

Concerns about carbon neutrality of the current scheme

The applicant suggests that reopening the site will reduce carbon emissions through savings in journeys. There is no evidence being put forward to support this. In fact, the closure consultation identified that it was very difficult to assess the impact on emissions because for example, people may combine a trip to a waste site with a trip to a shopping centre. Having considered the facts, the Council determined that the effect was deemed to be negligible at best. With the shift to electrification of cars and wide ranging efforts to reduce packaging and the better collection of waste, we believe that there is no environmental argument to open the site. If anything, by providing a facility for people to drive into the countryside to deposit waste, the environment is actually harmed.

Appraisal of alternative provision -It would be interesting to see the CBA of other ways in which the same outcome might be achieved and the extent to which there may be more or less cost effective solutions available (economic and environmental cost). eg Local kerbside collection. Could a copy of this appraisal be made available to residents ?