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Hello,

I have been thinking a bit about TDCs decision to remove rubbish bins and dog poo collection points. I think it's a very short sighted idea and will create way more problems than it solves.

Is this something the MDCA would take up with TDC? And if they won't budge on the cost cutting there, do you think we could come up with a community solution?

Some people are already lazy with rubbish and bags of poo. If they are not near a bin they seem to think it's ok to drop them on the ground for others to deal with. (Photo of bag of poo kindly dropped by my letterbox by the school)

If there are even less bins I am sure there will be a lot more littering.

I have a few ideas to start discussion but have not approached anyone yet for costs or feasibility:

Could we ask to keep the bins and fundraise as a community to pay for emptying? I for one would be happy to make contributions to that. Sunrise cleaners come regularly to clear rubbish and clean toilets, maybe an option? Collection boxes in a few local shops? Or secure collection boxes next to the most used bins?

Or could we ask a local rubbish contractor to provide a few bins in strategic places and empty them on their weekly runs? Can Plan and Scotts both come regularly.

Ultimately it would be best if TDC come to their senses and provide this basic and necessary service. But if not, I think other options need to be looked into.

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone