

This request concerns the number of household waste recycling centres in your council area. This can also be referred to as reuse and recycling centres (RRCs) or the 'tip'.

- Please provide a list of the household waste recycling centres currently in your council area.
- 2. Please provide the full address of each centre.
- Chanters Arley Way, Atherton, M46 9BP
- Slag Ln, Leigh, Lowton, Wigan WA3 1BZ
- Kirkless HWRC Site, Makerfield Way Kirkless, Higher Ince, Wigan WN2 2PR
- 3. Please state how much the total gross cost of running each household waste recycling centre was in the 2023-24 financial year.

We are unable to disclose this information. The payment mechanism under the Residual Waste Contract is commercially sensitive. Within schedule 28, the Payment mechanism (schedule 4) is highlighted as sensitive for both monetary and percentage figures and numbers for a 10 year period which doesn't expire until 31st March 2025. Regulation 12(5)(e) states a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. This exception requires a public interest test.

The Public Interest in favour of maintaining the exception is that this contract was tendered by Competitive dialogue and therefore the solution, specification and financial information are unique to the incumbent contractor. The Public Interest in favour of disclosing the information will help increase competition in the market. However, there are only a small number of contractors who would be able to do this scope of work. We have contract clauses in place that prohibit disclosure of this information. There are legal consequences if these clauses are not adhered therefore, the interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

4. Please state the total number of household waste recycling centres that have closed in your council area since 2000.

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5. Please provide the full address of each centre, and the year of closure.

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6. Please state the total number of household waste recycling centres that have opened in your council area since 2000.

None

7. Please provide the full address of each centre, and the year of closure.

N/A (assume this means opened not closed)