

Talking Notes TUE 28 JAN 2025

## County

Finchingfield Bridge weight restriction latest update?

## County & District

Dash for Devo picks-up pace for Essex – Number of Strategic Authorities (0.5m residents), boundaries, constitution of Mayoral Powers, representation, budget, savings - all unknown

## Air Quality Strategy Consultation

15 Local Authorities “Greater Essex” – issue coordinated Air Quality Strategy Consultation – response by 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Perhaps mention the Incineration of 600,000 tonnes of waste in Rivenhall – about 75% more capacity than is needed for “Essex” waste – so Essex will be a waste importer.

[https://www.essexair.org.uk/latest-news/have-your-say-on-new-essex-air-quality-strategy?fbclid=IwY2xjawICC8JleHRuA2FbQIxMAABHcih-ZzljgIIXKA5-Fwh-9mLsys0Ik-Yr27Rbpbk4nWm4F1kFaFCiVLI-Yg\\_aem\\_d3SreLnJusL4gLxp\\_Yi1KA](https://www.essexair.org.uk/latest-news/have-your-say-on-new-essex-air-quality-strategy?fbclid=IwY2xjawICC8JleHRuA2FbQIxMAABHcih-ZzljgIIXKA5-Fwh-9mLsys0Ik-Yr27Rbpbk4nWm4F1kFaFCiVLI-Yg_aem_d3SreLnJusL4gLxp_Yi1KA)



## District

### Braintree District Local Plan “review” to 2041

## Some Q’s

### **The Local Plan “refresh” timetable has already been delayed once by UK Govt.**

Can BDC confirm that UK Govt will not defer the Local Plan process to after the election of the Regional Mayor if Essex Devolution and Local Govt reorganization proceed as supported by Essex, Southend and Thurrock?

### **Will District Local Plans survive an incoming Regional Mayor?**

Can BDC confirm that UK Govt will not downgrade Local Plans developed prior to the election of Regional Mayors as “advisory” and of limited weight in future strategic planning decisions?

Should BDC focus on supporting Communities develop their Neighbourhood Plans to inform future Strategic Plans?

Should BDC focus on supporting Communities refresh their Conservation Areas and Local Nature Recovery sites?

Should BDC focus on supporting ALL residents to establish elected Parishes to survive them?

Should BDC focus on supporting communities determine the future of assets and open spaces in their Parishes which are currently leased from the District or County councils in order to survive them?

Should all the Local Planning Authorities in England or at least in “Greater Essex” write to the Govt to seek some meaningful assurances – before lots of money and officer time is spent winding-up local communities.



## Braintree District Bins Consultation

[https://engage.braintree.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/waste-services-review?fbclid=IwY2xjawIF5R5leHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHa9fSsyjWcY-04JWs2i0kVRvZQjx7jJRM1x7CMpyBWDltXL2z3JieG-BgA\\_aem\\_fsOasiQ0Px18fYGxDqJdYw](https://engage.braintree.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/waste-services-review?fbclid=IwY2xjawIF5R5leHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHa9fSsyjWcY-04JWs2i0kVRvZQjx7jJRM1x7CMpyBWDltXL2z3JieG-BgA_aem_fsOasiQ0Px18fYGxDqJdYw)

### Best waste sorting happens in the kitchen, here's why...

Most domestic waste goes through the kitchen, food (obviously), post, paper packaging, plastic films, tins and glass .... even small electrical equipment.

Here are some ideas to sort waste inside so it gets to the right bin outside! (however many we have).



### Don't get it right and...

More Council tax will be spent paying the Belgians to truck in and burn all our black bin waste in Rivenhall polluting our air for more years.

Recycling numbers won't improve (because NO-ONE will sort the black bin stuff as its currently cheaper to burn it on an industrial scale (600,000 tonnes a year) than sort it.



## Top Tips to reduce black-bin waste

Know your stuff! Sort recycling straight away into small bags or boxes inside so it has more chance of going into the right bin outside (and actually being recycled).

Also, you and your household might spot and then avoid buying products which frequently end-up in the black bin in favour of stuff which can be recycled instead.

## For the BDC survey

[https://engage.braintree.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/waste-services-review?fbclid=IwY2xjawIF5R5leHRuA2FibQlxMAABHa9fSsyjWcY-04JWs2i0kVRvZQjx7jJRM1x7CMpyBWDltXL2z3JieG-BgA\\_aem\\_fsOasiQ0Px18fYGxDqJdYw](https://engage.braintree.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/waste-services-review?fbclid=IwY2xjawIF5R5leHRuA2FibQlxMAABHa9fSsyjWcY-04JWs2i0kVRvZQjx7jJRM1x7CMpyBWDltXL2z3JieG-BgA_aem_fsOasiQ0Px18fYGxDqJdYw)



- 1) Help Residents recycle inside – give out free mini-bags / discounted indoor sorters

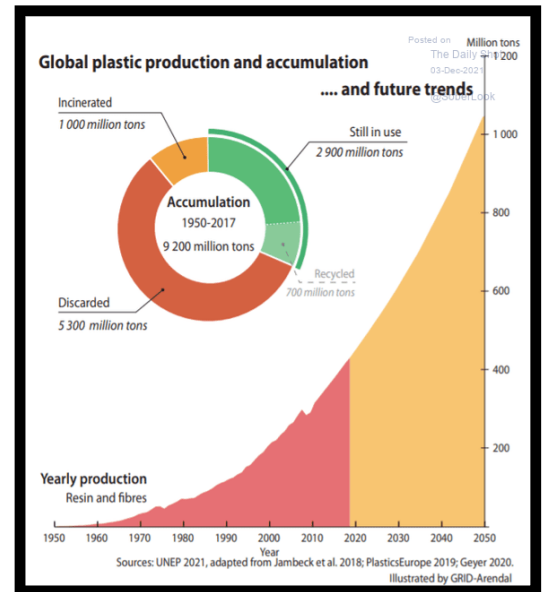
Issue no fee hygiene bins for weekly collection



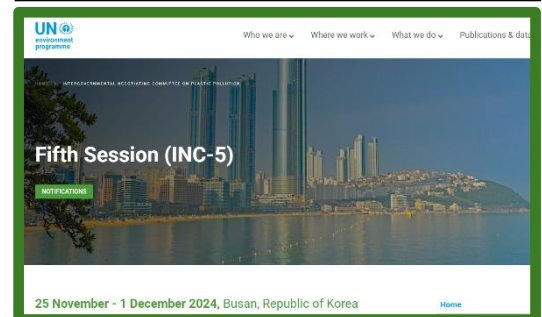
- 2) Could improved indoor recycling lead to the need for fewer bigger outside bins shared by micro-communities to avoid **binmageddon**?
- 3) Go into schools and drive-up recycling knowledge there



- 4) BDC and ECC and new Essex Mayor write to UK Govt to push harder to limit NEW plastic production (globally) via UN environment program Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution – (too much new plastic is being made to recycle).
- 5) Finally - BDC residents to not want a visible Plume from the Rivenhall Waste Incinerator over the Essex Way 24/365 for 30+ years... they want BDC and ECC to **REJECT** the latest action by the Belgian Incinerator company Indaver to avoid the original Planning Conditions –



### NO VISIBLE PLUME AT RIVENHALL !



[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/co5-9df-indaver-rivenhall-limited-environmental-permit-application-advertisement-eprcp3906lpv003/95078587-c90f-4733-bc69-6206c14afbfe?fbclid=IwY2xjawIF5ZNleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHaKUAiwCeeAMJQTGpccmMRaXJMPxLZaz1WBog2rVR\\_quBxAck7vFRW4-OA\\_aem\\_\\_3tqy2IHMYS6VgYdQ\\_htcA](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/co5-9df-indaver-rivenhall-limited-environmental-permit-application-advertisement-eprcp3906lpv003/95078587-c90f-4733-bc69-6206c14afbfe?fbclid=IwY2xjawIF5ZNleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHaKUAiwCeeAMJQTGpccmMRaXJMPxLZaz1WBog2rVR_quBxAck7vFRW4-OA_aem__3tqy2IHMYS6VgYdQ_htcA)

