

North Lanarkshire Council

dBin Trial – Update Sept 2017

Glass Collections

To dbin or not to dbin?

Glass Collections

- Over 140 mixed glass collection points at high rise properties
- Over 100 Bring sites for source separated glass locations also in use.
- Mixed Glass bank used along with Taylor Node
- Collected on a 3 weekly cycle
- Service can vary due to demand and usage

Background

- Complaint originally received about regular excess glass at location
- Bin is full, excess surrounding
- Increase collection frequency from 3 weekly to fortnightly, continue to monitor.
- Bin full excess still at location
- Increase collection to weekly
- No excess and bin $\frac{3}{4}$ to full

Background (cont'd)

- Bin serviced weekly
- No excess at location
- Bin always available now to accept glass
- As a result of bin being emptied more often, any glass being deposited makes a noise and it echo's around the empty bin
- Also noise increased as collection frequency increased

Developing Situation

- Complaint then received about noise issues
- The noise from people using bank disturbing/annoying residents who live close by
- Complaint went from untidy area due to excess, to excessive noise complaint

Possible Solutions

- Remove bin – not the best idea but would solve issue.
- Contact Taylors about recent marketing email received about noise reduction bins (dbin)
- Agree to take one on trial, sale or return
- Also agreed to take a set of Green, Brown Clear on trial, sale or return

Trial area



1 month usage



3 months usage



3 month on cont'd



6 months on



6 Months on (cont'd)



18 months on



Front of bank showing signs of wear and tear

18 months on (cont'd)



18 months on..... Inside front of bin



Outcome / Verdict

- Noise complaints eradicated at locations
- Simple easy fix
- Long term solution? Time will tell if bin is resilient enough
- Initial findings are positive
- NLC Plans? Initially target introducing them

Any Questions?

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