

# STATES OF JERSEY



## KERBSIDE RECYCLING: FEASIBILITY STUDY

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## **PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

to request the Minister for Transport and Technical Services, in liaison with the Parish Connétables, to investigate the feasibility of bringing forward a scheme for the Island-wide collection of household recyclables of selected materials ('kerbside recycling') and to report to the States with recommendations by the end of 2014.

DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE

## REPORT

Both the Planning and Environment and the Transport and Technical Services Departments have made firm commitments to a progressive policy with regard to safeguarding our environment, which includes a strong commitment towards recycling in the Island as part of the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' strategy.

The Eco-active website states: 'By reducing your waste and recycling as much as possible, you will be helping to reduce the production of ash and gas from the Energy from Waste Plant and saving the world's precious resources.'

It is my belief that the vast majority of Islanders want to be [more] environmentally responsible, including doing more recycling. However, I also believe that competing pressures in life, a lack of time, space, transport, etc., make recycling more difficult for many, than it might otherwise be. Indeed this was evidenced in the recent Jersey Social Survey (JASS) 2013 (see **Appendix 1**).

Consequently, more recyclables are binned rather than being recycled, contributing to the production of more ash and more gas from the incinerator (which some call the EfW Plant).

Depending on where you live in the Island, you may be lucky enough have a kerbside scheme operating in your area:

If you live in **St. John** or **Trinity**, you will be lucky enough to receive a monthly kerbside recycling collection for items such as paper and cardboard. In addition, if you live in **St. Lawrence** and **St. Mary**, you will also be able to have your metal packaging and plastic bottles collected.

If you live in St. Helier, you *may* receive a fortnightly kerbside recycling collection for paper, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles. The St. Helier scheme is still in development and covers 60% of the parish at present.

In the Jersey Annual Social Survey of 2013, it was found that '*the majority of people also thought that recycling household waste was 'fairly' or 'very' convenient, however when asked what factor would encourage more recycling, the most popular answer was kerbside (doorstep) collections.*' (see **Appendix 2**).

Whilst the Parish-run schemes are laudable, some are limited; but, of course, the majority are non-existent. It should not be beyond the wit of (wo)man to introduce an *all-Island* collection scheme, which would have the dual benefit of: (1) a *consistent* approach, no matter where one lives in the Island; and (2) greater cost-effectiveness which would come with economies of scale.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

The exact cost of any scheme will depend on the funding mechanism chosen by the Minister. However, it is anticipated that the work needed to bring back these proposals to the States will be met from within existing departmental budgets and staffing.

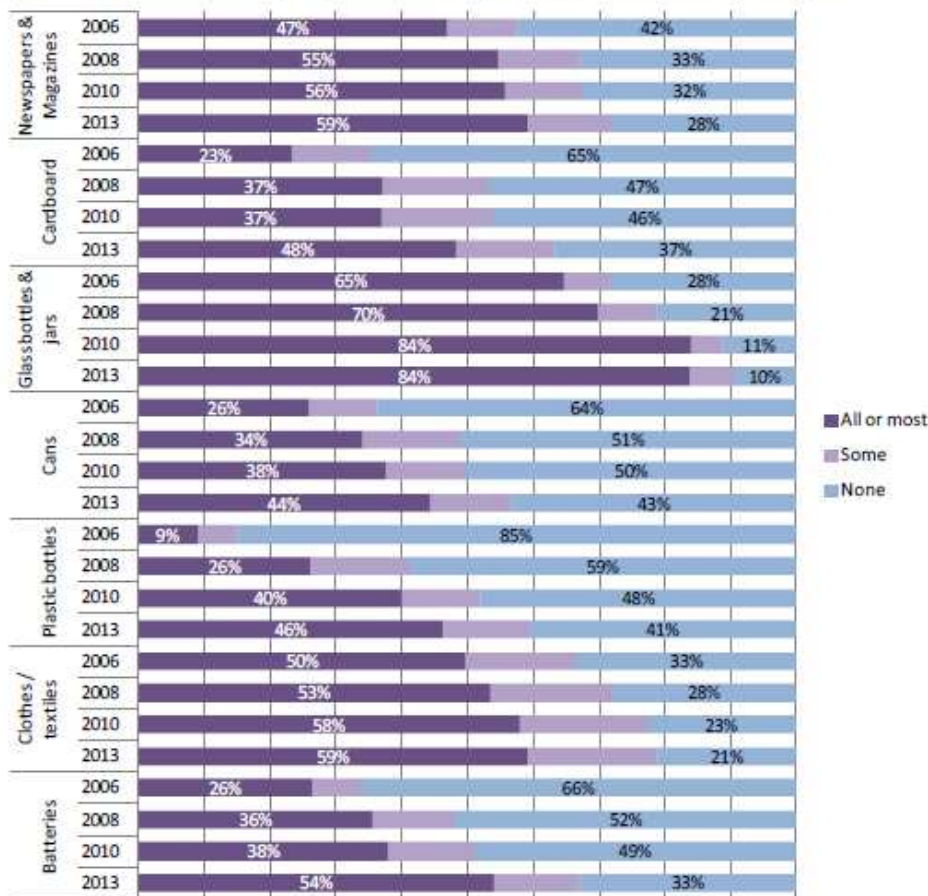
EXTRACT FROM THE JERSEY ANNUAL SOCIAL SURVEY 2013

Public facilities

Recycling

Clear trends can be seen across time showing increasing proportions of households recycling all or some of each material (see Figure 9.4). For example, in 2006 nearly two-thirds (64%) of households recycled none of their cans, compared to two-fifths (43%) in 2013. In 2006 the majority (65%) of households did not recycle cardboard, whereas in 2013 the majority did recycle at least some (63%).

Figure 9.4 How much of each of the following items do you and your household recycle? By year



Factors that would encourage people to recycle more are given in Table 9.3, along with the percent of adults for whom the factor was identified as an encouragement: the most frequently chosen being kerbside (doorstep) collections and having containers for recycling.

*Table 9.3 Which of the following would encourage you to recycle more?  
(Respondents were able to tick more than one option)*

	Percent
Kerbside (doorstep) collections	49
Having containers for recycling	45
Closer recycling facilities	39
Storage space at home	30
More information on recycling facilities	20
Nothing	14

One in seven people (14%) said that 'nothing' would encourage them to recycle more – this group of people were further asked why this was. Around half (51%) said that they already recycled as much as possible, whilst the second most common reason (given by 30%) was not having enough storage space (see Table 9.4). A number of respondents giving an 'other' reason indicated it was due to lack of transport or that it was not cost-effective to drive to a recycling centre.

*Table 9.4 If you would not consider recycling more, why is this?  
(Respondents were able to tick more than one option)*

	Percent
I already recycle as much as possible	51
Not enough storage space	30
Not much household waste	14
Not enough time	10
Not interested	3

A quarter (24%) of households composted their food and garden waste, slightly lower than found in 2008 when 31% of households either always or sometimes composted their kitchen or garden waste.

Table 9.5 shows the percent of households who used different means to recycle their household waste. Significant increases can be seen in the proportion of households who reported using Bellozanne's Household Recycling Centre (two-thirds, 62% in 2013, compared to half, 49%, in 2010), Battery recycling banks (60% in 2013 compared to 43% in 2010), Bellozanne's Household Green Waste (48% compared to 39%) and Parish doorstep recycling collection (40% compared to 28%).

## APPENDIX 2

### TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

25th November 2013

#### **JASS results show growing support for recycling**

The release of the Jersey Annual Social Survey (JASS) by the States of Jersey Statistics Unit has shown an increasing proportion of households are recycling.

The report found that households are recycling more paper, cardboard, glass, cans, plastic bottles, textiles and batteries than they were in 2006, for example in 2006 the majority of households (65%) did not recycle cardboard whereas in 2013, the majority (63%) did recycle at least some.

The majority of people also thought that recycling household waste was 'fairly' or 'very' convenient, however when asked what factor would encourage more recycling, the most popular answer was kerbside (doorstep) collections. At present kerbside recycling collections are only available to residents in St. Helier, St. Lawrence, Trinity, St. John and St. Mary.

Emma Richardson-Calladine, Recycling Manager, TTS said 'The results are extremely encouraging, but there is still lots of work to do. The survey has shown increases in the number of people that recycle their cans and batteries for example but these are things that shouldn't end up in the rubbish and so there is still a lot of room for improvement. The survey has shown that any steps to make recycling easier are rewarded and we hope that the support shown for kerbside recycling leads more parishes to consider introducing their own schemes which will make recycling a part of everyday life for their parishioners.'

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