



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL STATEMENT ON FOOD WASTE BINS

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Letters were received by some Dennistoun residents (see attached photos) relating to the food waste collection in flats, which seemed even vaguer than letters that have also just come out recently in Dennistoun around bins being moved from back courts out on to the streets. This one states *"Your food waste bin has been removed from the bin area due to health and safety reasons (i.e. persistent contamination or unsafe for our collection crews to empty the bins from your property)."* No dates were given, nor any point of contact.

Community councillors report their bins haven't yet been removed. Maybe that's still to come. We question whether this can be justified as being for *"persistent contamination reasons"*, GCC tagged bins in spring/summer (see attached photo), making them out of use. How can it be unsafe for the collection crews seeing as the blue and green bins are serviced? Is it for the same reason that the blue and green bins are more of a hazard than the red decanting wheelie bins they were using?

The website offers no further clarity. *"Where there have been issues with contamination and access, bins will be removed and public food waste bins provided instead. A list of these locations can be found on the Council's website. The location of these public/on street facilities means that no one will need to undertake anything other than a short walk to use these facilities."*

We have concerns that 'public food waste bins just a short walk away' sounds like another push for more on-street bins, on the presumption that numerous homes have received one of these letters, and the fact that there are currently very few on-street food recycling points in Dennistoun.

More big bins on footways for residential waste is not the way toward *"improving your neighbourhood"* nor a *"cleaner and better place to live"* And the take-up on these food bins is surely likely to be extremely low unless they become prevalent to the point of literally being only a few steps from your front door. Food recycling simply isn't the same as glass recycling, or even cardboard/cans.

In short, this is at best terrible communications, and at worst a retrograde step under false pretences.

# FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS - FLATS

Glasgow City Council is investing to improve your neighbourhood and is committed to working in partnership with you to make our city a cleaner and better place to live.

Your food waste collection service is changing soon. Your food waste bin has been removed from the bin area due to health and safety reasons (i.e. persistent contamination or unsafe for our collection crews to empty the bins at your property).

You can use the food waste bin at your local public recycling site, details of which can be found at our website. Information on public recycling sites and all council recycling services is available on the Glasgow City Council website:

**[www.glasgow.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/recycling)**

Thank you for supporting Glasgow City Council's recycling services.

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# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

## Food Waste Recycling

for **FOOD WASTE ONLY**

Food (cooked and uncooked), dairy products and egg shells, fish, meat and bones, fruit and vegetables (including peelings), bread, cakes and pastries, tea bags and coffee grounds, rice, pasta and pizza, leftovers from meals, pet foods, unpackaged out of date food



## Blue Bin Recycling

for **DRY MIXED RECYCLING ITEMS ONLY**

**PAPER:** newspapers, magazines, leaflets and envelopes, brochures, catalogues and junk mail

**CARDBOARD:** cereal boxes and cardboard packaging, Brown corrugated cardboard, toilet and kitchen roll tubes

**TINS AND CANS:** drinks cans and food tins, aluminium cans and empty aerosol cans and

**PLASTIC BOTTLES:** cleaning product bottles, toiletry bottles, drink and milk bottles, sauce bottles



## General Waste Bin

for **NON-RECYCLING ITEMS ONLY**

polystyrene packaging, plastic carrier bags, plastic film/polythene, nappies and packaging with food waste residues including takeaway pizza boxes and crisp packets



