

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



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

## **Results for St Albans.**



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

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	1,239	83.66%		
Agree	204	13.77%		
Disagree	16	1.08%	Strongly Agree + Agree	97.43%
Strongly Disagree	3	0.20%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	1.28%
No Opinion	10	0.68%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>96.15%</b>
Not Answered	9	0.61%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

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

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	88	5.94%		
Agree	168	11.34%	Strongly Agree + Agree	17.29%
Disagree	645	43.55%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	75.69%
Strongly Disagree	476	32.14%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>-58.41%</b>
No Opinion	81	5.47%		
Not Answered	23	1.55%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**03 Households should pay according to how much rubbish they produce**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	200	13.50%		
Agree	362	24.44%	Strongly Agree + Agree	37.95%
Disagree	415	28.02%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	56.45%
Strongly Disagree	421	28.43%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>-18.50%</b>
No Opinion	50	3.38%		
Not Answered	33	2.23%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

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

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	1,310	88.45%		
Agree	150	10.13%	Strongly Agree + Agree	98.58%
Disagree	6	0.41%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	0.88%
Strongly Disagree	7	0.47%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>97.70%</b>
No Opinion	2	0.14%		
Not Answered	6	0.41%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**05 More publicity is needed to help residents reduce waste**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	579	39.10%		
Agree	668	45.10%	Strongly Agree + Agree	84.20%
Disagree	117	7.90%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	9.25%
Strongly Disagree	20	1.35%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>74.95%</b>
No Opinion	69	4.66%		
Not Answered	28	1.89%		
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**06 The promoting of the following activities will help reduce waste**

**06a Home composting**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	753	50.84%		
Agree	535	36.12%	Strongly Agree + Agree	86.97%
Disagree	98	6.62%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	8.17%
Strongly Disagree	23	1.55%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>78.80%</b>
No Opinion	45	3.04%		
Not Answered	27	1.82%		
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**06b Real nappy use**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	655	44.23%		
Agree	507	34.23%	Strongly Agree + Agree	78.46%
Disagree	114	7.70%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	8.98%
Strongly Disagree	19	1.28%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>69.48%</b>
No Opinion	157	10.60%		
Not Answered	29	1.96%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

**06c The promotion of re-use charities and businesses**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	679	45.85%		
Agree	642	43.35%	Strongly Agree + Agree	89.20%
Disagree	44	2.97%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	3.24%
Strongly Disagree	4	0.27%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>85.96%</b>
No Opinion	80	5.40%		
Not Answered	32	2.16%		
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**06d More campaigning and education**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	640	43.21%		
Agree	679	45.85%	Strongly Agree + Agree	89.06%
Disagree	77	5.20%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	5.81%
Strongly Disagree	9	0.61%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>83.25%</b>
No Opinion	52	3.51%		
Not Answered	24	1.62%		
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**07 I would re-cycle more if I could put all my recyclables into one container**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	285	19.24%		
Agree	311	21.00%	Strongly Agree + Agree	40.24%
Disagree	631	42.61%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	49.16%
Strongly Disagree	97	6.55%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>-8.91%</b>
No Opinion	113	7.63%		
Not Answered	44	2.97%		
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**08 Recycling should be compulsory because it reduces landfill and saves council tax payers' money**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	743	50.17%		
Agree	467	31.53%	Strongly Agree + Agree	81.70%
Disagree	156	10.53%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	14.72%
Strongly Disagree	62	4.19%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>66.98%</b>
No Opinion	29	1.96%		
Not Answered	24	1.62%		
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**09 We should aim for a recycling target of 50% by 2012**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>		
Strongly Agree	667	45.04%		
Agree	394	26.60%	Strongly Agree + Agree	71.64%
Disagree	245	16.54%	Strongly Disagree + Disagree	20.59%
Strongly Disagree	60	4.05%	Positive/Negative Balance	<b>51.05%</b>
No Opinion	91	6.14%		
Not Answered	24	1.62%		
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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%	273	89.51%
Lower than 50%	23	7.54%
Not Answered	9	2.95%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>20.59%</b>

**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	1,392	93.99%	1,094	78.59%	67	75.28%	8	8.99%	14	0.95%
Food and drink cans	1,239	83.66%	962	77.64%	171	70.66%	57	23.55%	14	0.95%
Plastic bottles	1,332	89.94%	1,047	78.60%	116	77.85%	19	12.75%	14	0.95%
Glass bottles/jars	480	32.41%	387	80.63%	904	90.31%	83	8.29%	14	0.95%
Garden waste	1,254	84.67%	908	72.41%	106	46.70%	104	45.81%	17	1.15%
Kitchen food waste	340	22.96%	224	65.88%	629	55.13%	495	43.38%	17	1.15%
Cardboard	586	39.57%	454	77.47%	812	90.73%	66	7.37%	17	1.15%
Other plastic products					1,197	80.82%	87	5.87%	197	13.30%
Tetrapak cartons					1,112	75.08%	172	11.61%	197	13.30%
Household batteries					1,136	76.70%	148	9.99%	197	13.30%
Small electrical items					1,122	75.76%	162	10.94%	197	13.30%

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

**12a Minimising transportation to the facility**

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	397	26.81%
Important	898	60.63%
Not Very Important	143	9.66%
Not at all Important	11	0.74%
Not Answered	32	2.16%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**12b Cost effectiveness and affordability**

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	479	32.34%
Important	857	57.87%
Not Very Important	106	7.16%
Not at all Important	12	0.81%
Not Answered	27	1.82%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	805	54.36%
Important	610	41.19%
Not Very Important	41	2.77%
Not at all Important	4	0.27%
Not Answered	21	1.42%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

	Number	Per Cent
Essential	775	52.33%
Important	598	40.38%
Not Very Important	68	4.59%
Not at all Important	11	0.74%
Not Answered	29	1.96%
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**About you**

**Are you male or female?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
Male	547	36.93%
Female	873	58.95%
Not Answered	61	4.12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**What age range do you fall into?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
18-24	16	1.08%
25-34	127	8.58%
35-44	273	18.43%
45-54	244	16.48%
55-59	139	9.39%
60-64	202	13.64%
65-74	276	18.64%
75+	193	13.03%
Not Answered	11	0.74%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Which category best describes your ethnic background?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
White	1,407	95.00%
Mixed Heritage	9	0.61%
Asian or Asian British	8	0.54%
Black or Black British	2	0.14%
Chinese	0	0.00%
English	1	0.07%
Irish	1	0.07%
Welsh	0	0.00%
White European	0	0.00%
Other not stated	3	0.20%
Not Answered	50	3.38%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**District of residence (derived from home postcode)**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
No answer	0	0.00%
Broxbourne	0	0.00%
Dacorum	0	0.00%
East Hertfordshire	0	0.00%
Hertsmere	0	0.00%
North Hertfordshire	0	0.00%
St Albans	1,481	100.00%
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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Are you representing an organisation?**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per Cent</b>
Yes	4	0.27%