

**Rye Town Council response to the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove
Waste and Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy:
Consultation on Preferred Strategy**

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Increase opportunities for recycling by extending the range of recyclables collected, particularly via the kerbside.

Additional opportunities for recycling are flagged up in the *Rye Local Action Plan 2009-14* (Action Point 16). Card, metals, textiles, glass and batteries could be diverted from landfill. Without further measures to recycle municipal waste significant financial cost, as well as environmental damage, could be incurred because of Government penalties on excessive use of landfill (believed to be in the region of £72 per tonne by 2013).

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Action Point 17 of the *Rye Local Action Plan 2009-2014* calls for the provision of a Rye 'bring to' facility'. Although Rother District Council provides a direct bulky waste collection service this is not necessarily well-known and is a charged for service, consequently Rye residents are driving to the HWRS at Mountfield. This is unsustainable. ESCC's Preferred Strategy looks towards reducing transportation and the *Rye Local Action Plan* objective is compatible with this aspiration.

Much of the material collected at a 'bring to' facility – such as metal and wood – could be separated and recycled, and its existence should help reduce fly tipping. In tandem, the existing home collection service could be made more efficient, simpler and cheaper for the customer. The London Borough of Barnet is reported to operate such a system to good effect.

Note: Rye Town Council would be pleased to discuss these suggestions with appropriate County and District officers. It might also be possible to introduce/support beneficial local arrangements – for example Budgens/Jempsons in Rye takes used batteries and it was possible previously to take unwanted paint, solvents and batteries to CMR in Rye Harbour Road.

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