Somerleyton Ashby & Herringfleet Parish Council

Reform of Waste Collections

At our last meeting District Councillor Paul Ashdown advised of forthcoming changes to the waste collection arrangements from domestic properties.

The changes will be brought about by the requirements of the 2021 Environment Act and the present government's Simpler Recycling policy. These require that by March 31st 2026 all local authorities must collect core recyclables in two streams, food waste and residual waste. In the East Suffolk area, as in other areas, there will be a bin for recycling paper and card, a bin for recycling all other recyclables (including glass & Tetra Paks) a bin for collecting food waste and a bin for residual waste (the rest). Collections will be weekly for food waste and fortnightly for recycling. ESC predicts that the contents of the residual waste (black) bin will be reduced by 58% from current levels and as it will not contain smelly, rotting waste it will be more efficient to collect it three-weekly but there will be exemptions for households with children in nappies or which are disposing of medical waste.

For the residents of Somerleyton, Ashby & Herringfleet the new arrangements for collecting food waste and recycling should not present too much of a problem except possibly for storing two extra bins, although the food bin will probably not be a full-size wheelie bin. However, there may be problems with three weekly collections of residual waste:

- Some households currently have smaller sized black bins on the grounds they do not produce much residual waste or they cannot physically manage a larger bin. These may have difficulty manhandling their small bin containing three weeks' waste.
- Those claiming exemption will be scattered widely in the community and Somerleyton, Ashby & Herringfleet is far from the central waste processing centre so the collection arrangements are likely to be much more expensive per household than the routine collections. If great care is not taken the three-weekly collection model could be more expensive than a two-weekly one.

Should the Parish Council comment on /object to the proposals?

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Just a note from the manufacturer (me) ,manufacturers will have now reported on 2024 packaging waste (tonnes) placed on the UK market to residents. From this DEFRA will now calculate under the new pEPR costs of which the funds from manufacturers will fund the net cost of recovery to support the kerbside collection and recycling. These costs will be announced in April 2025. Manufacturers will start to pay these cost costs quarterly starting in Oct 2025. This cycle repeats itself every 12 months.

Regards

Steve