

# Impact Assessment



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Assessment of: Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) Van Permit system

Service: Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

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## 1. Description of project / service / activity / policy under review

The implementation of a Van Permit system at DCCS Household Waste Recycling Centres.

The HWRC Van Permit system will require Devon householders who have a privately registered [registered to an individual] panel van (both large and small van size) that they wish to use to access a HWRC to register with DCC. Registration will be via an online system (a postal version will be available for those without access to the internet).

The registration process will require users to provide copies of their Vehicle V5 Registration document and Driving Licence.

DCC will only register privately owned vehicles to residents in the Devon County Council administrative area. We would not register/permit vans registered to businesses/companies/organisations etc, and such vehicles will not be permitted to access HWRCs.

12 permits for a rolling calendar year will be issued to approved householders. Each permit will allow 1 visit to a HWRC and can be used as needed across a 12-month period.

The system will be based on 'QR' codes or similar with permits being scanned on access to each HWRC (either paper copies or via smart phones). The IT system will then automatically deduct one of the 12 permits from the users annual account.

The Permit System will be on a free of charge basis with no charges being made to householders for the permits.

Users of the following vehicles will be required to apply for a permit: -

- Privately registered panel vans used by Householders

Users of the following vehicles will not need to apply for a permit: -

- Cars (+ cycles/motorcycles)
- Pickups
- Fully fitted Campervans
- Fully fitted Minibuses
- van-based people carriers/family type vans (with factory or professionally fitted seats and windows in the rear for carrying passengers).
- vans hired to a householder from a legitimate hire company for a hire period of less than 3 days and appropriate documentation can be produced.
- Motability type vans designed to carry people in wheelchairs
- Vans accessing HWRCs as part of the pre-paid trade ticket system (DCC provides small scale, pre-paid access to traders with garden waste and cardboard only)

Users of the following vehicles will not be offered a permit and will not be allowed access to HWRC sites: -

- Vans registered to businesses/companies/organisations etc.
- Vehicles registered to addresses outside of the Devon County Council administrative area.

- Vehicles subject to existing DCC policy regarding type/size (i.e. Any vehicle over 3.5 tonnes gross weight (including hire vehicles); Any vehicle over 6m in length (including hire vehicles); Box vans/Luton vans including horse box vans (with the exception of vehicles hired to a householder from a legitimate hire company for a hire period of less than 3 days and appropriate documentation can be produced); Tractors/Agricultural machinery.

## 2. Reason for change / review

N/A – new policy

## 3. Aims / objectives, limitations and options going forwards (summary)

n/a

## 4. People affected and their diversity profile

All DCC Residents/householders who access HWRCs in Panel Vans

## 5. Stakeholders, their interest and potential impacts

DCC Residents – users of facilities to recycle/dispose of bulky household/garden waste

DCC – Service Provider

Waste Contractors - Facility operators

## 6. Research used to inform this assessment

n/a

## 7. Description of consultation process and outcomes

n/a

## 8. Equality analysis

### Giving Due Regard to Equality and Human Rights

The local authority must consider how people will be affected by the service, policy or practice. In so doing we must give due regard to the need to: eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

Where relevant, we must take into account the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, race, and religion and belief. This means considering how people with different needs get the different services they require and are not disadvantaged, and facilities are available to them on an equal basis in order to meet their needs; advancing equality of opportunity by recognising the disadvantages to which protected groups are subject and considering how they can be overcome.

We also need to ensure that human rights are protected. In particular, that people have:

- A reasonable level of choice in where and how they live their life and interact with others (this is an aspect of the human right to 'private and family life').
- An appropriate level of care which results in dignity and respect (the protection to a private and family life, protection from torture and the freedom of thought, belief and religion within the Human Rights Act and elimination of discrimination and the promotion of good relations under the Equality Act 2010).
- A right to life (ensuring that nothing we do results in unlawful or unnecessary/avoidable death).
- The Equality Act 2010 and other relevant legislation does not prevent the Council from taking difficult decisions which result in service reductions or closures for example, it does however require the Council to ensure that such decisions are:
  - Informed and properly considered with a rigorous, conscious approach and open mind, taking due regard of the effects on the protected characteristics and the general duty to eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations.
  - Proportionate (negative impacts are proportionate to the aims of the policy decision)
  - Fair
  - Necessary
  - Reasonable, and
  - Those affected have been adequately consulted.



Characteristics	Potential or actual issues for this group.  [Please refer to the <a href="#">Diversity Guide</a> and <a href="#">See RED</a> ]	In what way will you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eliminate or reduce the potential for direct or indirect discrimination, harassment or disadvantage, where necessary.</li> <li>advance equality (to meet needs/ensure access, encourage participation, make adjustments for disabled people, 'close gaps'), if possible.</li> <li>foster good relations between groups (tackled prejudice and promoted understanding), if relevant?</li> </ul> In what way do you consider any negative consequences to be reasonable and proportionate in order to achieve a legitimate aim? Are you complying with the <a href="#">DCC Equality Policy</a> ?
All residents (include generic equality provisions)	This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders	
Age	Not Relevant - This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders	
Disability (incl. sensory, mobility, mental health, learning disability, neurodiversity, long term ill health) and carers of disabled people	This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders.  Motability type vans (vans converted to carry a wheelchair user) will be exempt from this policy.	
Culture and ethnicity: nationality/national origin,	Not Relevant - This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders	

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ethnic origin/race, skin colour, religion and belief		
Sex, gender and gender identity (including men, women, non-binary and transgender people), and pregnancy and maternity (including women's right to breastfeed)	Not Relevant - This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders	
Sexual orientation and marriage/civil partnership	Not Relevant - This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders	
Other relevant socio-economic factors such as family size/single people/lone parents, income/deprivation, housing, education and skills, literacy, sub-cultures,	Not Relevant - This Policy will apply to <u>all</u> DCC Residents/Householders	

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<p>'digital exclusion', access to transport options, rural/urban</p>		



## 9. Human rights considerations:

Not Relevant

## 10. Supporting independence, wellbeing and resilience. Give consideration to the groups listed above and how they may have different needs:

In what way can you support and create opportunities for people and communities (of place and interest) to be independent, empowered and resourceful?

Not Relevant

In what way can you help people to be safe, protected from harm, and with good health and wellbeing?

Not Relevant

In what way can you help people to be connected, and involved in community activities?

Not Relevant

## 11. Environmental analysis

An impact assessment should give due regard to the following activities in order to ensure we meet a range of environmental legal duties. The policy or practice does not require the identification of environmental impacts using this Impact Assessment process because it is subject to (please mark X in the relevant box below and proceed to the 4c, otherwise complete the environmental analysis table):

Devon County Council's Environmental Review Process	
Planning Permission	
Environmental Impact Assessment	
Strategic Environmental Assessment	

	<b>Describe any actual or potential negative consequences. (Consider how to mitigate against these).</b>	<b>Describe any actual or potential neutral or positive outcomes. (Consider how to improve as far as possible).</b>
Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost:	N/A – by further limiting the amount of vans on HWRC sites, facilities will be less congested and will be better placed and have more capacity to serve as many householders/residents as possible	<p>The HWRC Van Permit system seeks to further limit the amount of waste delivered (illegally) to DCC HWRC facilities by commercial firms, businesses and traders (at public expense). There are many private/commercial waste management facilities available in the area that can provide legitimate waste and recycling services to such commercial firms, businesses and traders – as such, re-use, recycling and composting should not be impacted (but just provided by a more appropriate service provider).</p> <p>This scheme further supports the Environment Agency's 'right waste, right place' campaign which seeks to ensure that waste types are correctly identified/classified and dealt with at appropriately licenced/permited facilities</p>
Conserve and enhance wildlife:	Not relevant	Not relevant
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of Devon's landscape:	Not relevant	Not relevant
Conserve and enhance Devon's cultural and historic heritage:	Not relevant	Not relevant
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions:	Not relevant	by further limiting the amount of commercial vans on HWRC sites, facilities will be less congested and will be

		better placed and have more capacity to serve as many householders/residents as possible
Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise):	Not relevant	Not relevant
Contribute to reducing water consumption:	Not Relevant	Not relevant
Ensure resilience to the future effects of climate change (warmer, wetter winters; drier, hotter summers; more intense storms; and rising sea level):	Not Relevant	Not relevant
Other (please state below):		

## 12. Economic analysis

	Describe any actual or potential negative consequences. (Consider how to mitigate against these).	Describe any actual or potential neutral or positive outcomes. (Consider how to improve as far as possible).
Impact on knowledge and skills:	Not relevant	Not relevant
Impact on employment levels:	Not relevant	Not relevant
Impact on local business:	Not relevant	Waste not permitted to be deposited at HWRCs should flow towards commercial/private service providers e.g. skip providers/local commercial waste facilities which benefits local companies. Small quantities of green and cardboard waste are permitted to be deposited through the 'Trade Waste Scheme' at a number of sites and vans delivering as part of this scheme are not impacted.

### 13. Describe and linkages or conflicts between social, environmental and economic impacts (Combined Impacts):

None - the HWRC service provides a positive service to the public

## 14. How will the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area be improved through what is being proposed? And how, in conducting the process of procurement, might that improvement be secured?

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## 15. How will impacts and actions be monitored?

Impacts and actions will be monitored by the DCC Waste Management Operations team.