



# Norfolk County Council

## Your views on our idea to close Recycling Centres on Wednesdays



**Some of the things in this paper are not easy to understand.**

**You may need help from someone to read it.**





**Council**

Norfolk County Council is responsible for a lot of things in Norfolk.



**Library**

Services such as libraries, the fire service and recycling centres (and lots of other things too!).



To do this, we spend over a billion pounds each year.



We must be sure the money we spend matches the money we get in. This is hard to do at the moment.



Things are getting more expensive. The money we get in isn't covering what things now cost.



We need to save money by cutting what we spend. We have been saving money between 2011 and 2023. However, we need to save another £41.5 million in 2024.



We have already asked people about our budget and council tax rises in October 2023.



However, we got less money from the government than we thought we were going to get this year.



We have £4 million less than we thought we were going to have this year.





So we need to save some money, by reducing what we spend.



We want to hear what you think of one of the ideas we have to save money.



Our idea is about  
**Recycling Centres.**



There are 19 Recycling  
Centres in Norfolk.



Recycling Centres are places  
where people can recycle  
and dispose of some of their  
household waste.

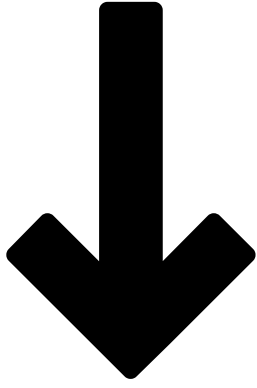


At the moment, 13 of Norfolk's Recycling Centres are open on a Wednesday.



Our idea is to close all Recycling Centres on **Wednesdays.**

## Visitor numbers down on Wednesdays



Wednesday is already a day when not a lot of people visit our Recycling Centres.

Other counties across the country already close their Recycling Centres on Wednesdays, including our nearest neighbour Suffolk.



Our idea would save us around £200,000 next year.





We would like to hear your views on our proposals.



You do not have to answer all of the questions, only the ones you want to.



Please send us your response by **22nd March 2024**. (We may not accept your response if we receive it after that date).



Please send your survey back to the address below. You do not have to put a stamp on the envelope.

## **Recycling Centres Consultation**

**Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK, Norfolk County Council, Ground Floor - south wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 2DH**



You can also tell us what you think on our website:

[norfolk.gov.uk/savingsproposals](https://norfolk.gov.uk/savingsproposals)



Or you can send an email to [haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk)

# Tell us what you think

**Question 1. How often do you visit your local recycling centre?**

Please tick one box



Every day it is open

Every week

Every month

A few times a year

Hardly ever

Never

# Tell us what you think

**Question 2. How often do you visit your local recycling centre on a Wednesday?**

Please tick one box



Every week

Every month

A few times a year

Hardly ever

Never

**Question 3. Do you agree or disagree with the idea to close all Norfolk recycling centres on Wednesdays?**

Please tick one box



Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

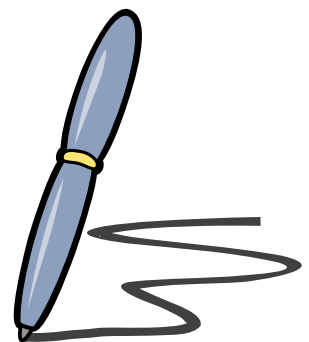
Strongly disagree

Don't know



**Question 4. Please tell us why you said that.**

Please write your answer in the box below:



# About you



Please tell us about yourself.

This will help us to make our decisions.

We will keep your information safe. We will not share it with anyone.

## Question 5. Are you?

Please tick one box 

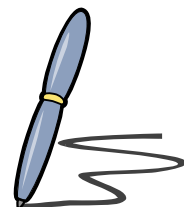


Male

Female

I prefer not to say to tell you

I prefer to describe myself as...  
(please write it here)



**Question 6. How old are you?**

Please write your age in the box below

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**Question 7. Do you have any long-term illness, disability or health problem that limits what you can do in a day?**

Please tick one box only



Yes

No

Prefer not to say

**Question 8. How would you describe your ethnic background?**

Please tick one box



Asian or Asian British

Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

White or White British

If you're from another ethnic group please write in the box below:





**Question 9. What is your first language?**

Please tick one box



English

If another language is your first language please write the name of it in the box below:

A large, horizontally-oriented rounded rectangle with a thick black border. Inside the rectangle, on the right side, is a drawing of a blue pen with a yellow band and a wavy line below it, suggesting a writing area.

**Question 10. Which area of Norfolk do you live in?**

Please tick one box only



Breckland

Broadland

Great Yarmouth

Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

North Norfolk

Norwich

South Norfolk

## Question 11. Are you currently...?

Please tick one box only

Employed (full time)

Employed (part time)

Self employed

Unemployed

Student

Looking after the family home

Long term sick

Retired

**Question 12. Did you answer these questions as...?**

Please tick one box only

An individual / member of the public

On behalf of a voluntary or community group

On behalf of a statutory organisation

On behalf of a business

A Norfolk County councillor

A district or borough councillor

A town or parish councillor

A Norfolk County Council employee

# How to have your say



Fill out this consultation online at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/consultation)

You can send this form to the council for free by sending to:



Recycling Centres  
Consultation  
**Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-  
JZSK, Norfolk County  
Council, Ground floor -  
south wing, County Hall,  
Martineau Lane, Norwich,  
Norfolk NR1 2DH**



If you need this form in a different format or would like to email your feedback to the council, you can email [haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk)



You can call 0344 800 8020



# Next Steps



This consultation closes on **22 March 2024**. We won't take responses past that date.



The County Council will consider what people have told us about this idea in **June 2024**.



**Norfolk** County Council