Litter and Dog Waste Bin Policy (adopted July 2014)

1. Introduction

This policy will guide the Council’s approach to the location, installation, removal and replacement of litter and dog waste bins.

2. Location of litter bins on the highway

A preferred litter bin type will be selected for each type of location.

Where possible procurement of bins will ensure a standardisation of litter bins across the Borough.

A suitable number of litter bins will always be installed in category one and two locations, as listed in table 1.

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Litter bins will only be installed where there is evidence a litter bin is required (see section 6).

Improvement schemes which include the installation of litter bins must adhere to this policy document.

Smart bins for cigarettes or chewing gum may be installed in town centre locations if a specific problem is identified.

3. Location of litter bins in the parks and open spaces

Iles galvanised steel litter bins will generally be the type of bin installed in parks and open spaces so there is a standardisation of mixed waste units across the Borough.

Litter bin provision in parks and open spaces will be placed at entrances/exits, outside play facilities and other well used walkways and gathering points.

4. Dog waste bins

Dog waste bins will not be installed at new locations as dog waste can be disposed of in litter bins.
Dog waste bins will only be situated in key locations deemed essential or where a litter bin is not considered suitable. Large capacity dog waste bins may be installed in these locations if deemed appropriate.

5. Emptying frequency of litter bins

The minimum emptying frequency of a litter bin will be once per week. This will include the removal of the sack irrespective of how full the bin is.

6. Installation and removal of litter bins

Installation of litter bins

Requests for new litter bins will be considered in accordance with the location categories defined in section 2.

If a member of the public or a Ward Councillor requests the installation of a new litter bin or an officer of the Council identifies a perceived need, the Council will monitor the proposed location for the accumulation of litter and it will be reviewed by management.

If there is a noticeable problem and the location is heavily littered with on the go litter (items which are consumed/purchased on the go and need to be disposed of, i.e. NOT household waste), a litter bin will be installed.

This process is subject to there not already being a sufficient supply of litter bins in the area which are not being used. If following the monitoring period it is determined that there is a noticeable problem, a litter bin may be relocated if the proposed location is considered more appropriate. Alternatively, the general location may be targeted for enforcement action.

If there is a noticeable problem and household waste, fly-tips or other items which are not on the go litter are being deposited at the location, the area may be targeted for enforcement action and a litter bin will not be installed.

If there is not a noticeable problem during the period of monitoring, a litter bin will not be installed.

Following the period of monitoring and the decision by the Council, the member of the public or Councillor will be advised accordingly as to the outcome of their request.

Any subsequent complaints as to the outcome of a request will be referred to this policy document which will provide the rationale behind the decision made.

No litter bins will be installed without a period of monitoring to determine whether there is an actual need.

Removal of litter bins

If an officer of the Council, a member of the public or a Councillor identifies a need for the removal of a litter bin, the Council will monitor the location and it will be reviewed by management.

If the litter bin is not being used, consideration will be given to removing the litter bin.

If due to a change of circumstances, the litter bin is no longer in the most suitable location, e.g. a bus stop has been moved; consideration will be given to relocating the litter bin.
If there is an issue of household waste being deposited in or around a litter bin, consideration will be given to replacing the existing litter bin with a reduced aperture litter bin or removing the litter bin. Depending on the circumstances, the Council may also write to nearby households advising how to dispose of household waste correctly and door-stepping of local residents may be undertaken if deemed appropriate. The location will be monitored to determine the impact of the initial action taken.

If there is an issue of household waste being deposited in or around a litter bin with a reduced aperture, consideration will be given to removing the litter bin.

If possible, when there is an issue of household waste being deposited in or around a litter bin, enforcement action will be taken as appropriate.

Any other types of complaints as to the existing location of a litter bin will be considered on a case by case basis.

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Replacement of litter bins

If a litter bin is identified for replacement due to damage or because it is at the end of its life cycle, the Council will review the location to determine whether the litter bin needs to be replaced.