

Dear Members, Parish Councillors and colleagues.

It is with much disappointment that I have to inform you that we will be withdrawing from, and therefore closing, the recycling site at Quarry Hill Road in Borough Green from tomorrow, Thursday 26th January.

We were originally requested to vacate the site at the former Hanson Office by the landowner, Crest Nicholson, by the end of December. Having identified a potential replacement site on land leased by the Co-operative Group at Borough Green Railway Station it was hoped that we would be in a position to transfer directly from one site to the other without a break in service. Permission was granted by Crest Nicholson for our site to continue at its current location until January 31st as an absolute deadline in order to assist us with making the necessary arrangements.

Unfortunately the Co-operative group will not permit us to move onto the new site until all of the legal aspects, including lease documents, have been completed and so we find ourselves without a site for the time being.

From tomorrow our various contractors will begin the process of removing the recycling banks from the existing site and return them to storage until the new site is ready. This will take a number of days to complete.

We will be publishing information regarding the current site's closure on our website and via social media. Signs will be placed outside of the existing site and we will be available to take enquiries from and offer advice to residents.

It is hoped that residents will use their green boxes for paper and cans and perhaps will retain their glass, plastics and textiles until a new site is available.

The nearest alternative TMBC recycling site is at the Village Hall car park in Ightham although there are road works in the immediate vicinity that are preventing full use / servicing of the site at present. These works are expected to be completed by 3rd February following which that site should be accessible once more.

Alternatively residents wishing to continue to recycle may choose to use the facilities provided by Kent County Council at Dunbrik Household Waste & Recycling Centre at Sundridge, Sevenoaks.

Please be assured that we are doing all that we can to achieve completion of the new site for Borough Green as soon as possible.

Regards, Lesley

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