



# Clean Green Croydon

## Cabinet Member Bulletin

### Councillor Stuart Collins

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### Reopening of Household Waste and Recycling Centres

The fantastic work of our staff and contractors in responding to the COVID 19 pandemic continues apace and I want to extend my thanks for the tremendous effort of all the staff involved in the reopening of our Household Waste and Recycling Centres which had been closed for several weeks following Government Advice.

I know a lot of planning went into the reopening of these sites, including making changes to the layout of the sites to maintain social distancing and putting traffic management measures in place outside the sites. Together with Veolia, the Council's Waste Management Team, supported by Enforcement and Highways have really gone the extra mile, working long hours and coming in over the weekends and bank holidays to ensure as many people were able to use the sites as possible.

I've received several compliments from fellow Councillors and residents alike about how well organised it was. There was a very high demand for these sites and whilst there was inevitably some queuing, my experience of using the sites was that staff were polite, informative and cheerful. Thanks to the hard work of officers and Veolia, many thousands of vehicles have been processed through these sites, highlighting what useful facilities they are for our residents.

After a busy few weeks the demand has reduced considerably and officers are working with Veolia to re-introduce a greater range of materials that can be recycled at the site.

Thanks to all involved for a terrific job!

### Recycling for flats above shops

Prior to the pandemic, plans were in place to introduce a recycling service for flats above shops. Unfortunately COVID 19 meant these plans had to be put on hold, but I'm pleased to announce that plans are in place to introduce the service within the next two months.

Residents living in flats above shops, who previously have not had a dedicated recycling collection, will be provided with coloured sacks for both refuse and recycling which they can present every week. This will provide a welcome addition to residents living in these properties who will now be able to recycle their waste and also help boost our recycling rate even further.

The coloured sacks should also make it easy to identify waste that is presented illegally, meaning enforcement action can be taken against those businesses who are trying to pass off their commercial waste as household.