

Cheshire East Chops Tips and Blasts Parish Councils

GREEN FAIR

In a shocking report for a so called Green and Fair Council the Environment and Communities Committee of Cheshire East Council is given one way forward on the long term future for waste disposal and recycling in the Borough on September 26th 2024.

Out go three perfectly viable and well used Waste Disposal sites in Bollington Middlewich and Bollington.

Out goes the 20 minute visiting times for residents.

Out go fair Access for rural areas

Out goes serious support for recycling.

In comes huge comparative benefits for urban areas.

In comes rural residents paying for urban services

In comes a huge increase in traffic flows along a decrepit road system in rural areas

In comes a huge time wasting exercise for rural residents.

But worst of all the very values publicised as at the heart of our Council are compromised or worse rejected.

GREEN

GREEN tell us what is green about this proposed action in closing and reducing opportunities for recycling?

GREEN tell us what is green about putting hundreds of cars hundreds more miles along our crumbling roads?

FAIR

FAIR Tell us what is fair about forcing Council Tax payers to travel hundreds more miles to recycle waste from rural areas while Council Tax payers in urban areas retain fast free nearby waste disposal facilities?

FAIR What is fair about cutting services in rural areas and small communities while keeping services in urban areas?

FAIR What is fair about offering choice to elected members representing the needs of thousands of residents and then cutting their decisions down to worthlessness by offering one action only? One action only: TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT: YES OR NO.

FAIR What is fair about ignoring completely a clear message from your so called consultation with residents when your residents tell you they want recycling centres and waste collection facilities throughout the borough?

OPEN

What is open about an officer led process leading to an officer decision that many believe was planned from the very beginning of this cost cutting exercise.

What is open when every consultation that takes place is an utter sham, meaningless, hypocritical, and a shabby parody of democracy and enormously time wasting and expensive.

Cheshire East has a closed mind pretending to be open and wastes resident's money in the process.

Cheshire East pays lip service to a green agenda but when it can directly invest in a modern green service for its residents Cheshire East closes it down giving elected members no choice.

Cheshire East is unfair to its rural residents and in this Report it is grossly unfair to Parish Council across the borough.

Did it organise groups of parishes close to its recycling centres and request them in their next years precepts to consider supporting a full waste service? It did not?

What it did was demand large sums to keep tips open it was closing with a 7 working days deadline to respond yes or no.

That was its consultation with parishes but not all parishes just Bollington, Poynton and Middlewich. Was that deliberately done to prevent parishes becoming involved in any meaningful way.

Was that Fair or Open ? Of course not. Was it a deliberate tactical ploy to enable them to insult Town Councils in this report. Stating Local Councils were not interested in supporting local service?

Probably.

We would ask the Environment and Communities Committee to immediately refer the report back and ask for meaningful choices of waste and recycling provision to be proposed across the Borough that recognises and caters for the needs of all residents.

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