



## FAQs: HWRC Closures

### 1. Why are they closing?

We have to reduce the number of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across Greater Manchester, as part of ongoing cost savings the Authority has to make. As a result these older sites would have had limited opportunity to include more recycling containers and deliver a safe, hassle free and modern service that you would expect.

### 2. What other sites can I visit instead?

#### Union Road in Bolton

**Alternative sites to use are:**

Hurstwood Court (Raikes Lane Industrial Estate, Bolton, BL3 2JQ)

Blackhorse Street (Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5EW)

Cemetery Road (Radcliffe, Bury, M26 4EW)

#### Clifton Road in Prestwich Bury:

**Alternative sites to use are:**

Cobden Street, Salford, M6 6NA

Lumns Lane, Salford, M27 8LN

Springvale, Middleton, M24 2H

#### Beal Hey in Oldham

**Alternative sites to use are:**

Arkwright Street Oldham, OL9 9LZ  
Chichester Street, Rochdale, OL16 2AU

## Peel Lane in Rochdale

### Alternative sites to use are:

Chichester Street, Rochdale, OL16 2AU  
Every Street, Fernhill, Bury, BL9 5BE  
Springvale, Middleton, M24 2HR

### 3. Will more sites be closing?

The closure of four HWRCs is the first phase. The second phase will involve developing a new super site at the former CMP Batteries site (Salford Road, Over Hulton Bolton BL5 1DD) and subsequently will involve closing Lester Road, Salford and Blackhorse Street, Blackrod, Bolton. Please note that Lester Road and Blackhorse Street will not close until the new site at Salford Road is open.

### 4. I didn't know about the closure, until I turned up at the site, where was it publicised?

- Several press releases were issued
- Press Notices in local newspapers
- Posters in local libraries
- Leaflets to local households
- Leaflets handed out on sites
- Posters on sites
- Website updates
- Local council website updates
- Signs at the HWRCs notifying closures and alternative sites available

### 5. Was there consultation?

Yes. To enable the Authority to come to a firm view about the proposal of closing the sites surveys were undertaken at all of the sites and nearby town centres.

**6. There is now only one HWRC for Oldham, compared to other districts who have at least two.**

This is correct, however, the facility at Arkwright St is one of the new build facilities that has been purpose designed to maximise diversion from landfill. The mapping exercise shows that the site is already being used by residents from all over the borough and is receiving excellent feedback in the customer satisfaction surveys. There are also other facilities in close proximity to Oldham in nearby districts. (see above)

**7. Asking people to travel further hinders recycling?**

Use of the alternate new build facilities increases the opportunity to recycle and maximise diversion from landfill. There are also kerbside collections as well as council bring sites.

**8. What about our carbon footprint, if we have to travel further to our nearest site?**

You can access any of the HWRC's across Greater Manchester. For example, if you live in Salford but work in Oldham, you might want to visit Arkwright Street HWRC before or after work. We encourage turning two journeys into one. This will not only cut carbon emissions, but will save you money as well.