

Draft Nature and Climate Emergency Strategy

Theme: Resources and Waste

Forest of Dean District Council has a statutory role to provide [collection of recycling and residual waste](#). We partner with Gloucestershire County Council who take the collected materials and use [various routes](#) to re-use, recycle or dispose of them.

Action within this theme is guided by the [Waste Hierarchy](#), placing emphasis on prevention and re-use ahead of recycling and disposal. The protection of water as a resource is also considered.

Nationally, the UK has a target to recycle 65% of municipal waste by 2035 and to have no more than 10% municipal waste going to landfill by 2035.

Locally, progress in relation to this theme has included the growth in [re-use initiatives](#) and [repair cafes](#) and an increase in the district recycling rate to 54%, which is 10% higher than the national average. FoDDC commenced collection of plastic, tubs, trays and trigger sprays in July 2025.

Proposed action within this theme commonly helps with the cost of living, addresses pollution and supports mental and physical health.

Aim/Actions	Priority
Aim RW01: Waste management integrated effectively into Planning.	
RW01-01: FoDDC ensures that the Local Plan 2025-2045 supports the growth of a circular economy and includes effective provision of recycling facilities, and water recovery/reuse in new developments.	1
Aim RW02: Maximise Prevention/Re-use.	
RW02-01: FoDDC implements the 'Sustainable Events Guide' and promote wider community and organisational uptake.	1
RW02-02: FoDDC supports development and promotion of the Forest Collab reuse and sharing tool with businesses and organisations and explore how this could support development of a pilot 'Circular Economy Zone'.	1
RW02-03: FoDDC supports the expansion of resource and food sharing, re-distribution and repair initiatives within the district, including training, skills and links to emergency response provision.	2
RW02-04: FoDDC supports a district-wide re-usable nappy scheme and explores expansion into other sanitary products.	4
RW02-05: FoDDC explores and delivers improvements to its additional collection services e.g. more re-use or recycling of bulky items.	5

Aim RW03: Maximise Recycling/ Minimise Disposal (Energy from Waste).	
RW03-01: FoDDC ensures its waste services are understood and accessible to all. Showcase positive stories that empower residents to make suitable resource and waste choices.	1
RW03-02: FoDDC collaborates with GCC and community partners to develop and deliver an effective, district-wide food waste reduction campaign .	1
RW03-03: FoDDC supports community led projects that improve recycling and waste reduction awareness raising e.g. Project Bloom and community composting schemes throughout the district	3
RW03-04: FoDDC explores the expansion of cross-boundary waste services to help make, reduction, recycling and waste collection service more efficient.	5
RW03-05: FoDDC explores widening of the Council recycling service to collect 'harder to recycle' materials.	5
RW05: Protect water as a resource.	
RW05-01: FoDDC promotes and delivers an action plan for improving local water quality and ecology , exploring citizen science opportunities, training and advocacy as part of this plan.	1
RW05-02: FoDDC works with water companies to better understand water supply and abstraction in the district and identify opportunities to reduce leaks and store more water locally.	4
RW05-03: FoDDC supports and promotes water saving and efficiency projects e.g. grey water recycling, rainwater harvesting, water bottle refill projects, composting toilets, agriculture and sports ground water use.	5