



# Northumberland

## County Council

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COUNCIL  
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PETITION TO WARKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL TO REINSTATE A  
LITTER/DOG WASTE BIN IN THE MIDDLE OF RIVER WALK INTO THE  
VILLAGE

**Report of the Interim Executive Director of Place, Paul Johnston**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson, Environment and Local Services**

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### **Purpose of note**

To respond to the petitions received by North Northumberland Local Area Council regarding residents request to reinstate a litter/dog waste bin that has been removed.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the content of this report be noted and that Local Area Council Supports the decision that the litter bin should be replaced but not relocated in exactly the same position.

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

### **Key Issues**

1. A petition has been received requesting the reinstatement of a litter/dog waste bin that has been removed in Warkworth.

### **Introduction**

The County Council has received a petition of 62 signatures requesting the reinstatement of a litter/dog waste bin that has been removed in Warkworth.

The petition states: *“Petition to Warkworth Parish Council to reinstate the litter/dog waste bin in the middle of river walk into the village. Since the removal of the bin there is a nasty problem of dog waste left hanging in bags from trees and on the riverside path. Needless to say this is an unnecessary public health hazard in an area of outstanding beauty.*

## **Background**

In Northumberland the responsibility for the purchase, fitting and maintenance of litter and dog waste bins is the local Town or Parish Council whilst the County Council is responsible for emptying the bin and disposing of the waste.

The location of the original bin presented a number of operational difficulties in that the collection vehicle could not safely park close to it, requiring the operative to walk a distance up an incline with a heavy sack full of dog waste.

It was considered by both Councils that there were sufficient alternative bins in the surrounding area to still provide residents with the facility to dispose of litter and dog waste responsibly and a decision was therefore taken to remove the bin.

Following the petition this decision has been reviewed by both Councils and it has now been agreed to install a new bin at the end of the public right of way approximately 1000 metres from the location of the original bin. This will be additional to the two existing bins that are within approximately 450 metres of the original location heading in the opposite direction and will ensure that dog walkers have access to conveniently sited bins which are safe and easy for the collection team to empty.

Whilst the riverside path is not on a regular litter picking route it has been inspected and any bags of dog waste have been removed. The Neighbourhood Services Team will monitor this and undertake further litter picks when required.

## **Implications**

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The cost of the additional bin will be borne by the Parish Council; and, there are no additional costs in relation to the waste collection, which are within the Council's budget.
<b>Legal</b>	None
<b>Procurement</b>	None

<b>Human Resources</b>	N/A
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	n/a
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	n/a
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	The petitioners views have been carefully considered in preparing the response to the petition.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	

**Background papers:**

None

**Report sign off.**

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