malfunctioned causing fly tipping and bags to the side of the them; this has turned residents off these bins. Tracy explained that we might be trialling new comm bins with parts that won't corrode in the salty sea air.

The resident Lewes Crescent complained that they did not receive the consultation document. Has commissioned surveys about the diminution in value that comm bins are likely to cause the properties. Advised that they will start a class action against the council which will cost the council more than any saving they will make from the comm bins. Officer assured resident that although comm bins are cheaper, this is not the reason the council is proposing them. Officer informed resident that this proposal is solely down to health and safety. Resident said he would like us to provide him with the statistics which show the accidents in this and other Squares.

Safety: one resident raised safety concerns regarding the positioning of bins next to gates leading into the gardens. These bins would make it extremely difficult to spot oncoming traffic. They also mentioned that the crews often fail to replace the comm bins in their correct position after collection. This means that there can be large bins encroaching into unsafe parts of the road or blocking the pavement for pedestrians.

Residents asked for the following information: how many properties have basements with bin stores. They would like a costing for employing a private contractor to collect from the basements

Resident at Arundel Place– proposed location of bins might affect the character of their building. Concerned about condition of existing comm bins; businesses leaving their waste from their vans as they pass. Trucks coming along at all speeds.

Resident at Lewes Crescent feels 5 glass recycling areas are close together and concerned about noise potential. Front of houses should be kept clear.

resident at Sussex Square – bins should be back lanes as they aren't visibly obstructive & should be doubled up. Feels they are likely to be unsightly wherever. Doesn't feel the proposed change is due to health and safety foremost. Fly tipping

Resident at Sussex Square – approves of the plan, concerned placement may be traffic hazard. Full bin capacity required and cleaned daily.

Resident at Sussex Square – doesn't want bins on corners, putting them further up on Marine Parade better. There is a full communal bin to view from her window which is on Rock Street. Worried bin placement will affect architecture of the square, wants the bins emptied regularly.

Arundel Terrace

Resident suggested - Location - put against the garden railings / More frequent collections / Foot patrol cleaners too

Chichester Terrace

Resident expressed - Bin location important / Present location restricts view of oncoming traffic.

Lewes Crescent

Resident commented - Bin location – not outside anyone's house / Place garden side and sideways

Sussex Square

Resident commented on and suggested - More regular collections, potential rats if not / More hygienic and convenient for LGF flats / Appearance of bins improved – leaf green design possibly / Location – needs to be behind the square, crescent and terraces

I have been passed the proposals for the communal recycling bins which you have proposed for Lewes Crescent. I can see that you have proposed that the bins are located directly outside of my property. The property is unique in that all of the rooms (lounge, dining room and both bedrooms) are at the front of the property, south facing. Your proposal would mean that the bins would in fact be located directly outside of my bedroom and my sons bedroom (2m away). Clearly this would completely destroy our right to live in that property with peace and quiet. The property is not (and cannot be) double glazed and the noise which would be introduced from these bins would cause us to be completely disturbed. My children go to bed at 6:30 and have a right to sleep without being disturbed by the crashing of glass and people dumping rubbish.

As you must know Lewes Crescent is one of the most beautiful streets in the city and it attracts groups of people from all over the world who visit to take pictures and experience the stories and history. I just can't believe you would even consider creating a dumping ground for rubbish outside of such an area.

Please can you keep me updated because I will legally challenge any plan to put these bins outside of mine and my children's bedrooms. I will also fight with the other residents to preserve the area and to allow other people to enjoy it, unspoilt and respected.

Many thanks

Dear Councillors,

This letter is the response by the Kemp Town Society to the consultation on the introduction of Communal bins into the heritage Conservation Areas replacing both the black bag and recycling collection. When this was first proposed to the Conservation Societies of Brighton it was only the black bag collection that was proposed to be removed, justified on Health and Safety Grounds.

It is also our formal response to be included with the results of the 'hearing' on Thursday 11th. inst. We wish it to be submitted as representative of our members, who are drawn from the households and support our Grade 1 heritage status of the Kemp Town Estate and its importance to the nation. The content of this letter has been agreed by the KTS Committee after concerns submitted by members and other residents of the Kemp Town Estate Conservation Area. We support and echo the content of Roger Hinton's letter of March 8th to the Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee. We would also like to point out that members of our Committee have already had a meeting with representatives of City Clean and the Council, including a walk around the estate with them. None of the suggestions put forward and acknowledged as helpful appear to have been taken into consideration in preparing the current documentation.

The change of the City's refuse disposal policy to introduce communal bins into the heritage hotspots of Brighton is in our view a regrettable course of action and runs contrary to the City's previously stated support of heritage. Previous acknowledgement of this gave rise to the maintenance of the regular door-to-door collection service. The simple reality is that communal bins are the very antithesis of conservation and will permanently blight, in the case of Kemp Town Estate, the charm and character of the Conservation Area for the sake of convenience.

Cont...It is disappointing that the Council now views black bag collection an indulgence it cannot afford under the spurious heading of Health and Safety. Rubbish collection is the most visible value for tax payers money with the Council's most elemental services. Its duty of care for such residents is that rubbish is collected without hindrance on a regular basis. Since rubbish collection has been undertaken from the Estate by weekly collections for in excess of 150 years without obvious harm to collectors, scepticism prevails about the rationale behind the removal of door-to-door collection. Removal of such collection services and placing the burden on householders to carry rubbish to the bin sites is generally unwelcomed. Should we and the other Conservation Areas who currently benefit from black bag and recycling collections fail to persuade the Council of the merits to re-instate the door-to-door collection, we would agree that the communal bins are sited on the following locations itemised below.

The fastidious standards required to maintain the excellence of our corner of Brighton (and that of the other Heritage Areas) is put at risk of being compromised, not only by the poor locations bins, but equally, the slovenliness of those who do not hold such standards and will dump, as is regularly witnessed around bins in surrounding areas, large amounts of rubbish and household items with little thought for its inappropriate and unsightly impact. Such considerations have determined these locations.

Cont..1) Eastern Road.

Locate large refuse and re-cycle bins on the south side next to the bus stop. This area will service both Sussex Square itself and the upper parts of Sussex Square south of Eastern Road. Additional bins could go in Eastern Road both sides of Sussex Square on the North side

2) Marine Parade.

Locate refuse and re-cycle bins on Marine Parade south of Chichester and Arundel Terraces. These bins will service the West and East houses of Lewes Crescent and Chichester and Arundel terraces respectively. Clusters of such bins are already part of the Marine Drive landscape, so these additional ones will not be noticed exceptionally.

3) Back Street locations.

Many of the Estate houses already have access to bins already on side and back streets. A review and consideration of increasing the size of these to be assessed.

Benefits:

Lorries will be able to collect the bins with the least risk for operators from the Estate's widest streets.

Bins are located on level ground, avoiding additional costs.

Bins are located on easily accessible curb-sides locations

Re-cycle bins can be collected with the least noise impact for residents at any time day or night.

Cont..For additional consideration.

1) Contact details with an attended 24/7 phone number with the collection company be made available on the BHCC website (it is not now). This would allow residents to alert the company to 'fly tipping' or other such related matters.

2) A damaged bin replacement policy be made public. It is noted that many bins are damaged and unsightly from excessive use. Reporting of damage or fly-tipping through BHCC's website seems an inadequate remedy.

In consideration of KTS' position, we would request that a Council representative be dedicated to draw up our recommendations by prior agreement, should the installation of the bins be implemented. This agreement to incorporate other matters such as the replacement policy. It should be noted, that householders on the Estate have accepted the burden of walking their rubbish the distance to the bin locations above. This is not their preference, but that there is a willingness to do so, for the sake of maintaining the architectural and heritage integrity of the Estate, is demonstration enough that our heritage is not to be compromised lightly.

We look forward to a successful and thorough consultation and not, as the initial 'consultation' with Heritage Societies seems to have been, a mere 'going through the motions' and implementation of the new policy. We urge your genuine consideration of and response to the reactions and suggestions received giving due weight to the evidence.

Area 4 - Comments throughout the consultation
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Officers met with resident who proposed a potential new location
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very much in favour of the proposal in principle and believes communal bins are logical and more convenient for residents.• Is very unhappy with the location of the bins outside her property; resident believes this will significantly devalue their property. Resident is also aware that the solution is not to move them to another position in the middle of the street as this would just move the problem to outside someone else's property. Resident does not believe any bins are needed in the middle of the street and that they should be left at the ends of the road. Resident also mentioned that the noise and smell would be intolerable.• Officer informed resident that the bins were proposed for this location due to distance, not capacity, and that this could be changed.• Resident asked why the bins were on their side of the road and not the other side where there was more space. Officer informed her that this was due to the street being one way; the vehicles can only collect from the left hand side of the road.• Resident is not concerned about the loss of a couple of parking spaces |
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- Firstly commented that there are two St Mary's Churches in B&H which would have caused confusion regarding the location of the consultations in the Kemp Town St Mary's Church Hall.
- Resident is unhappy with the loss of parking spaces – especially worried that they might have to park a couple of streets away and walk back late at night. Believes that there will be other residents who feel the same way – especially female ones.
- Resident believes that wheelie bins are working well and doesn't want them changed again and feels is speaking for others in the street.
- Resident feels that communal bins encourage fly-tipping which does not get cleared away quickly enough.
- Further up Westbourne Street resident believes there are a lot more renters who are more likely to abuse the comm bins.
- Says that a petition was signed a few years ago which was against the introduction of the bins. Thinks that the majority of people in the street signed it at the time.
- Resident says that the Cityclean vehicles used to make the collections are slow and get in the way of traffic. He is very concerned that the introduction of a daily collection would cause more problems for the traffic in the road. It was pointed out to him that the daily collections would probably be later in the day and that the process would be much faster, with less disruption to the traffic and residents

Area 5 - Beaconsfield - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have

The proposed location of the bins on Beaconsfield Road, where parking is already very limited, is not a well thought out suggestion. If we were to have communal bins there are far better locations that don't interfere with parking. (Outside the Duke of Yorks on the pedestrian area and on the corner of Ditching Rise and Beaconsfield. There are only spaces on one side of the road so we are already at a disadvantage and working jobs which require loading in and out of heavy equipment, bins right outside our house would hinder us greatly. Perhaps food recycling should be considered to cut down on refuse. The reason for the issues on this road are purely student based as they don't dispose of the waste correctly. Perhaps they could incur a charge from the council if that behaviour continues. There is also an added concern of fly tipping which we have noticed does happen in areas of communal bins. As this is a very narrow pavement and a main thoroughfare, it would make access very difficult for all.

As a disabled person it was ideal if the communal bin could be place as closed to my house as possible - I made several complaints - was promised bigger bins as at the moment there is 2 small bins to cover flats 1.2.3 and 4 is now over 6 month and I still not received them, as my neighbour in flat 2 uses the both bins this leaves me without a bin to put my rubbish. My Landlord asked me to order a new bin to avoid more complaints and as I work for the council he though it would be easy for me - but it is not. I have now ordered a new bin again it has been several weeks and I still have not received anything - instead I got this survey. I am all for the communal bins if they are place closer to my house as I can not go to far as this way I do not have to leave my rubbish in the pavement and see it all over after the seagulls have there fun. Meanwhile it would be nice to get my bin as I order so I do not have to leave my rubbish on the floor. I have now completed this consultation as you requested - I am not sure if my opinion will make a difference as I have had no luck every time I try to chase updates it seams that no one make notes on the system or find any on the requests or updates I banging my head on a brick wall and I still no not have any of what was promised to me, order and I very much doubt the communal bins will be in a place that will support me.

I am a permanent resident on this road and live here with my family. I don't think it is fair to have the bins positioned outside homeowner residents as it will directly affect our house prices and we have to live here long term. I strongly feel the bins should be positioned outside business premises or the many student or HMOs on this road of which there is a high turnover of residents.

I am a homeowner on this road and live here with my small children. I don't think it is fair to have the bins positioned outside homeowner residents as it will directly affect house prices and we have to live here long term. The bins should be positioned outside business premises who do not have to see the bins 24 hours a day or positioned outside the many student and HMOs on this road of which there is a high turnover of residents.

Because we are located near the busy London Road area, we already find a lot of rubbish dumped, or fly-tipped by the passers by, which would become more of a problem if the communal bins came into place. I think the local residents may well have trouble putting their household waste into them due to the volume of rubbish dumped by other new residents.

The anti-social behaviour in the south end of Beaconsfield is well documented for the number of HMO houses is unacceptable with the students being able to obtain parking permits it the long term residents are experiencing increasing difficulty to park. The whole road should be residents only and not for short term students, who use it as a very cheap way of parking for several days. Now you are trying to pass the bill that will make even further disruption by having large bins in parking spaces, and giving extra ammunition for the night people to engage in bottle brawls what a mess our once family two bed family homes and happy consumers, well done.

Awesome

Please send the street plan for Beaconsfield Road, Portslade, not Brighton!

Concerned about our parking as we already have a problem.

We are meant to be taking care of our environment by encouraging recycling, not decrease the amount we can recycle! (take a leaf out of Mid Sussex book!) Also allowing open top vans travelling on the A23 is ridiculous. The mess it leaves!! And you tell us it is too dangerous to collect (well ban open top!!). It looks bad on people visiting.

Beaconsfield Road looks very dirty, is full of black boxes and rubbish containers that are not collected enough times. I have also seen the rubbish man emptying the black containers/boxes in the normal rubbish truck many times, which discourages from using them.

We have concerns about possible fly tipping around the communal rubbish/recycling bins.

I am concerned still about the loss of parking spaces.

If the plan goes ahead then the Council will still need to do a very thorough clean up of the street as this road is a disgrace. Some residents have left junk and furniture in this street and on the pavements for years. The whole street needs cleaning as well as introducing communal bins.

I don't know why this hasn't happened sooner. Open hatch AND foot pedal have BOTH been ticked as above.

Resident has also ticked brushed hatch for the recycling. Comments - I own the property at (number removed) Beaconsfield Road (Flat 1) and WOULD STRONGLY object to the bins outside my flat; noise, smell, foot traffic from people leaving rubbish and the risk it would devalue my property. Also VERY UNSIGHTLY!! Recommend they be located outside postcard shop. Many flats have student tenants on this street so its a good idea (communal bin) - but please not near my property!
Thanks

Brushed hatch - stops household items being deposited. Will the ground around the bins be kept clean? As the ones in New England Street opposite Richardson Scrap Yard are disgusting with rubbish strewn everywhere.

Beaconsfield Road is constantly in need of cleaning. The pavements are covered in glass, old food and general litter. Communal bins would hopefully help to remedy this. The pavements need cleaning far more regularly. Please, please, please empty the communal bins daily to prevent it piling up. Currently I am ashamed of my road.

Area 5 - Viaduct - Q6 'Please provide any additional comments or suggestion you may have

We used the bins on Rose Hill Terrace, hardly ever remembered to recycle as we would have to go out of our way. The addition of recycling bins in that location would make it a lot more convenient. Also, I never realised those bars on the bins with closed lids were foot pedals...

My main concern is that the bins are emptied regularly or the mess on the street/road will not only be very unsightly but dangerous along this main route into the city.
Despite your assurances about the frequency of the collections from these bins I feel there is a risk that either the footpath or the road would become partially blocked leading to potential accidents. particularly in Viaduct Road where the volume of traffic is very high at times.
There is no issue with bins on Viaduct Road - the collections just need to be more frequent. I STRONGLY DO NOT WANT THESE NEW BINS ON MY ROAD.
So long as they were on the road, not the pavement as it is not big enough. The resident does not want the bins outside his house.
Please no bin outside number (number removed) - we use a wheelchair daily.
Greatly in support of communal bins. Would strongly support civil penalties for rubbish dumped by bins and in the front yards.

Area 5 Comments throughout the consultation
No comments received outside of the consultation survey for this area

General - Comments throughout the consultation
Residents asked for enclosures to be built around the bins
Residents asked for the bins to be different colours in keeping with the surroundings
Residents specifically wished to keep recycling collections as they are now to reduce the amount of bins required
Residents expressed concerns about parking loss
Concerns re noise
Concerns raised re bin maintenance and flytipping
Camouflage all bins
Keep them cleaner
More maintenance required
Cream bins required

Please note that where comments included personal or sensitive information this has been removed