

Your waste. Your future. **Your views.**



We asked you what you thought about our plans for dealing with the county's waste.

Results for North Herts.



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01 It is important that we all reduce the amount of waste we produce

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	1,426	84.28%		
Agree	246	14.54%	Strongly Agree + Agree	98.82%
Disagree	6	0.35%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	0.65%
Strongly Disagree	5	0.30%	Positive/Negative Balance	98.17%
No Opinion	4	0.24%		
Not Answered	5	0.30%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

02 Smaller bins or less frequent rubbish collections help reduce waste and encourage recycling

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	184	10.87%		
Agree	318	18.79%	Strongly Agree + Agree	29.67%
Disagree	650	38.42%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	64.54%
Strongly Disagree	442	26.12%	Positive/Negative Balance	-34.87%
No Opinion	77	4.55%		
Not Answered	21	1.24%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

03 Households should pay according to how much rubbish they produce

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	213	12.59%		
Agree	363	21.45%	Strongly Agree + Agree	34.04%
Disagree	533	31.50%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	60.17%
Strongly Disagree	485	28.66%	Positive/Negative Balance	-26.12%
No Opinion	74	4.37%		
Not Answered	24	1.42%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

04 Manufacturers and retailers should reduce the amount of non-recyclable packaging with their products

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	1,514	89.48%		
Agree	153	9.04%	Strongly Agree + Agree	98.52%
Disagree	9	0.53%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	0.95%
Strongly Disagree	7	0.41%	Positive/Negative Balance	97.58%
No Opinion	3	0.18%		
Not Answered	6	0.35%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

05 More publicity is needed to help residents reduce waste

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	675	39.89%		
Agree	761	44.98%	Strongly Agree + Agree	84.87%
Disagree	134	7.92%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	9.22%
Strongly Disagree	22	1.30%	Positive/Negative Balance	75.65%
No Opinion	80	4.73%		
Not Answered	20	1.18%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

06 The promoting of the following activities will help reduce waste

06a Home composting

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	817	48.29%		
Agree	660	39.01%	Strongly Agree + Agree	87.29%
Disagree	120	7.09%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	8.10%
Strongly Disagree	17	1.00%	Positive/Negative Balance	79.20%
No Opinion	60	3.55%		
Not Answered	18	1.06%		
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06b Real nappy use

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	831	49.11%		
Agree	548	32.39%		
Disagree	106	6.26%	Strongly Agree + Agree	81.50%
Strongly Disagree	27	1.60%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	7.86%
No Opinion	157	9.28%	Positive/Negative Balance	73.64%
Not Answered	23	1.36%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

06c The promotion of re-use charities and businesses

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	796	47.04%		
Agree	733	43.32%	Strongly Agree + Agree	90.37%
Disagree	43	2.54%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	2.90%
Strongly Disagree	6	0.35%	Positive/Negative Balance	87.47%
No Opinion	89	5.26%		
Not Answered	25	1.48%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

06d More campaigning and education

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	726	42.91%		
Agree	792	46.81%	Strongly Agree + Agree	89.72%
Disagree	82	4.85%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	5.56%
Strongly Disagree	12	0.71%	Positive/Negative Balance	84.16%
No Opinion	57	3.37%		
Not Answered	23	1.36%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

07 I would re-cycle more if I could put all my recyclables into one container

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	536	31.68%		
Agree	447	26.42%	Strongly Agree + Agree	58.10%
Disagree	485	28.66%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	33.27%
Strongly Disagree	78	4.61%	Positive/Negative Balance	24.82%
No Opinion	107	6.32%		
Not Answered	39	2.30%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

08 Recycling should be compulsory because it reduces landfill and saves council tax payers' money

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	829	49.00%		
Agree	589	34.81%	Strongly Agree + Agree	83.81%
Disagree	162	9.57%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	12.65%
Strongly Disagree	52	3.07%	Positive/Negative Balance	71.16%
No Opinion	36	2.13%		
Not Answered	24	1.42%		
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%		

09 We should aim for a recycling target of 50% by 2012

	Number	Per Cent		
Strongly Agree	718	42.43%		
Agree	495	29.26%	Strongly Agree + Agree	71.69%
Disagree	303	17.91%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	22.75%
Strongly Disagree	82	4.85%	Positive/Negative Balance	48.94%
No Opinion	78	4.61%		
Not Answered	16	0.95%		
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10 What should the target be? (Only answered by those disagreeing or strongly disagreeing to Q 09)

	Number	Per Cent
Higher than 50%	349	90.65%
Lower than 50%	24	6.23%
Not Answered	12	3.12%
TOTAL	385	22.75%

11 Collection arrangements

	Currently Collected		If collected, Regularly Use		No collection but would use if collected		No collection and would not use if there was		No response at all	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Paper	1,668	98.58%	1,303	78.12%	20	83.33%	2	8.33%	2	0.12%
Food and drink cans	158	9.34%	136	86.08%	1,408	91.79%	124	8.08%	2	0.12%
Plastic bottles	118	6.97%	106	89.83%	1,466	93.14%	106	6.73%	2	0.12%
Glass bottles/jars	1,640	96.93%	1,277	77.87%	37	71.15%	13	25.00%	2	0.12%
Garden waste	1,572	92.91%	1,165	74.11%	52	43.33%	57	47.50%	11	0.65%
Kitchen food waste	191	11.29%	130	68.06%	954	63.56%	536	35.71%	11	0.65%
Cardboard	445	26.30%	357	80.22%	1,112	89.17%	124	9.94%	11	0.65%
Other plastic products					1,443	85.28%	81	4.79%	168	9.93%
Tetrapak cartons					1,287	76.06%	237	14.01%	168	9.93%
Household batteries					1,343	79.37%	181	10.70%	168	9.93%
Small electrical items					1,353	79.96%	171	10.11%	168	9.93%

12 Disposal of waste which cannot be recycled - Important issues to be considered

12a Minimising transportation to the facility

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	489	28.90%
Important	1,014	59.93%
Not Very Important	145	8.57%
Not at all Important	11	0.65%
Not Answered	33	1.95%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

12b Cost effectiveness and affordability

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	568	33.57%
Important	960	56.74%
Not Very Important	120	7.09%
Not at all Important	14	0.83%
Not Answered	30	1.77%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

12c Environmental impact (e.g., noise and emissions)

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	968	57.21%
Important	659	38.95%
Not Very Important	39	2.30%
Not at all Important	5	0.30%
Not Answered	21	1.24%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

12d Turning waste into energy (e.g., local heating or electricity)

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	930	54.96%
Important	662	39.13%
Not Very Important	67	3.96%
Not at all Important	9	0.53%
Not Answered	24	1.42%
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About you

Are you male or female?

	Number	Per Cent
Male	639	37.77%
Female	982	58.04%
Not Answered	71	4.20%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

What age range do you fall into?

	Number	Per Cent
18-24	21	1.24%
25-34	157	9.28%
35-44	275	16.25%
45-54	301	17.79%
55-59	198	11.70%
60-64	241	14.24%
65-74	292	17.26%
75+	188	11.11%
Not Answered	19	1.12%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

Which category best describes your ethnic background?

	Number	Per Cent
White	1,617	95.57%
Mixed Heritage	9	0.53%
Asian or Asian British	13	0.77%
Black or Black British	1	0.06%
Chinese	0	0.00%
English	0	0.00%
Irish	0	0.00%
Welsh	1	0.06%
White European	0	0.00%
Other not stated	5	0.30%
Not Answered	46	2.72%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

District of residence (derived from home postcode)

	Number	Per Cent
No answer	0	0.00%
Broxbourne	0	0.00%
Dacorum	0	0.00%
East Hertfordshire	0	0.00%
Hertsmere	0	0.00%
North Hertfordshire	1,692	100.00%
St Albans	0	0.00%
Stevenage	0	0.00%
Three Rivers	0	0.00%
Watford	0	0.00%
Welwyn Hatfield	0	0.00%
Out of County (Aylesbury Vale)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Barnet)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Chiltern)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Enfield)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Epping Forest)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Harborough)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Harrow)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Hillingdon)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Luton)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Mid Bedfordshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Milton Keynes)	0	0.00%
Out of County (South Bedfordshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (South Cambridgeshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (South Oxfordshire)	0	0.00%
Out of County (Uttersford)	0	0.00%
Unsure	0	0.00%
TOTAL	1,692	100.00%

Are you representing an organisation?

	Number	Per Cent
Yes	3	0.18%