

FAQs

Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre (RRC) Closure

1. Why is Waldo Road RRC closing?

Waldo Road depot, which encompasses the Reuse and Recycling Centre, is undergoing planned infrastructure improvements, including installing fire prevention equipment and renewing drainage, which follows the Environment Agency regulatory guidance. The temporary closure of the Reuse and Recycling Centre throughout the duration of the work will mean that the depot can continue to be able to be used as a waste transfer station, where all the Borough's recycling and refuse collections are initially collected together before being transported out of the borough. This ensures that the recycling and waste collections and street cleansing services are not affected by the construction works and residents continue to receive their collections.

2. How long will it be closed for?

The RRC will be closed for the duration of the works, which is expected to last at least 12 months, and it should reopen in spring 2026.

3. What should I do with my waste?

The council provides residents with a comprehensive collection service enabling residents to recycle and dispose of most common household items from their home.

Garden waste can also be taken to one of the [green garden waste temporary sites](#) at the weekend, or residents can subscribe to the [green garden waste wheelie bin collection service](#) for just £70 for the year.

Where residents have household items that are in a good condition, it is encouraged that they are [donated](#) to charity for reuse, or via sites such as [Freecycle](#), [Freecycle](#) and [Facebook Marketplace](#); passed on to friends or family; or sold via sites such as [eBay](#), [Gumtree](#) and [Facebook Marketplace](#).

Some shops will provide a collection service for old furniture when purchasing new furniture, including beds etc - please check with them when you make your new purchase.

The council provides a [bulky waste collection service](#) for unwanted furniture, with different charges applying depending on what is being disposed of.

Batteries can be taken to supermarkets for safe disposal.

Small electrical items can be taken back to many stores, check RecycleYourElectricals.org.uk for your nearest location.

When buying new electrical items, such as a washing machine or fridge freezer, the store will offer a collection and recycling service, often at a charge. Please

check with the store when buying a new item. ao.com provide a standalone collect and recycle service on appliances.

4. What about fly-tipping?

The Council will continue to target fly-tipping and prosecute those who dump rubbish. Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that they dispose of their waste correctly and there are many options available for residents and businesses to dispose of waste properly and legally, with options also expanded whilst Waldo Road is closed.

Whilst fly-tipping is comparatively rare, if you come across fly-tipping on the public highway, please report it. We work closely with the Veolia fly-tipping collection teams to ensure dumped rubbish is removed, with incidences investigated too.

5. Is there an alternative site instead of Waldo Road?

There are a number of different ways to dispose of or recycle various items, including a number of alternative temporary locations for garden waste, with the garden waste locations (Saturdays 11am- 4pm Shire Lane, Cotmandene Crescent, Norman Park, and Sundays 8am-12pm Charles Darwin school and Unicorn – Creswell Drive) being in operation each weekend from 1st March across the borough. Our Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre will remain open, with a booking system in place to maximise efficiency in support of residents and also to minimise queuing time and related congestion.

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Waldo Road Waste Transfer Station – about the work

1. Why are the works taking place?

The site was originally built in Victorian times and requires work and upgrades to ensure it complies with health and safety and current waste guidance.

Infrastructure such as drainage is being replaced, with fire prevention equipment being installed in line with Environment Agency guidance.

2. How long will the works last?

The contractor, Guildmore, will be on site from February 2025 to prepare the site ready for the works to start. This will include erecting hoarding around the construction site and adjusting the current waste storage bays. Construction work will commence in March 2025 and is expected to last just over a year.

3. Will the works be noisy?

Whilst the work will not be silent, it is not anticipated that it will generally be noisy, with works being carried out in normal working hours, with the impact of noise

being minimised where possible. If any works have to be completed out of hours, then we will share details with local residents in advance, with the contractor following all relevant codes of practice.

4. What about the extra construction traffic?

Overall, there will be less traffic using the site, with traffic control also being in place – our contractor is required to register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme and to follow strict standards around managing the construction traffic both within and coming in and out of the site.