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### **Recycling Programme**

The Ministry for the Environment is pleased to announce the expansion of the recycling programme. 34 further recycling disposal points with recycling bins for glass and cans are being created throughout Gibraltar, taking the number of disposal points up to a total of 43. A detailed list is attached herewith. The recycling disposal points have been carefully selected considering technical as well as site constraints to improve user and service provider accessibility, and where possible bringing the facility closer to homes and schools, as well as targeting major catering establishments and recreational areas. The recycling bins being located throughout Gibraltar are in three sizes in order to best capitalise the location in relation to the projected use.

The public is reminded that the green colour-coded bins are for glass bottles, drinking glasses, tumblers and jars only. Metal lids and metal bottle tops should be deposited separately in the yellow colour-coded bins. Aluminium and steel drink cans, steel food tins, household aerosols and clean aluminium foil as well as the metal bottle tops and metal lids from the glass bottles and jars are to be deposited in the yellow colour-coded bins. No other types of refuse should be deposited in these recycling bins. Ordinary litter bins will be available nearby to dispose of any unwanted bags used for carrying these items.

Based on the last Gibraltar Waste Management Plan published, Gibraltar produces an average of 400 tons of waste per week, out of which 5% is Glass [20 tons], and 4% cans [16 tons]. Since the commencement of the Recycling Service late June/early July last year up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009, a total of 48,900 Kilos of Glass and 8280 Kilos of cans have been recovered. During the first 6 months (July – December 2008) 25,250 Kilos of Glass and 5020 Kilos of cans were collected. From January to the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009, 23,650 Kilos of Glass and 3260 Kilos of cans have been collected.

The quantities and weights of glass and cans are disappointly low. We are currently collecting an average of 4078 Kilos of glass each month; this is only 5% of the estimated total waste glass generated in Gibraltar. The average amount of cans collected monthly is 690 Kilos approximately 1% of the estimated total of waste cans produced. These amounts are well below the expected targets for a community the size of Gibraltar. The public and catering establishments are therefore strongly encouraged to avail themselves of the recycling disposal points and thereby help to protect our environment.

The recycling programme continues as previously envisaged, and the items deposited in the recycling bins are being exported to a recycling plant where the recycling process is completed. It is hoped that with the extra amount of recycling Containers now positioned, and the proximity of some of these locations to catering establishments, the quantities of glass and cans collected will increase correspondingly.

Gibraltar Airport Service Area

Glacis Estate - Archbishop Amigo House north

Glacis Estate - Constitution House north

Bayside Road - teachers' car park entrance

Ocean Village

Mons Calpe Road - Coach Park Entrance

Laguna Estate - by refuse cubicle Ballymena House

Laguna Estate/Devil's Tower Rd - by refuse cubicle Ark Royal House

Cemetery Road - by roundabout

Eastern Beach Road – 2 distinct locations

Sir Herbert Miles Road - bus stop by William's Way Refuse Cubicle

Sir Herbert Miles Road - Black Strap Cove layby

Little Bay – promenade entrance

Camp Bay promenade

Rosia Road - by Rosia Battery

Rosia Road - by bus stop RGP HQ New Mole House

Cumberland Road - By refuse enclosure (North)

Vineyards Estate

Naval Hospital Road within refuse enclosure south

Europa Road - by bus stop Garrison Gym

Europa Road - behind bus stop ex-Casino lift

Europa Road – lookout at top of path leading to Heathfield House, Witham's Road

Witham's Road – between Jumper's Building and St John's Court

Red Sands Road - by Governor's Meadow House

Red Sands Road - Grand Parade entrance

Queensway - Commonwealth Car Park

Edinburgh Estate - North & South

Queensway - Westside School entrance

Montagu Gardens

Varyl Begg Estate - St Paul's School entrance

Varyl Begg Estate - car park by Royal Sovereign House

Harbour Views Estate

Grand Casemates - Service Area

Europort Avenue – by entrance to rowing clubs

Rosia Road - footpath by Picadilly Gardens

Cloister Ramp

Line Wall Road - opposite Irish Place

Fish Market Road - by refuse cubicle

Opposite St Bernard's Hospital entrance

Harbour Views Road - parking by Bishop Fitzgerald School

Devil's Tongue/Waterport Road junction footpath