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Recycling Centres

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Dear Laura,

At a recent meeting of the Full Council for Vale of White Horse District Council ('Vale'), concerns were raised by some councillors regarding the recent change to how the county's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) are managed.

Members recognised the Vale's excellent track record of tackling fly-tipping across the district, thanks to hard work by our officers and to valuable information passed on by the public. However, concern was expressed that if prevented or discouraged from disposing of their waste at HWRCs, some may instead dump it on roadside verges and other public spaces leading to a nuisance for local residents and extra costs for the Vale. Following a passionate debate, a motion was passed asking me to write to you.

Consequently, I would like to request that the County Council publish usage data for individual HWRCs in the Vale, broken down by month, and including Stanford Quarry, which was missing from earlier data releases from the County Council.

I would also like to ask you to respond to the following questions that Full Council raised

- How is the County Council mitigating any risk of digital exclusion with the new booking system?
- How the County Council is ensuring that there is no indirect discrimination arising from the new rules?
- What more can the County Council do to ensure that residents can access the HWRCs regardless of infirmity or disability?

We would also request that the County Council undertake a review of the HWRC booking system, including:

- A review of whether the new rules should be maintained.
- If the new rules are to be maintained, ways that the system can be made more flexible and resident focused if required

The motion also asked that the Vale publish fly tipping data more frequently, data which we would of course be happy to share with the County Council if this would be useful as part of your review.

I look forward to hearing about the work already underway to gather information on the impact of the recent changes, and an update from you on the concerns and requests made by Vale members as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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