

Dear Cllr Eveleigh,

Please forgive the excessive time for a formal response. While I am aware we discussed these questions informally since you raised them, I still owe you and your residents a formal answer.

1. The Household Waste Recycling Centres are owned and operated by Lincolnshire County Council. SKDC have no say on their operation and are unable to influence a change to opening hours, size, or staffing any more than any other body or resident. While SKDC are a member of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, this body only provides us with Key Performance Indicator updates and does not routinely discuss operational matters. I do know there are no planned changes to the size or opening times of these sites in the most up-to-date strategic plan for these sites.

Flytipping remains a pervasive and pernicious issue, and one I have spoken on at length and repeatedly in a number of forums. I am very grateful for your focussed work on this issue and I am happy to discuss progress on this at any time.

2. South Fen Road is a long-standing issue for Bourne. The verges are significantly damaged and routine maintenance has been set aside in previous year. South Fen Road's dilapidated condition is one of the reasons this stretch of highway has been named one of the most dangerous in the UK. Unfortunately, while we can lobby LCC Highways to invest in the upkeep of this road for the safety of all our road users, we have no powers to compel LCC.

I understand some stretches of this road were selected for improvements in the past year, thanks to lobbying from Bourne South County Councillor Robert Reid. Unfortunately, these works were watered down to focus almost exclusively on the road sections directly outside the industrial and economic areas of the road, without working on the intervening stretch.

As always, if you would like to discuss this or any other local issue, I would be happy to arrange a meeting.

Councillor Rhys Baker
Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste