

## We think it would be good to try communal recycling bins.

### Why?

They are easy to install and we can measure whether it encourages people to recycle more. We can trial the scheme cheaply and easily remove it if it doesn't work. If it works, great, if it doesn't, we go back to the drawing board.

### Pros of communal recycling

- daily or regular weekday collections
- no boxes cluttering the street
- you can use them whenever you want so don't have to remember collection days or store recycling for a whole week

### Cons of communal recycling

- more bins on the street
- loss of some parking spaces

### Glass

Glass recycling is noisy. In many areas the glass recycling bins work well but in others they don't. But we do need to recycle glass - if we don't it results in more landfill waste and a higher cost to council tax payers.

What we don't want to do is place a considerable number of glass bins outside people's homes. We would like to install glass bins at key locations only across this area. This would ensure they will have the least noise impact for those who live nearby but still close enough for you to use. We are also looking at new glass containers on the market to minimise the noise.

### What will the bins look like?

The bins don't need to be as big as the communal refuse bins (these are 1100 litre capacity bin compared to the 3200 litre capacity of the refuse bins).

The other difference is that the bins will be locked down to a post so they cannot move.

Where possible, we would place the bins sideways to minimise the space taken. It should also mean that we don't overlap on too many parking spaces. With this size of bin in place, we will not need to spend more public money to purchase a new type of vehicle for the trial.



**Tins & Cans**  
Over 1,500 tonnes thrown away last year in Brighton & Hove



### Exhibition

If you would like any further information please come along to our exhibition at Committee Room 1, Hove Town Hall on:

**Wednesday 23 November, 2pm – 7.45pm**

### What happens next?

Your questionnaires will be analysed and the results will then contribute to the decision making process.

We expect a decision to be made by January 2012. If the scheme does go ahead it will start from April 2012 onwards. We will let you know.

### Further information

For more information about the communal recycling trial, please visit:

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/recyclingtrial](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/recyclingtrial)

[www.facebook.com/recyclingandrefuse](https://www.facebook.com/recyclingandrefuse)

[www.twitter.com/recyclingrefuse](https://www.twitter.com/recyclingrefuse)

or email: [recyclingtrial@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:recyclingtrial@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

or telephone: 01273 292929

You can also visit your local customer service centre in Bartholomew Square Brighton, Hove Town Hall or Victoria Road Portslade.



This can also be made available in large print, Braille, or on CD or audio tape

## Paper & Card

Nearly 10,000 tonnes thrown away in Brighton & Hove last year



## Glass

Over 2,500 tonnes thrown away last year in Brighton & Hove



# Recycling

Recycling rates in the city centre are very poor and, while most of us have weekly collections, only a small percentage of people are actually recycling.

## Why is it a problem?

You tell us that you want to recycle but we don't always make it easy for you.

We can all agree that current system is not brilliant... especially separate glass collection.

Many of you can't store recycling boxes in your flats, and as a result a high number of boxes are left out on the street all the time collecting litter. You tell us that many of your neighbours are unsure as to when your recycling is collected. You also say that as people move in and out of the area more quickly than other areas of the city, it is difficult keeping everyone informed about recycling.

We want to recycle as much as possible because it is better for the environment and it is cheaper

## What can we do?

We want to work with you to improve the situation and many have come up with ideas already:

### Underground banks for recycling

Unfortunately, this is too expensive. To dig a big hole in the street is very difficult as the city centre is packed with gas and water mains, electrical cabling and under ground cellars. It would cost around £20,000 to build a bank for 40 households to use. We would need 80 banks for the area, which would cost £1.6 million. These costs would have to come from residents through the council tax.

### Daily collections of boxes

That is also expensive and doesn't solve the problem of boxes left on streets. It would cost more than £100,000 a year to operate a daily collection of boxes in the city centre.

### Communal recycling bins

This is cheaper and people can use the bins daily so it is easy and convenient. But it is not without its problems. It would mean more bins on the street. Some parking spaces could be lost and then there is the problem of the noise of glass being placed in a bin.

**There is no perfect answer... but we need to try something and so we want to trial a new way of collecting in your area.**

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## Where will the bins go?

We have mapped out where recycling bins could go.

Where possible, we have tried to ensure that:

- the new bins are next to the existing communal refuse bins so they avoid taking up valuable parking spaces
- they are away from windows on residential properties
- there is sufficient access for pedestrians and collection vehicles

We have also made sure that they do not cause safety and other transport issues.

## I currently receive help with my recycling collection, will this change?

No, if you have an assisted collection now, this will continue.

However, we are conducting a review across the city about this, so you will be contacted soon to discuss your requirements.

## FAQs

How many properties are included in the trial area?  
**3600.**

If approved, how long will the recycling trial last?  
**12 months.**

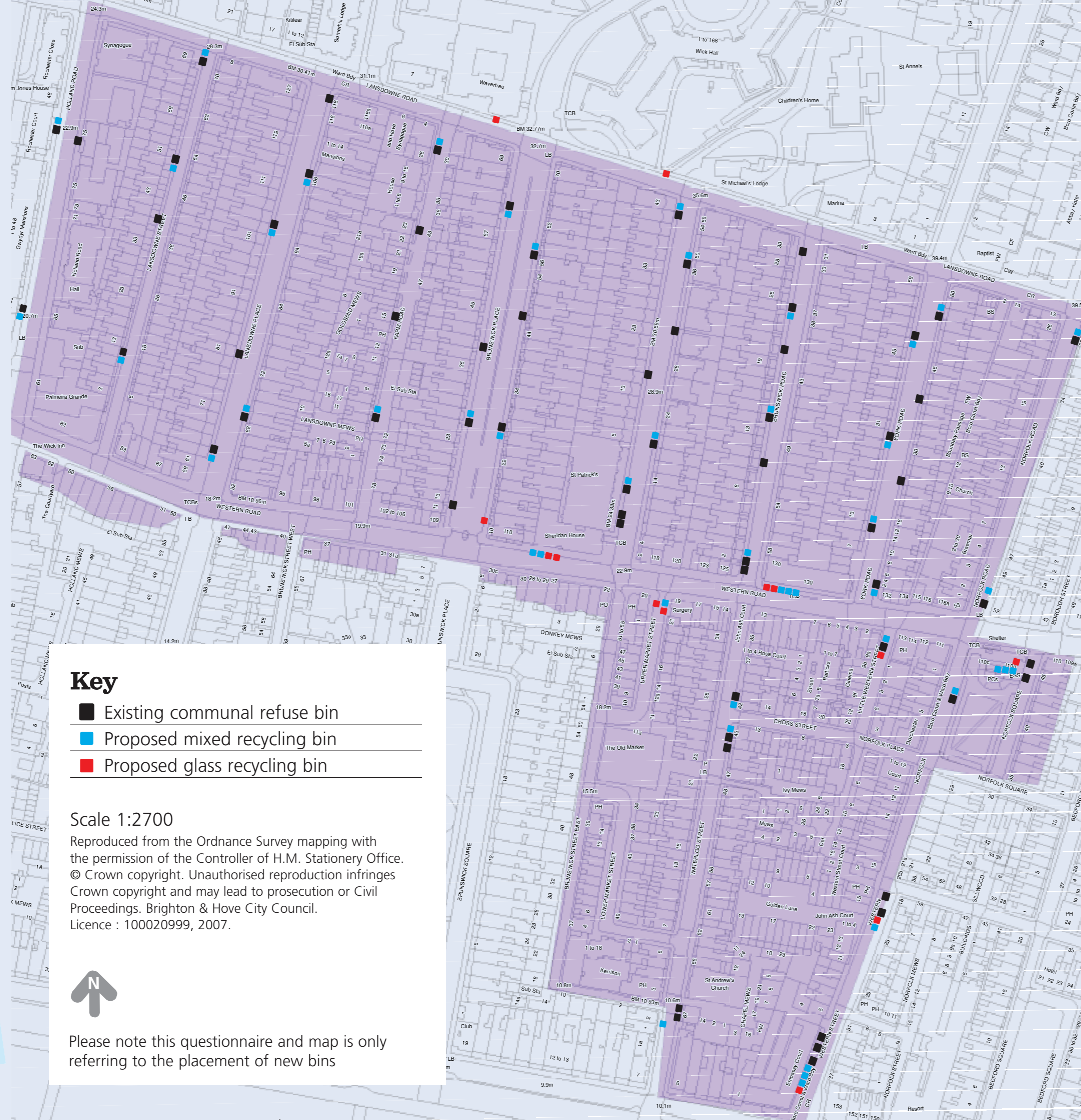
Will my black recycling boxes be taken away?  
**If the trial goes ahead black boxes will be taken away.**

I don't currently have a recycling collection at all, can I use the new recycling bins?  
**Yes.**

Will I be able to have any say where the new recycling bins are sited?  
**Please complete and return the questionnaire with your ideas for consideration.**

How often will the communal recycling bins be emptied?  
**Daily and then reviewed if there is less of a demand in certain areas.**

What happens next?  
**We will write to you with the results of the survey and let you know what we intend to do.**



## Now we want to hear what you think about the proposals?

1. Your full name and address:

2. Would you be willing to give the trial a go? *(Please tick)*

- Yes  
 No  
 I do not have a strong view either way

3. Do you agree with the proposed locations for the recycling bins shown on the map? *(Please tick)*

- Yes  
 No  
 I do not have a strong view either way

3b. If no this is because:

- I don't want bins outside my house  
 It is not in keeping with the surroundings of my street  
 The bins are too far from my house  
 I am concerned about loss of parking spaces  
 Other *(please state)*

4. Please use this space if you have any further comments you would like to make

Please cut & return in pre-paid envelope provided.

All comments need to be back to us by Friday 9 December 2011 or you can fill in online by going to [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/recyclingtrialform](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/recyclingtrialform)

*We ask for your name and address to ensure there are no duplicate questionnaires, all personal information will be kept confidential.*

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