

Review of Waste Facilities

Report by Asset Officer

Summary: This report sets out the current position in relation to waste facilities throughout the Broads Authority's area and seeks members guidance on the conclusion set out in Section 6.

1 Background

- 1.1 Changes in the Controlled Waste Regulations introduced on 1 April 2012 now specify that boat waste, where the boat is used for self-catering accommodation, is now classified as commercial waste rather than before when it was classified as household waste. The local authorities also confirm that waste from other vessels which do not come under this definition, although not specifically stated in the regulations, will be treated by them as commercial waste.
- 1.2 Under the new regulations it is designated that "the polluter" has to pay for the cost of both the collection and disposal of the waste and Norfolk County Council has confirmed that they will be charging the local authorities for the services backdated to 1 April 2012.
- 1.3 This resulted in the local authorities reviewing their provision of waste facilities over the Broads area.
- 1.4 A position paper regarding the provision of waste facilities was produced in conjunction with the Norfolk Waste Partnership and the local authority officer liaison group but unfortunately the Broads Authority was not initially consulted or included in the preparation of the document. The paper sets out the policy in regard to future provision for local authorities.
- 1.5 A meeting was held on 8 September 2014 at the request of the Broads Authority where representatives from all of the local authorities, Norfolk County Council and the Broads Hire Boat Federation were in attendance. The local authorities confirmed what facilities would be provided and those that would be withdrawn, and so together with facilities provided by Boatyards/marinas a map and list of waste provision sites has been produced and distributed (Appendix 1).

2 Consultation

- 2.1 Further to ongoing concerns from members and industry representatives, it was agreed that the Authority should closely monitor the situation and seek

information from stakeholders as to waste facilities and any changing pattern of behaviour which could then be considered by members at a workshop. A consultation pack (Appendix 2) requesting information on waste provision and feedback on complaints received regarding waste issues was sent out on 16 July 2015 to 129 local businesses including Boatyards, marinas, local authorities and stakeholders. Seventeen replies were received although five were a nil return.

- 2.2 No specific information on complaints received, with only one yard saying that they had received many complaints from hirers who would otherwise flytip their rubbish in the Burgh Castle area. The main elements of the information requested and general comments have been noted in a spreadsheet (Appendix 3). A further complaint had been received from Stokesby Parish Council, although they did not submit any information on receipt of the consultation pack.

3 Gaps in Future Provision

- 3.1 With the planned removal of further facilities by the end of 2015 it is likely that the facilities at Ranworth would become even more heavily used.
- 3.2 Whilst provision on the river Yare appears reasonable, the river Waveney is poorly served, with no facilities downstream of Burgh St Peter, and other facilities only at the Yacht Stations at Oulton Broad and Beccles. However, the major difficulty here is no moorings with good access to enable bin lorry's to service facilities.
- 3.3 The Broads Authority at the December 2014 meeting agreed to support the ongoing provision of replacement rubbish facilities at Ranworth, on the basis that the Broads Authority as landowner was liable at a cost of approximately £3,000 p.a.

4 Current Position

- 4.2 The Authority has noticed an increase in volume of refuse disposal at Great Yarmouth Yacht Station and Norwich Yacht Station over the last season at an additional £1,000 p.a. and it is expected that this trend will continue.
- 4.3 We are continuing to monitor the waste issue and are continue to liaise with the local authorities on a regular basis.
- 4.4 The Asset Officer has attended a Westminster briefing "Recycling and Waste Management under the New Government" in October to ensure the Authority is up to date regarding current political issues and future trends regarding waste management.
- 4.5 The rangers report that during 2015 there have been no significant complaints or issues of fly tipping in any of the sites.

4.4 The table below shows the past/current and immediate future position on waste facility provision in the Broads area:

Local Authority	Position in 2014	Withdrawn facilities	Position in 2015
Great Yarmouth	Withdrew all facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bell PH, St Olaves - Burgh Castle Marina - Repps Riverbank - Staithe Road, Repps - Thurne Staithe East & West bank - Bridge Stores, Acle - Stokesby - Somerton Staithe East & West bank 	No change by Great Yarmouth Borough Council but additional trade waste facilities now provided at Acle Bridge Stores and small bin provided at Repps riverbank.
North Norfolk	Consulted on intended removal for the majority of current provision – not undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horning Ferry 	It is still their intention to withdraw all the current facilities by the end of the year, with the exception of 3 sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hoveton - Riverside Rd - Neatishead - Irstead
Broadland	Consulted on withdrawal of 5 facilities - withdrawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reedham Ferry - Ranworth, - South Walsham Car park - Upton Boat Dyke - Salhouse Broad 	No change
South Norfolk	Withdrew 6 waste facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bramerton - Waveney Inn - Beauchamp Arms - Langley Dyke 	Bramerton provision re-instated
Norwich	Do not provide boat waste facilities	N/A	No change
Waveney	Do not provide boat waste facilities	N/A	No change

5 Provision of Information

5.1 In order to avoid fly tipping as a result of boaters being unaware of the location of facilities, information has been produced for inclusion in the skippers manual which is placed on each hire boat, published on the Broads Authority and local authority websites, and included in relevant Broads Authority publications to ensure that the boating public are aware of the locations for waste facility provision.

5.2 Information signs are being placed at Broads Authority moorings to provide information on the location of the nearest sites both upstream and downstream of each mooring to aid boaters.

6 Conclusion

6.1 Members guidance was sought at their last meeting whether a workshop was still a priority, and it was agreed that this report would be considered in the first instance. Given the lack of complaints received and any budgetary provision being made, it is proposed that the position regarding waste facilities continue to be closely monitored over the next year. This will enable officers to see whether any further issues arise and that consideration be given to a further project in future for a more comprehensive waste facility provision in future years should the need be determined and budget available. Members' views are sought on this proposed approach.

Background papers: Nil

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Waste facility provision map
Appendix 2 – Consultation pack
Appendix 3 – Consultations responses