

Reducing Food Waste and Energy use at Dundrum Town Centre

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Programme Summary

Greyhound Recycling & Recovery manage the waste on behalf of Dundrum Town Centre Management Ltd. for the 140 units in the Centre with the exception of Tesco, Marks and Spencer Pennys and House of Fraser who have national contracts for their waste management.

To do this Greyhound Recycling and Recovery have four staff on site on two shifts who are responsible for collecting waste from some of the food outlets in wheelie bins and for the sorting of segregated waste to balers or compactors in the materials recovery facility in the basement of the Centre.

It is hoped that these staff can be trained to assist in the waste characterisation surveys at the beginning and end of the programme and in conjunction with the account manager in training the producers to develop a culture of food waste prevention at source in all outlets.

The programme will be promoted by Dundrum Town Centre Management Ltd via the internal quarterly magazine for tenants and the Dundrum Magazine which is circulated nationwide every quarter to the public.

The main aims of the project will be to

Reducing biological municipal waste by

- Segregation of waste types thereby facilitating the reduction of co-mingling /contamination and raising awareness of waste quantities and categories as significant fractions can be seen.
- Prevention of waste generation at source.

- Raising awareness of staff and customers leading to behavioural change

Outcomes

A case study for other shopping centres or restaurants of similar size, which will provide a template of best practice in the sector. Issues arising and lessons learned in the implementation of the Programme will be highlighted e.g.

- Indicators for measurement of performance in similar situations
- Top Tips and /or Best Practice Guide from the Best Practices.
- Characterisation Output – to illustrate the before and after.