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Dear Cllr Buckley

Re: Recent visit to Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council regarding the planned booking system for the Mountnessing Recycling Centre

I have been instructed to write to you following your recent visit to our Full Council meeting on the 9th February 2023. Firstly, the councillors would like to thank you and Mr Searles for attending the meeting to address the concerns raised regarding the planned introduction of the booking system; your attendance in person was appreciated.

Despite your best efforts to allay the fears of local residents and parish councillors there are still grave concerns about the introduction of the new scheme, and I have been asked to communicate these with you and request a formal response that we can then broadcast with residents.

The first concern relates to the lack of consultation that both the parish council and residents have experienced with the introduction of this scheme. Councillors felt that it demonstrated a lack of regard to other tiers of local government by Essex County Council and that it was discourteous. At the meeting, you advised that County Councillors were made aware of the planned roll out with two months' notice, but I hope you understood from the feedback at the meeting that this information had not been cascaded to either the borough or parish council. This is clearly an internal matter for Essex County Council to consider and act upon. Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council would like to be kept fully informed of all developments during the trial and expect to be invited to assist with the public consultation planned for the end of the summer.

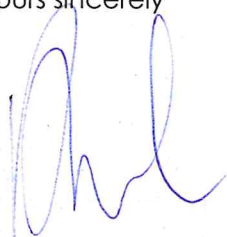
The parish council also strongly disagree with the conclusion that fly tipping will not increase with the introduction of the booking system. Councillors found it surprising that the conclusions made by Essex County Council suggested that as fly tipping is on the increase now, before the introduction of the booking system, that the booking system will not be a

direct cause of increased tipping. There was mention of a DEFRA study that showed no relationship with fly tipping and booking systems and the council would appreciate you advising us of this study so that it can be circulated.

Finally, Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council would appreciate knowing what Essex County Council will monitor, their parameters and what values they would need to be within, for ECC to conclude that the trial of the booking system shows that it is successful. As it is a particular concern for our residents, it would be appreciated if you could provide details of how you monitor the levels of fly tipping (both commercial and domestic) and what the percentage increase or decrease is, during the period of the trial. Councillors also requested that monitoring includes analysis breaking down the percentage of residents booking in online against those that are phoning in.

I look forward to receiving answers to the above questions and confirmation that Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council will be involved in the public consultation over the coming year. Please note that this letter will be published on the parish council website and social media channels as will your response.

Yours sincerely



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