

London Borough of Bexley

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Closure of Bexley's plastic and carton recycling banks

Bexley has been forced to make the decision to close plastic and carton recycling sites across the borough due to severe contamination over an extended period.

The borough's Waste and Recycling team were finding large amounts of fly-tipping thoughtlessly dumped at these sites, as well as consistently finding the banks full of non-recyclable waste such as raw meat and household waste, rather than plastics and cartons.

Once contaminated the waste becomes non-recyclable and is treated as general waste. The banks are emptied by hand and the waste is instead sent to refuse, an extra cost to the over £10,000 a year it costs to regularly empty these recycling banks.

Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure, Cllr Peter Craske said: "We pride ourselves on being the top London Borough for recycling waste and we urge all our residents to recycle their waste responsibly. Unfortunately, because of the minority spoiling these sites, it is no longer cost effective to keep them running for the little recyclable plastics and cartons they produce. We hope that residents will continue to recycle as much as they can through their normal weekly collections."

The following plastic and carton recycling points have now been removed:

Belvedere

Albert Road Car Park, Nuxley Road, Belvedere, DA17 5LD

Bexley

Albany Park Station Car Park, Steynton Avenue, Bexley, DA5 3HP

Bexley Village Car Park, High Street, Bexley, DA5 1AH

Hall Place Car Park, Bourne Road, Bexley, DA5 1PQ

Bexleyheath

Avenue Road Car Park, Avenue Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EQ

Superbowl Car Park, Albion Road, Bexleyheath, DA6 7AJ

Crayford

Sainsbury's, Stadium Way, Crayford, DA1 4HW

Thames Road RRC, Thames Road, Crayford, DA1 5QQ

Erith

Badlow Close, Larner Road, Erith, DA8 3SA
Erith Sports Centre, Avenue Road, Erith, DA8 3AT
Frobisher Road, Erith, DA8 2PU
Morrison's, James Watt Way, Erith, DA8 2AH

Sidcup

Baugh Road, Sidcup, DA14 5ED
Footscray RRC, Maidstone Road, Sidcup, DA14 5HS
Morrison's, Elm Road, Sidcup, DA14 6BW

The following plastic and carton recycling points will be removed from today (4 December):

- Chandlers Drive, Erith
- Lime Row, Off Yarnton Way, Thamesmead, DA18 4HW
- Morrison's, Springfield Road, Welling, DA16 1QW
Nag's Head Car Park, Springfield Road, Welling, DA16 1QN
- Sherwood Park Avenue, Sidcup, DA15 9JN
- Westwood Lane Car Park, Westwood Lane, Welling, DA16 3QS

Household plastic packaging and beverage cartons can continue to be recycled through the kerbside recycling collection in the maroon box for houses, or silver bins for flats.

To find out more about waste and recycling visit www.bexley.gov.uk/recycling

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