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Dear Jo Turton

**LETTER REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE COLNE RECYCLING FACILITY**

I wish to register a strong objection to the proposal to close the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Colne. I am opposed to the closure proposals because:-

- 1 Pendle tax payers should not have to suffer a further and unnecessary cut to their services when there is plenty of money in reserves at County Hall gathering very little interest.
- 2 The County Council cannot hope to meet its 2011/12 priority target of *reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill to nil* by making recycling more difficult.
- 3 64% of the households in Pendle are closest to Colne HWRC and only 17% are closest to the Burnley one. This means that the vast majority of Colne and Nelson residents will have to travel further to reach a Centre if Colne is closed. The extra financial cost in fuel will discourage people from recycling and has to be added to the increased environmental cost.
- 4 The proposed closure will lead to an increase in fly-tipping, the costs of which will have to be carried by Pendle Council and not the County Council, creating a further unfair burden.
- 5 The jobs of well trained, helpful local staff will be put at risk. I oppose any such redundancies caused by this poorly conceived proposal.
- 6 The County Council should be negotiating with SITA to protect the future use of the Centre, instead of acting as if it is going to cease to be available.

**Keep Our Recycling Centre**

Yours truly

*Add Name*