

Controlled Waste Regulations 2012 Relating to Boat Waste
Report by Asset Officer

Summary: New Controlled Waste Regulations introduced on 1 April 2012 will affect the way local authorities will treat waste from boats. The local authorities are now looking for the “polluter” to pay for the collection and disposal of boat waste. Members’ views are sought as to the response to be given to the local authorities in respect of potential boat waste charges and the way forward.

1 Background

- 1.1 Under the Controlled waste regulations 1992, Schedule 1. 6, “Waste from a moored vessel used wholly for the purpose of living accommodation” was classified as household waste and therefore collected and disposed of by the local authorities under their normal remit for waste clearance.
- 1.2 The current legislation, Controlled Waste Regulations 2012, introduced from 1 April this year now specifies 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.

2 Current Provision

- 2.1 There are areas throughout the Broads where “boat waste disposal sites” are currently sited by District Councils. These vary from small dustbins through to large compactor skips. They are often in popular sites and are used by boaters, visitors, walkers, and anglers. However, these are also often used by local residents and businesses who take advantage of the free collection/disposal provided by the local authorities whilst not entitled to do so.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 is a table of the current provision of boat waste disposal sites by the local authorities within the Broads area and the costs associated with those sites.
- 2.3 Provision and payment for waste disposal sites does not fall within the remit of the Broads Authority but we have historically paid for the waste collection at Bramerton Common and contribute a percentage of the cost at Aldeby 24hr moorings.

3 Future Boat Waste Charges

- 3.1 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. Norfolk County Council has confirmed that it will be charging the district councils for both these services, backdated to 1 April 2012 and the district councils are looking to cover the costs of these charges, although they would be willing to consider retaining the cost of collection for this waste.
- 3.2 The local authorities have approached the hire boat operators through the Broads Hire Boat Federation (BHBF) to seek payment for these boat waste disposal costs. The hire boat operators already pay for collection and disposal of waste collected from boatyards, as this has always been categorised as commercial waste, and are reluctant to pay any further charges in respect of waste collection. The BHBF has stated that it may be willing to consider paying a percentage of these costs but this would need further discussion and agreement. The British Marine Federation has indicated that it would provide relevant documentation but that there are not any other inland navigation authorities in the same position as the Broads Authority because most of them already pay for waste collection from sites in their ownership.
- 3.3 At a meeting held on 27 July, attended by representatives from the Broads Tourism, the Broads Hire Boat Federation, Norfolk County Council, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Broadland, North Norfolk, and South Norfolk District Council. The Broads Authority was asked by the local authorities to levy a charge on the tolls to cover the cost of the current waste charges for both collection and disposal. They have approached the Authority, as they are unable to specifically identify and charge “the polluter”, to levy a charge on the boating public in general.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Broads Authority levies the toll charge on any vessel moored, used or navigated in the navigation area or adjacent waters, and this navigation income is to be used on navigation expenditure. However, it does not appear that the Authority can separately levy a charge for the disposal of waste on an individual boat.
- 4.2 While the 1988 Act would enable the Authority to include the provision of waste facilities as navigation expenditure, it is not its current policy to provide or pay for the majority of boat waste facilities and there is no provision within the 2012/13 budget for any additional costs. If the Authority was to agree to pay the total charge for collection and disposal of waste (£74,263.00 for 2012) this would necessitate an increase of around 4-5% on the current navigation charges. At present we have been supplied with insufficient data to forecast a potential disposal only cost. (Please note this applies to Norfolk only, no contact on this matter has been received from Waveney District Council/ Suffolk County Council.)

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 It is impossible to identify how much of the waste in bins on sites around the Broads comes from boats as opposed to other visitors, residents and businesses. It seems unreasonable that these charges fall entirely on navigation expenditure.

Background papers:	None
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Appendices:	APPENDIX 1 – Table of costs 2012

APPENDIX 1

Location	Site	Current Provider	Collection	Annual Cost (2011)			Collection schedule	
				Disposal	Total	March-Oct	Oct -March	
Hoveton Station Rd	Kings Head	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Hoveton	Riverside RD							
Horning	Ferry Inn	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Horsey Staithe	Horsey Mill	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Sutton Staithe	Staithe/Green	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Neatishead Staithe	Grays Landing	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Gaye's Staithe	Staithe	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Hoveton	Riverside Rd	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Ludham Bridge	Staithe	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Hickling Staithe	Pleasure Boat PH	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Barton Turf	Car Park	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Irstead	Staithe Car Park	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Horning Lower St	Swan Car park	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Ludham Womack	Horsefen Rd	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Stalham Staithe	Staithe Rd	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Wayford Bridge	PH Car Park	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
Dilham	24hr Mooring	North Norfolk DC	Bins				Not known	Not known
North Norfolk DC			Total	8,000.00	26,000.00	34,000.00		
Upton Car Park	Boat Dyke Rd	Broadland DC	Bins				16 x fortnightly	No service
Reedham Ferry	Ferry Inn Rd	Broadland DC	Bins				16 x fortnightly	No service
Ranworth	Low Rd	Broadland DC	Skip				16 x fortnightly	No service
Pontiac Roadhouse	Yarmouth Rd	Broadland DC	Bins				16 x fortnightly	No service
South Walsham	Fleet Lane	Broadland DC	Bins				16 x fortnightly	No service
Coltishal	Kings Head	Broadland DC	Skip				31 x weekly	No service
Reedham Quay		Broadland DC	Skip				31 x weekly	No service
Riverside, Brundall	Coles Stores	Broadland DC	Skip	Removed from service March 2012			31 x weekly	No service
Wroxham	Moore's Btyard	Broadland DC	Skip	Removed from service March 2012			31 x weekly	No service
Broadland DC			Total	9,000.00	7,000.00	16,000.00		

Location	Site	Current Provider	Annual Cost (2011)				Collection schedule	
			Collection	Disposal	Total	March-Oct	Oct -March	
Rockland	Inn Car Park	South Norfolk	480L				Not known	Not known
Loddon	Pyes Mill	South Norfolk	4400L				Not known	Not known
Loddon	Staithe	South Norfolk	1080L				Not known	Not known
Langley Dyke	24hr Moorings	South Norfolk	1680L				Not known	Not known
Carleton St Peter	B/champ Arms	South Norfolk	3300L				Not known	Not known
	Waveney Inn	South Norfolk	3300L				Not known	Not known
Geldeston	Locks Inn	South Norfolk	1100L				Not known	Not known
Burgh St Peter	Burgh Castle	South Norfolk	480L				Not known	Not known

South Norfolk **Total** **3,379.00**

Potter Heigham	(Various)	Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				4 x weekly	3 x weekly
Repps		Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				2 x weekly	1 x weekly
Thurne		Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				3 x weekly	2 x weekly
Acle bridge	Bridge Craft	Great Yarmouth BC	Bins	Removed from service March 2012			every other day	every other day
Acle Bridge	Horizon Craft	Great Yarmouth BC	Bins	Removed from service March 2012			31 x weekly	No service
Acle Bridge	Russell Marine	Great Yarmouth BC	Bins	Removed from service March 2012			31 x weekly	No service
Stokesby		Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				Every day	2 x weekly
West Somerton		Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				2 x weekly	1 x weekly
St Olaves		Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				2 x weekly	2 x weekly
Burgh Castle		Great Yarmouth BC	Bins				1 x weekly	1 x weekly

Great Yarmouth BC **Total** **20,884.00**

Total Costs per annum for boat waste collection/disposal based on 2012 figures

Total **74,263.00**