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**Subject:** White Paper - weekly food collection

Hi John, I hope this finds you well.

A number of Council Members are becoming concerned about the consequences of the impending White Paper. I have been keeping them informed about the delays etc. but they have asked for an update at the next Community Committee Meeting in August.

I attended an APSE meeting at County Hall in May where there was a discussion about the weekly collection of food resulting from the White Paper. I understood from the discussion that the govt. were still considering whether or not the food must be a separate collection or could it be mixed with another waste.

Whether the govt decides if the waste can be collected separately or with green waste the ultimate decision, I believe, would lie with the Disposal Authority as to how or if they want to receive it.

It would be a relief to us as we are concerned as to how we would store the food ready to be taken by LCC bearing in mind the lack of space there is at the waste transfer station.

So, I suppose the question is: if the govt. allows, through the TEEP process, to collect food waste weekly mixed with green waste would LCC accept this or would they want the two materials collected separately?

Regards,

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## Adrian Harper

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Hi Adrian,

Hope you are well and enjoying the weather.

As you know there are so many unanswered questions as to what will the final requirements be and how will they be funded, although we do know the more efficient a process the more likely it will attract higher funding.

As things stand our waste processing strategy works on the basis that food waste will be collected separately and processed at either Farington or Thornton. Not only does it make the best use of our plants, but the power generated will offset our carbon and energy costs.

Should food waste be collected co-mingled with garden waste then the whole load would have to be composted to meet PAS 100 and ABPR standards which would add a significant cost per tonne to process co-mingled garden/food for what is essentially a small proportion of food waste.

I appreciate that as with many things what benefits us does not always benefit yourselves and vice versa. Obviously the landscape may change and we may be instructed to explore other options but the above is our current position.

Current modelling shows that you will collect between 2000 – 3000tpa. If it would be helpful I'm more than happy to come up to site to look at options for storage. There also other options too:

- Increased number of collections per day.
- Some of your rounds may actually be as easy to take to Farington directly
- If lucky we will be developing some facilities in East Lancashire and there may be economies of scale to bulk up at these facilities.

Nothing needs to be hard and fast at the moment but please let me know if you'd like me to come up and see you.

Regards

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