

MQ34. COUNCILLOR LEE EVANS

Anecdotally, usage of the Stanford Quarry tip (Household Waste Recycling Centre) is significantly down since the Council imposed its unnecessary requirements on residents when using the tip earlier this year. If this is the case, it would be deeply concerning - and may be consistent with more fly-tipping and/or less recycling. Can the Cabinet Member provide usage figures for the Stanford Quarry tip, and other HWRCs, for the 13 months up to month-end February 2026, so we can see the impact of the Council's new tips policy on visits?

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	53088	49587	76595	79046	73687	70394	71461	83315	65829	62310	55792	55283
2026	44447	32128										
Percentage change	-16%	-35%										

Please note:

Traffic data has to be treated as indicative, as this will include other traffic movements beyond pure HWRC visitor vehicle movements (e.g. operational traffic)

Traffic count data for Stanford and Dix Pit HWRCs is not included as these systems had periods of faultiness across several months in this period. We believe that visitor trends should not be too dissimilar to the other HWRCs.

This is a very narrow data set drawn from what is typically a quiet time of year, and longer term trends and other data sets need to be analysed to fully understand the impacts on the service.