

Mersey Estate – Recycling area improvement proposal

Overview

Islington Council is committed to making recycling as easy and as convenient as possible for residents on estates. However, we think current recycling facilities on your estate aren't good enough and do not offer you enough recycling capacity for you to recycle everything that you can. We have developed a proposal for improving the recycling area on the estate.

The aim of this improvement project is to make recycling easier, safer and more convenient. We want to ensure that there is always room in your recycling bins to leave your recyclables and that your recycling bins are positioned in locations that are convenient for you to get to.

This proposal has been developed in partnership with your local housing officers and caretakers following a number of site visits and includes the following improvements:

- **New fire-resistant bin enclosures** for recycling and general waste bins. This will help protect the bins from weather, pests and antisocial behaviour while enhancing the appearance of the areas and keeping them neat and tidy. Slightly smaller apertures on recycling enclosures help prevent contamination (e.g. black bags) and make recycling more hygienic by removing the need to touch bin lids.
- **Increased capacity** for residents to be able to recycle a wider range of materials by increased quantity and quality of the recycling bins.
- **Improved bin locations** that are easier for residents to access and less exposed to non-estate users.
- **Updated recycling signage** with more recycling information for residents.
- **New accessible recycling bins** installed for residents with mobility needs and all age groups.
- To enable these enhancements, a small number of parking bays will be reconfigured (see pages 2–8 for details).

Improvement works will be fully funded and delivered in this year's round of Thriving Neighbourhoods estate investment and New Build Programme and will not be recharged to residents.

Proposed changes

1. Liverpool House

We propose installing enclosures for **five recycling bins (including two accessible unit), one general waste bin, and two food waste bins** in the current bin area outside Liverpool House:

- Four recycling enclosures (one accessible) will replace the existing row of bins.
- Two enclosed units opposite recycling, outside the bike shed: one for recycling and one for general waste (railing removed).
- Two food waste bins placed in small enclosures in the current location of the food bin, at the edge of the yellow box.



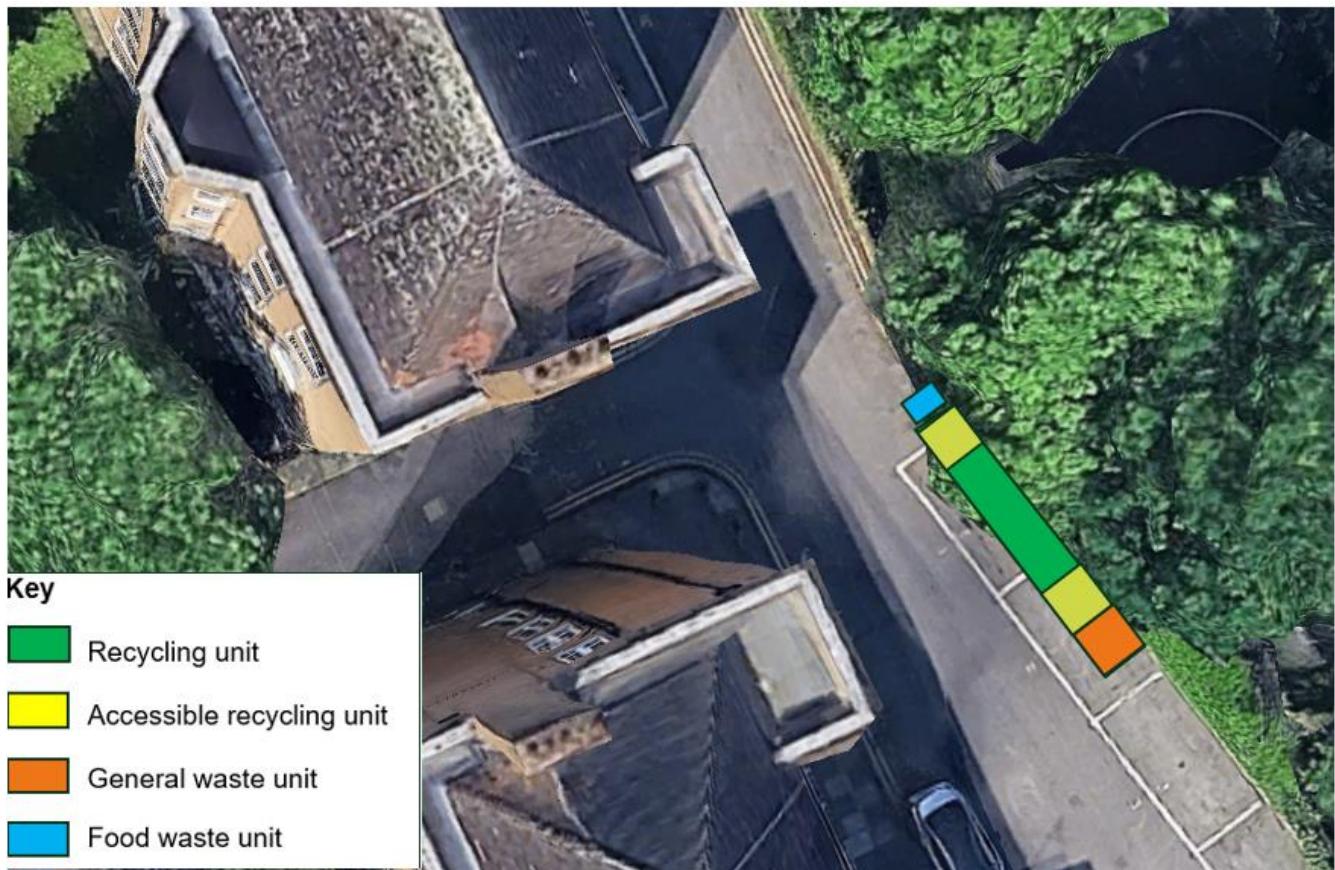
Key

	Recycling unit
	Accessible recycling unit
	General waste unit
	Food waste unit

2.Birkenhead House

We propose installing enclosures for **five recycling bins (including two accessible units)**, together with **one general waste bin** and **one food waste bin**, in parking bays 1 and 2. The location is near the current recycling bin site, opposite the estate entrance between Mersey House and Birkenhead House.

To accommodate these changes, **car park bays 1 and 2** will need to be removed or relocated.



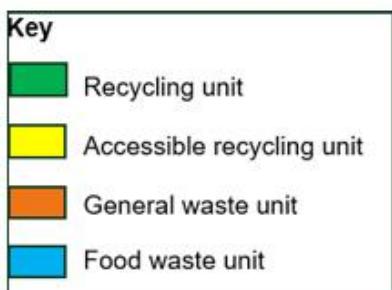
3. Mersey House

We are proposing **two options** to choose from for Mersey House, Option A and B. Please let us know which you prefer:

Option A) - outside play area, right-hand side of gate

We propose installing **four recycling enclosures (including one accessible unit)** outside Mersey House, on the right-hand side of the entry gate to the children's play area when facing the playground. **A food waste bin** will be co-located with these units.

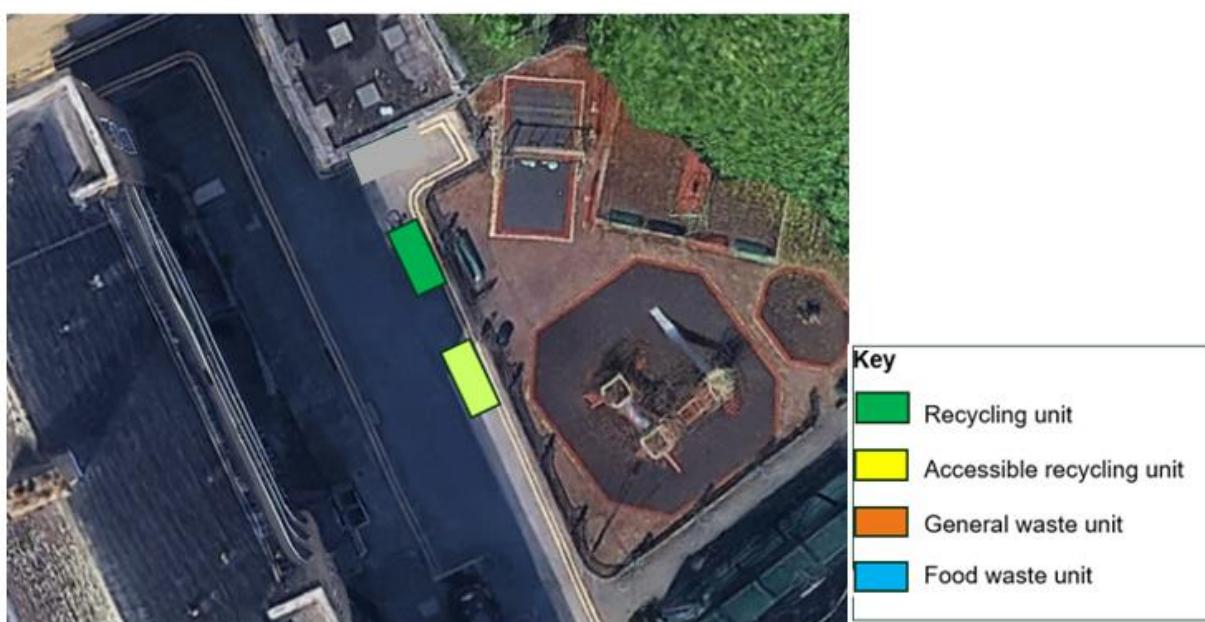
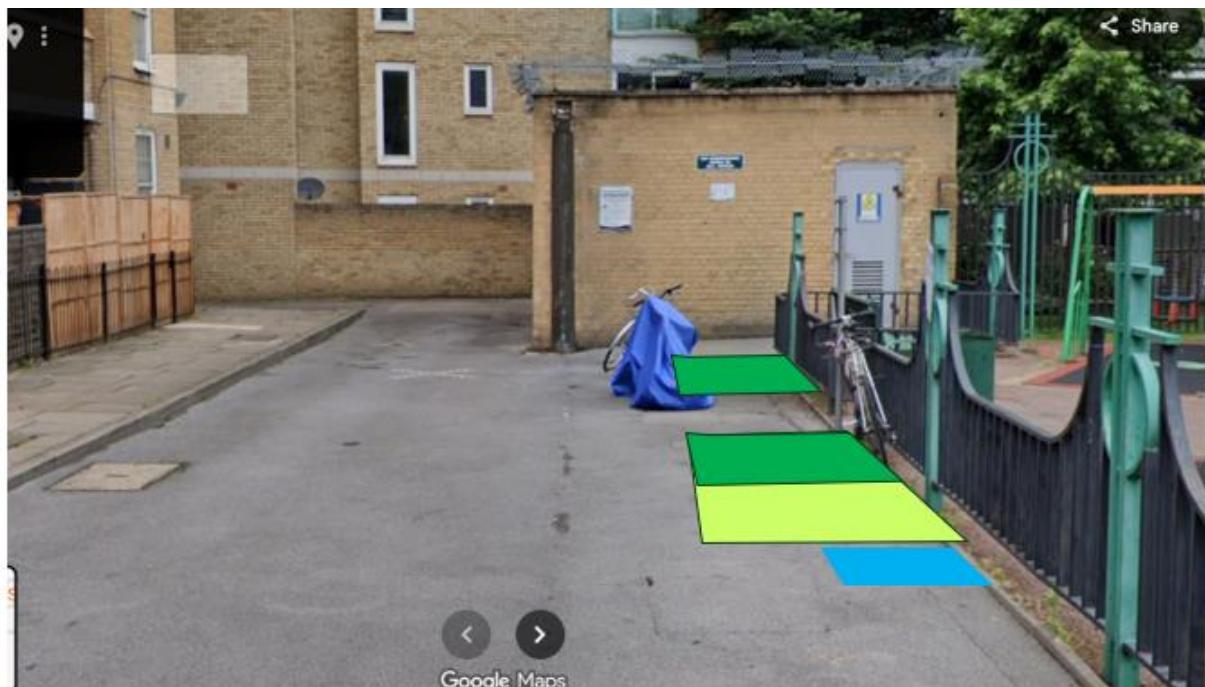
To accommodate these changes, **car park bay 32** will need to be removed or relocated.



Option B) – outside play area, both sides of entry gate

We propose installing four recycling enclosures around the playground gate:

- **Two recycling units** in place of the bike racks on the left-hand side of the gate (when facing it). The cycle hoops will need to be relocated.
- **Two recycling enclosures (one of them accessible)** on the opposite side of the gate. And a **food waste bin** co-located with these.



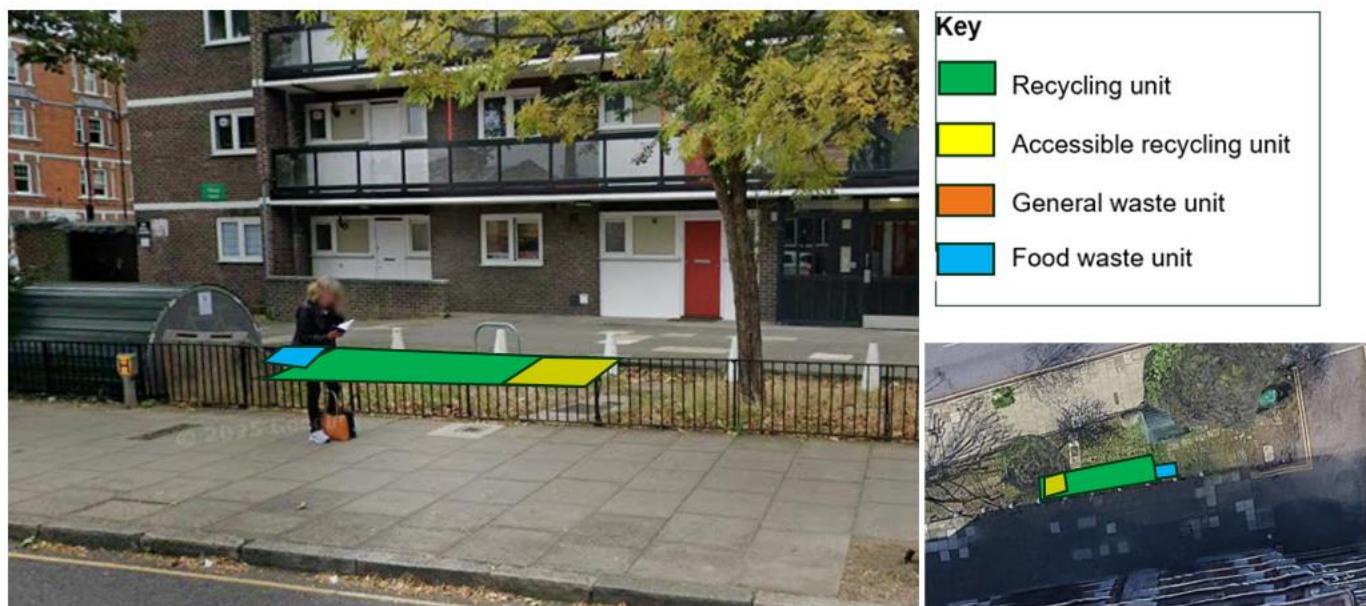
4. Widnes House

We are proposing **three options** to choose from for Widnes House, Option A, B and C. Please let us know which you prefer:

Option A) – opposite main entrance

We propose installing **four recycling enclosures (including one accessible unit)** in front of Widnes House entrance, along the edge of the green area near the bike hangar. The units would be arranged in a single row, with **a food waste bin** co-located within an enclosure.

Please note: this option is subject to a tree root protection assessment.

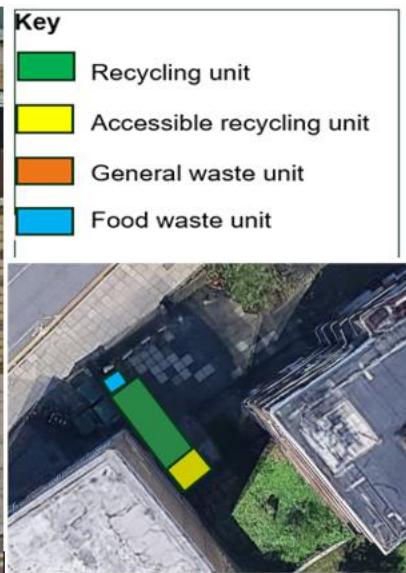
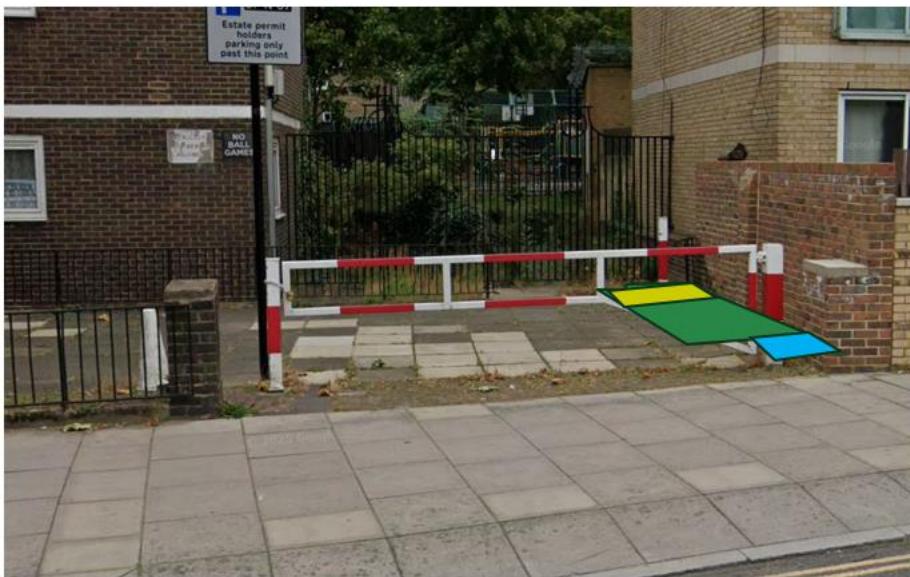


Option B) – gate nearest Liverpool Road side

We propose installing **four recycling enclosures (including one accessible unit)** at the side of Widnes House, on the right-hand side when facing the block, near the gate entry.

The units would be arranged in a single row along the boundary wall, with **a food waste bin** co-located within an enclosure.

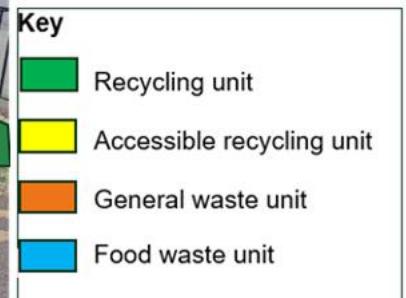
To accommodate this option, the entry gate would need to be removed or relocated.



Option C) – gate nearest Holloway Road side

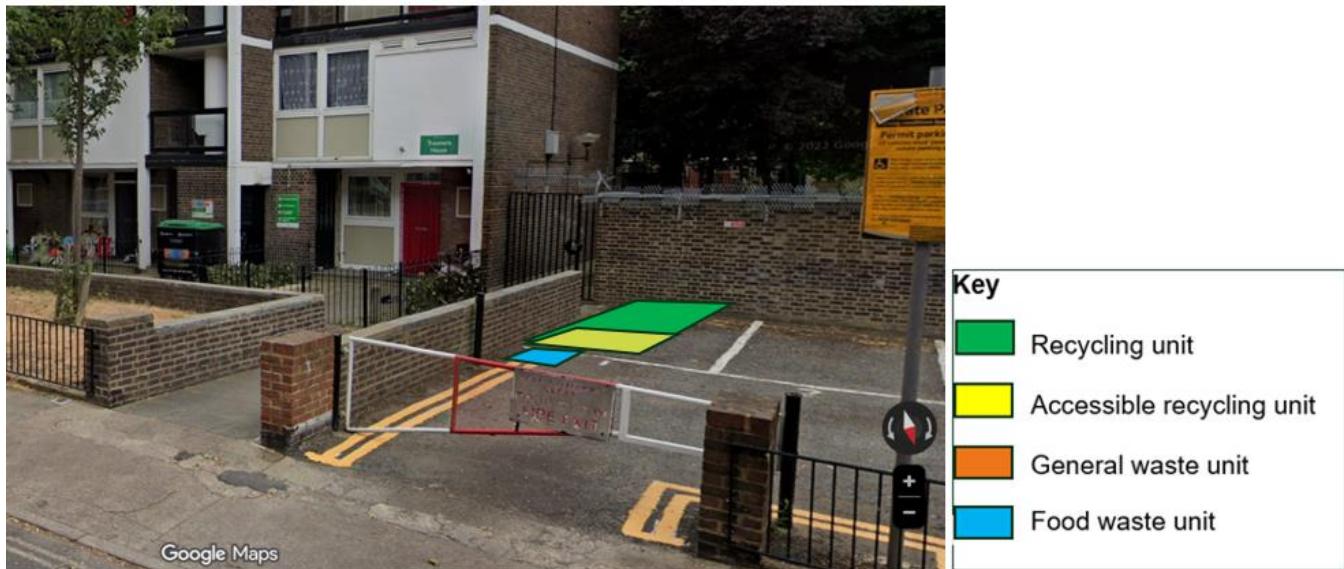
We propose installing **four recycling enclosures (one of them accessible)** in front of Widnes House, at the current recycling bin location near the gate.

Two units will be placed along the railing on Palmers Place, with the other two positioned opposite them, facing each other. A **food waste bin** will also be enclosed at this location. The concrete 'Widnes House' sign will need to be removed.



5.Tranmere House

We propose installing three enclosures in parking bay 1 of the car park nearest to the footpath, accommodating **three recycling bins (including one accessible unit)**. The enclosures will be facing the block. This will require removal of part of the low wall. In addition, the missing **food waste bin** will be replaced in its enclosure and co-located with the recycling bins. To enable the creation of this site, a similar alternative will be identified for **car parking bay 1**.



Illustrative examples of fire-resistant enclosures (indicative only for illustration purposes):



Current and proposed locations of recycling site

