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HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES

Dear Paul,

I enclose correspondence from Boxley Parish Council and constituents in Walderslade and Lordwood about the proposal to prevent Kent residents using Medway Council owned tips from 3 June. This coincides with KCC's decision to charge for the disposal of certain types of non-household waste. You will appreciate the impact this policy could have on demand on Medway amenity sites.

I am concerned that this impasse will lead to increased flytipping and congestion in the local area, with residents in Walderslade and Lordwood facing a 13 mile round trip to access the Tovil tip. Put simply, some will simply not bother and the cost of having to clear dumped waste will fall on taxpayers in both Medway and the KCC boundary. Whilst I appreciate that both authorities need to find ways of generating income and making savings, this blunt instrument will be costly to affected residents and taxpayers alike. Furthermore, making residents travel further afield will only add to congestion in Maidstone and the surrounding area.

I would urge you and Alan Jarrett, to whom I have written in a similar vein, to find a solution as soon as possible and reinstate the formal reciprocal arrangements that worked well.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours, *Helen*

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P.S. Please let me know if there's anything
further you think I can do - together with
Tracey Good - to help.