

## **Surrey Heath Borough Council – Greenspace Bin Review**

### **Overview**

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of current litter bin provision in the borough and set out recommendations for upgrading and improving waste collection. Details of costs for implementing this work is also included.

This report looks to source funding for non-parish areas through a main CIL fund, parishes will be made aware of the project and asked if they would like to allocated funding from their contributions to be included in this bin roll-out.

### **Context and Main Considerations**

A survey carried out in 2023 showed there to be 409 bins in the borough serviced by Surrey Heath Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance contractor, Glendale. There are 173 Dog Bins and 236 litter bins. Of these bins 64 litter bins and 65 dog bins (total 134) are parish bins

The original style of litter bins introduced to Surrey Heath were small open top wooden bins and wrought iron bell top bins. The open wooden bins are prone to wear and tear which can be a hazard for the collection operatives with sharp edges and splinters. Furthermore the contents of the bins are easily accessed by foxes and other wildlife which leads to increased litter spillages and complaints from residents. Over the years many of these bins have been replaced with plastic closed top bins. However there are still a number of old bins remaining within the Borough, with examples shown in Figure 1;



*Fig 1: Old style bins*

Surrey Heath has 173 dog waste bins, many of which are directly next to general waste bins. Legislation changed a number of years ago meaning that dog waste is no longer specialised waste and as such can be added to general waste bins. These bins fill very quickly as the capacity is restricted, they tend to be used for general waste along with dog waste.



*Fig 2: Dog waste bin*

### **Recommendation**

Having reviewed the existing bin provision, we are proposing the following three key recommendations for improving the service provided to residents;

- Replacement of the remaining old style bins
- Remove bin duplications where a dog waste bin is next to a general waste bin
- Replace dog waste bins with closed top general waste bins

These recommendations would bring significant benefits including;

- Cleaner greenspaces, closed top bins are more secure to wildlife and weather
- Provide larger capacity to collect waste
- Provide a safer working environment for the operatives servicing the bins

### **Proposal and costs**

We would propose bins that are to be replaced with our standard Glasdon Plaza bins as these are already used throughout the Borough.



*Fig 3: Glasdon Plaza litter bin*

