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Our ref CBR Phase 5 Bin Hubs

Dear resident

Bin hubs in Edinburgh's Old Town and George Street

We're improving the waste and recycling service in your neighbourhood as part of the communal bin review (CBR) project.

We're making it easier for people living in flats to recycle by ensuring bins for mixed recycling, glass recycling and food waste are nearby. Some of these bins will be emptied more often to ensure you have space to recycle and to reduce overflowing bins and litter. The food bin is a new design which is easier to use, cleaner and contains odours better.

Proposed bin hub locations

We've developed proposed locations for your bin hubs and want to hear from you about how we can make sure these improvements work for our residents.

I've included a map showing the proposed bin hub locations nearby and included information about how locations are chosen, who the bins are for along with frequently asked questions. The full plans are online www.edinburgh.gov.uk/binhubs

Bin hubs within the World Heritage Site

UNESCO stated that the World Heritage Site (WHS) of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh "represents a remarkable blend of two urban phenomena: organic medieval growth and 18th and 19th century town planning" when the site was added to their list in 1995.

We've considered this along with the visual impact when proposing changes to the bins in the area. Through engagement with heritage bodies, we have agreed the following changes to reduce the visual impact of bin hubs.

- A dark green lid will be used for the mixed recycling bins.
- The standard glass recycling bin lid is entirely purple but within the WHS this will be mostly black with a purple flap.
- The standard metal bars at each end of the bin hub are usually chrome but we have sourced and purchased a bespoke black metal design for these bin hubs.

Information sessions

If you want more information about the project or would like to speak to the project team, we're holding several information sessions. These sessions are offered as drop-in (meaning you don't need to book) and are intended to raise awareness of the proposed changes.

We'll have copies of the plans available and you can attend any of these sessions. We have organised these to take place at different times throughout the day to ensure as many residents as possible can attend.

Date	Location	Time
Monday 13 May	The Crannie Community Hub (Village Hall), 9 Cranston Street, EH8 8BE	11am - 5pm
Tuesday 14 May	Edinburgh City Chambers (Business Centre), 253 High St, EH1 1YJ	12pm - 3pm 4pm - 7pm
Monday 20 May	Edinburgh Central Library (George Washinton Browne Room), EH1	12pm - 3pm 4pm - 7pm
Wednesday 22 May	The New Town Church of Scotland (Davidson Room), 13 George Street, EH2 2PA	11am - 3pm
Friday 24 May	The Crannie Community Hub (Village Hall), 9 Cranston Street, EH8 8BE	11am - 5pm

Drop-in sessions with large numbers of people make it difficult for the team to accurately record all feedback and contact details for each person so we ask that you send your comments by email as outlined below.

Providing feedback

Please email your comments to: waste@edinburgh.gov.uk before **Sunday 26 May 2024**. You'll receive an acknowledgement email to confirm your comments have been received by the team.

Next steps

After the engagement period has ended on May 26, we'll review all residents and business owner comments. We will consider all proposals for other locations before finalising the bin hub locations.

We'll write to you with more information as we upgrade the bins in your area.

You can find out more about the Communal Bin Review project online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/binhubs.

Yours sincerely



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