

Agenda Item 12 – Ellendune Car Park Recycling Bins

1. Monster Recycling's charitable donations

- Monster Recycling is not a registered charity.
- According to their phone conversation with the parish council clerk they donate up to £300 per month in total to any one charity.
- Donations go to:
 - An autism awareness charity in Leeds
 - A domestic abuse charity in Manchester
- These donations are not linked to the specific locations of the bins, so the charities are not necessarily local to where the bins are placed.

2. Bin placement and permissions

- The bins on the Ellendune car park apparently do not have up-to-date permission from SBC.
- Monster Recycling claims the previous bin owner had permission, and they assumed it transferred when ownership changed. (currently unsure who the previous bin owners are).
- This is a common issue with privately operated clothing recycling banks — councils may require explicit permission for each operator. This would be an SBC responsibility and question as they are the land owner of car park.

3. Key Issues to NOTE

- **Donations** are very limited (£300/month total), so community impact may be minimal compared with the scale of bin operations.
- **Legal/permission gap:** If SBC hasn't approved Monster Recycling's current bins, there could be planning or licensing concerns. There is no evidence of previous historic permissions either.
- **Non-local charities:** The funds go to charities elsewhere (Leeds and Manchester), not necessarily benefiting the immediate local community.

4. Summary and Recommendations

Taking into account all information received to date on the three different types of recycling bin companies, the Parish Council requests that SBC investigate this matter further, as it is SBC's responsibility as landowner to ensure compliance.

The Parish Council supports the placement of local charity recycling bins on Ellendune Car Park and would like the opportunity to support any local charity bin proposals should offers come forward.

The parish council formally request that SBC pursue the matter with the bin companies which are not local and do not have permissions to be on site.