

Dear colleagues,

This message received by email 11:30am Monday 11 May; information now showing on website and MyNotts app.

As you are aware we took the decision to close all Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Nottinghamshire on 24 March 2020 following government advice on making only essential journeys. This update provides details of the first phase of the reopening process which takes into account the new Government guidance, issued on 5 May 2020, confirming **sites are to reopen for essential use only and where “waste cannot be stored without causing risk of injury, health or harm”**.

We have been working closely with our waste contractor, Veolia, to ensure that we can open sites in a safe and controlled way, and therefore **the following six sites will be reopened from 10am on Monday 18 May**.

Beeston

Bilsthorpe

Calverton

Hucknall

Newark

Worksop

These first six sites will be open **7 days a week on reduced opening times of 10am – 6pm**, with the exception of Newark which will be open from 10am-4pm.

Residents will be able to deposit a reduced range of waste materials including garden waste, wood, metals, electrical and electronic goods and general waste, but due to the social distancing rules members of staff on site will be not be able to help residents unload their waste.

The sites will be working on a ‘one in one out’ basis and to maximise throughput of vehicles, trailers and vans will not be permitted during this initial phase, and although traffic management plans will also be in place for each of the sites to help manage queues on the highway network, experience elsewhere in the Country suggest there will be significant queues and delays at all sites.

The phase one sites provide a balance of strategic location to provide coverage across the County, on-site space to allow social distancing, and the ability to provide off-site queueing without impacting significantly on the strategic highway network, and therefore deliver the best possible service within the current available resources.

The other six sites in the County, including **Retford, will not open** in this first phase, due to identified issues about safe operating; but we are working on a further phase of additional site openings, which will be subject to changes to government guidance, and the public response to the safe operating model.

We are also working closely with our districts and borough colleagues and neighbouring authorities to ensure messages are communicated clearly to residents, and we have aligned the reopening of our HWRC services and the restarting of kerbside bulky waste collections where possible.

We developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions which are available on the County Council website using the link below, which we hope will answer any queries from yourselves, our partners and residents

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling-centres/reopening-faqs>