

49/21 Motion: Access to Raynesway Household Waste Recycling Centre

The following motion was moved by Councillor Dhindsa, and seconded by Councillor Bonser:

Despite all the hard work of Council Officers, the problem of fly tipping and keeping our neighbourhoods clean and green is being hampered by over £500,000 cuts to Raynesway Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). If you are in a poor neighbourhood, can't access online services or are a new tenant who can't pre-book a visit to the recycling centre, it has been made very difficult to recycle and remove bulky waste and general household rubbish easily.

The decision to continue to open Raynesway Recycling Centre, in 2021-22 and beyond, with reduced hours; limiting slots available to each resident householder; and requiring prebooking online is having a serious and negative impact. Whilst this was necessary at the height of the COVID 19 Pandemic to protect the health of our communities it is unnecessary and unacceptable to continue this now when fly tipping, bulky waste dumping continues to increase and blight our neighbourhoods and City. This policy decision is undermining the green and clean aspirations of the Council, and us all, and contributes to increased concerns of rats and pungent smells being reported in more and more neighbourhoods.

Council therefore resolves to request that Council Cabinet reverse this policy/budget decision and ensure that Raynesway HWRC is brought back to working at least as efficiently and effectively as before COVID 19 emergency measures were introduced by:

- 1. Re-instating access to the site to at least pre pandemic opening hours*
- 2. Removing the requirement to having access to recycling only through online prebooked slots*
- 3. Removing the limit of slots available for domestic households per year*

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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