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Dear Councillor

Lochgelly Recycling Centre

You will be aware that Fife Resource Solutions (FRS) are proposing to reduce access to the Lochgelly recycling centre as part of the budget cuts planned for 2018/19. As a Community Council we are dismayed that this proposal may be taken forward and urge you to oppose it.

We fully understand that in light of budget settlements there will be direct consequences on local communities, however this proposal will significantly undermine the drive to increase recycling and reduce household waste.

Last year, when the charges for commercial waste were introduced in the recycling centres, we witnessed a meteoric rise in the level of fly tipping across the town. You will recall that this was subject of debate at the Community Council meeting. It is our view that fly tipping will increase again as a result of the proposed closure.

If you happen to use the facility around the Christmas closures, or other times when the facility is closed, you will have witnessed for yourself the amount of fly tipping that had taken place when it was closed.

We are extremely concerned that the proposals will inevitably result in a reduction of recycling rates which have steadily increased over the past few years and will drastically increase the level of fly tipping through the town and further afield.

Although the proposals would save money from the Fife Resource Solutions it will simply shift the financial burden of responsibility, in that fly tipping will need to be lifted by other Council services.

There is no indication that FRS have carried out either environmental or equality impact assessments necessary for these proposals. It is likely though that there will be an immediate impact on the employees operating the facilities.



On that basis Lochgelly Community Council would hope that you, as our locally elected Councillors, continue to support the increase in recycling and oppose the proposed closures of the Lochgelly facility.

Should you wish to discuss this or any matter associated with the Community Councils work in the town, please do not hesitate to contact me on lochgellycommunitycouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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