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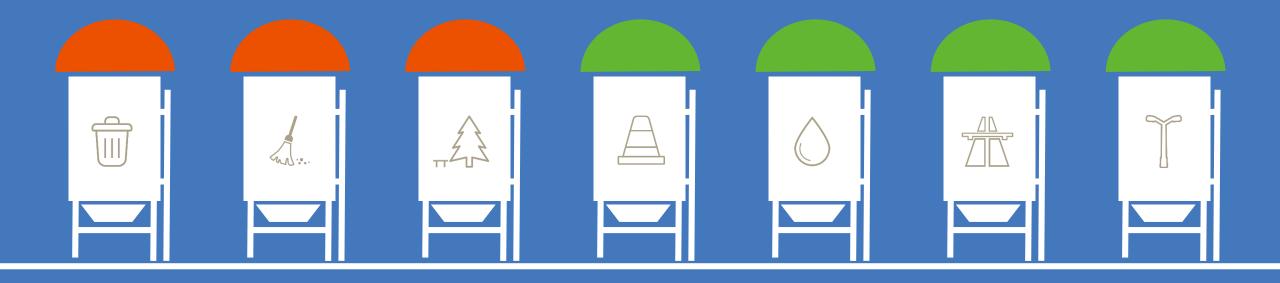








## Start or stop depends who you are





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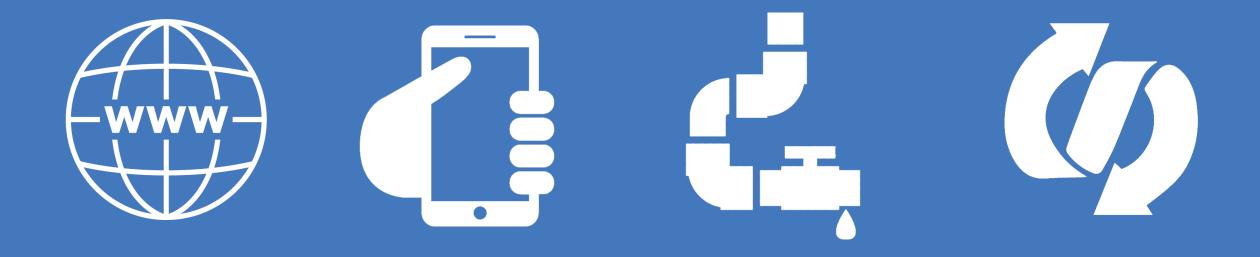






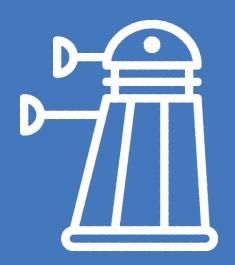


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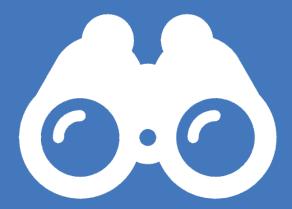




## Leap frogging into the future











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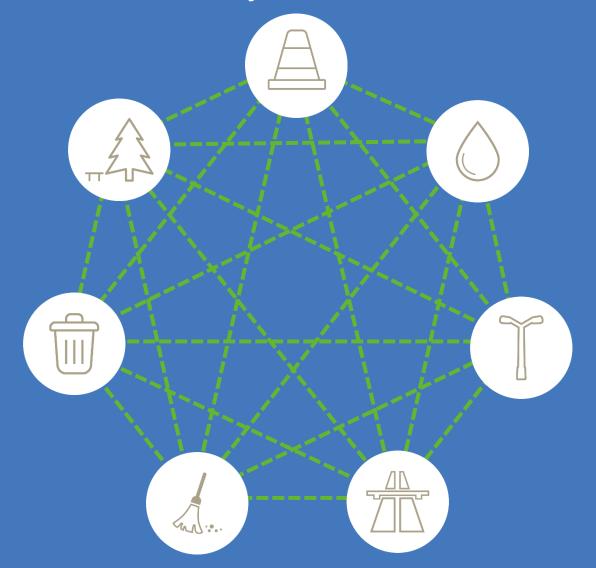


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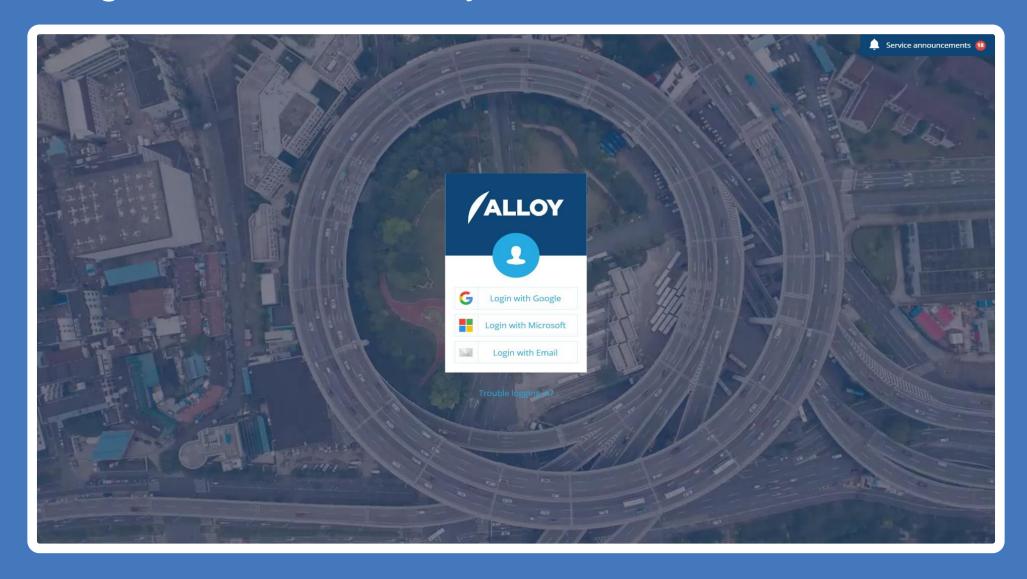


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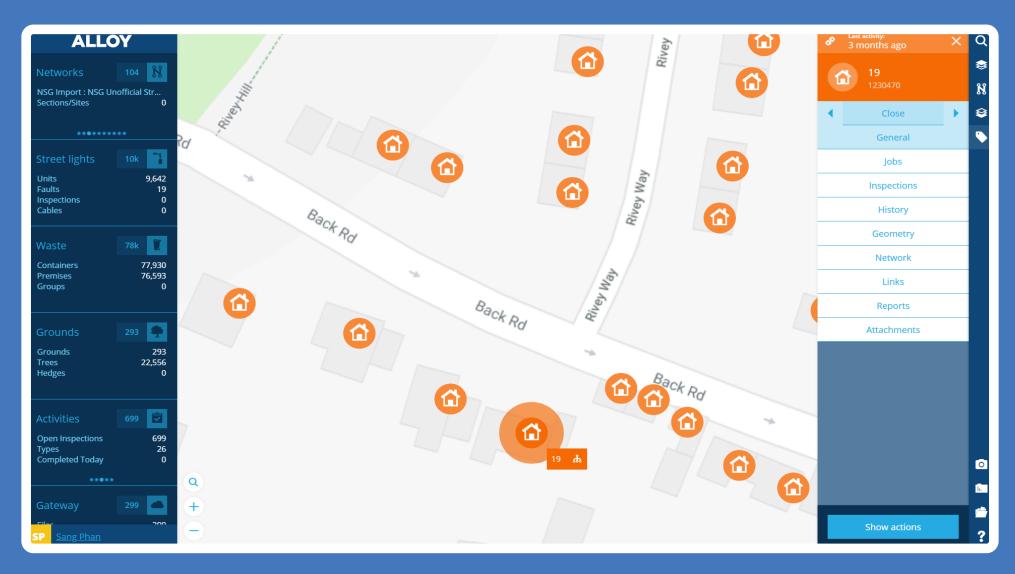
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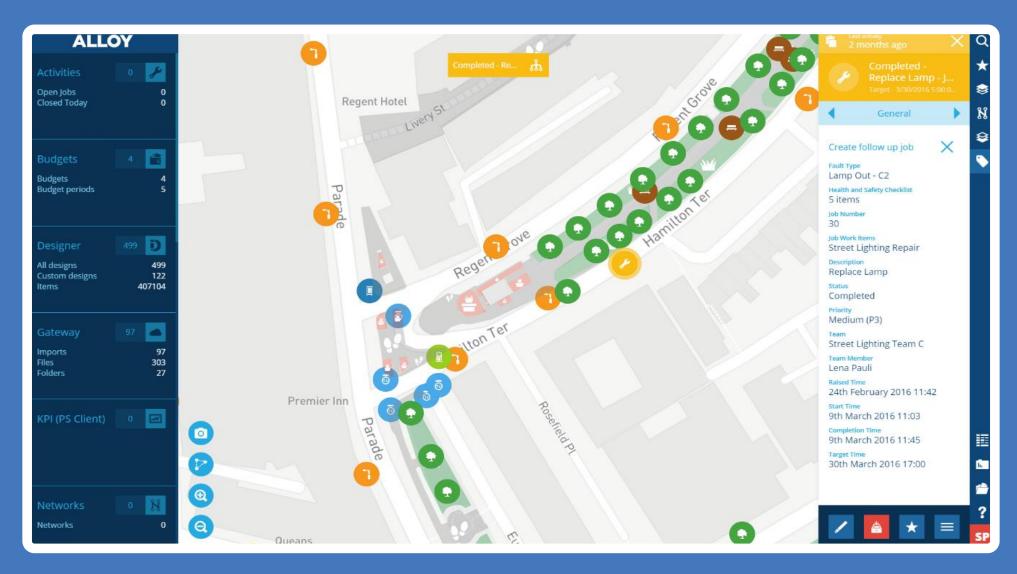




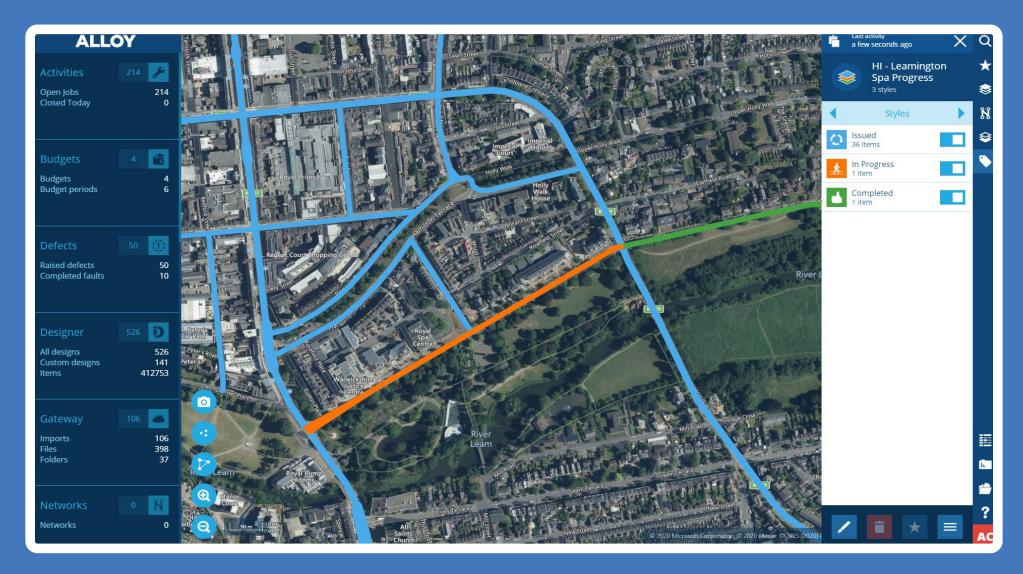






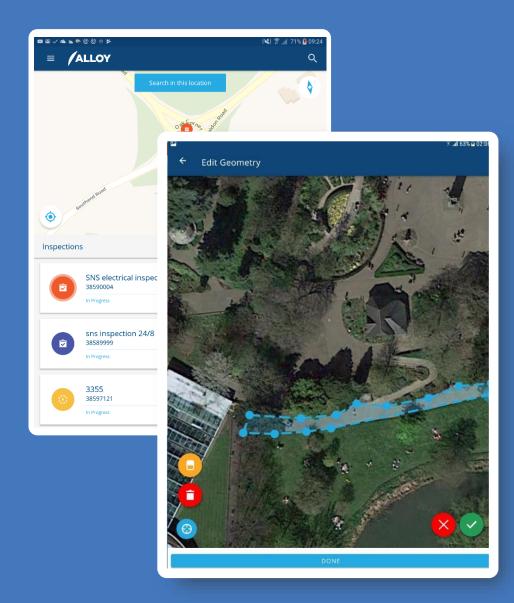


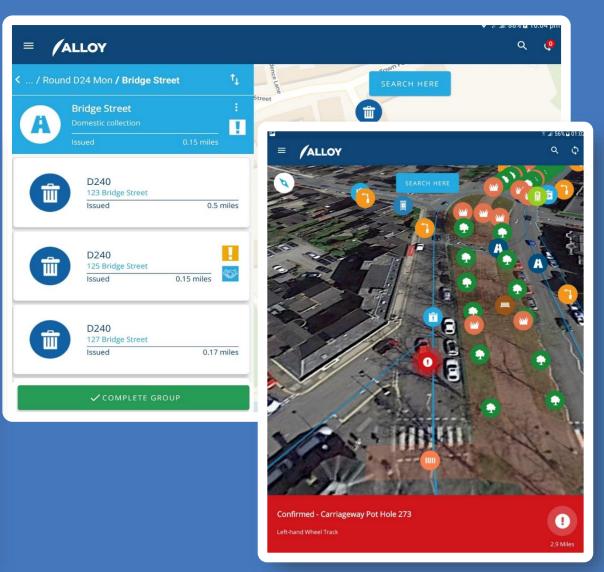






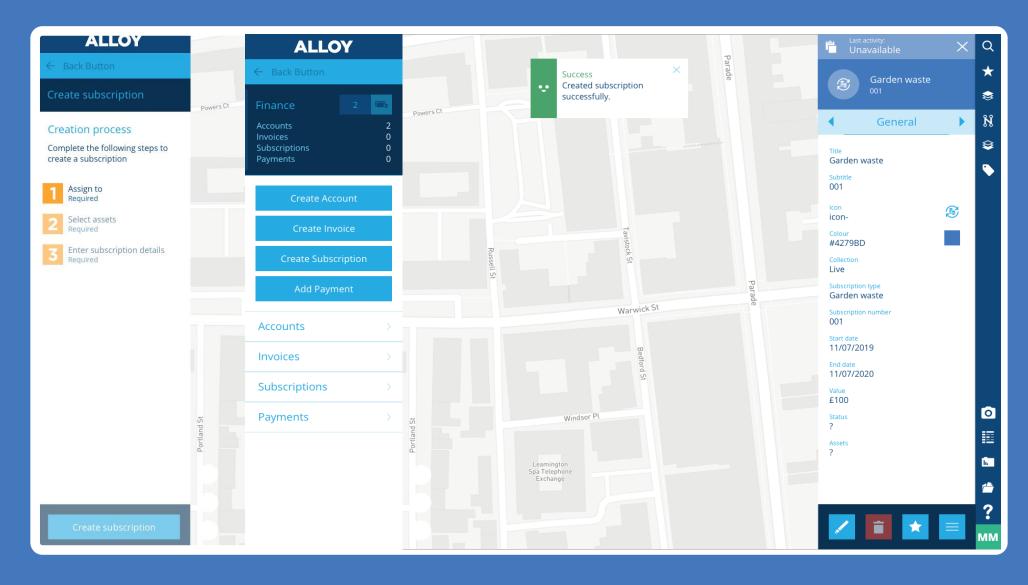
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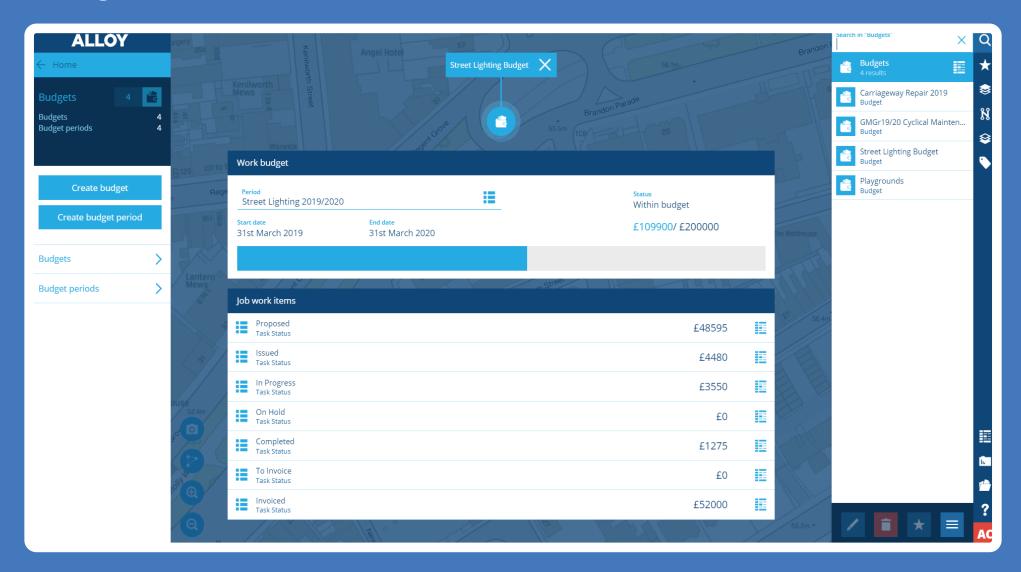


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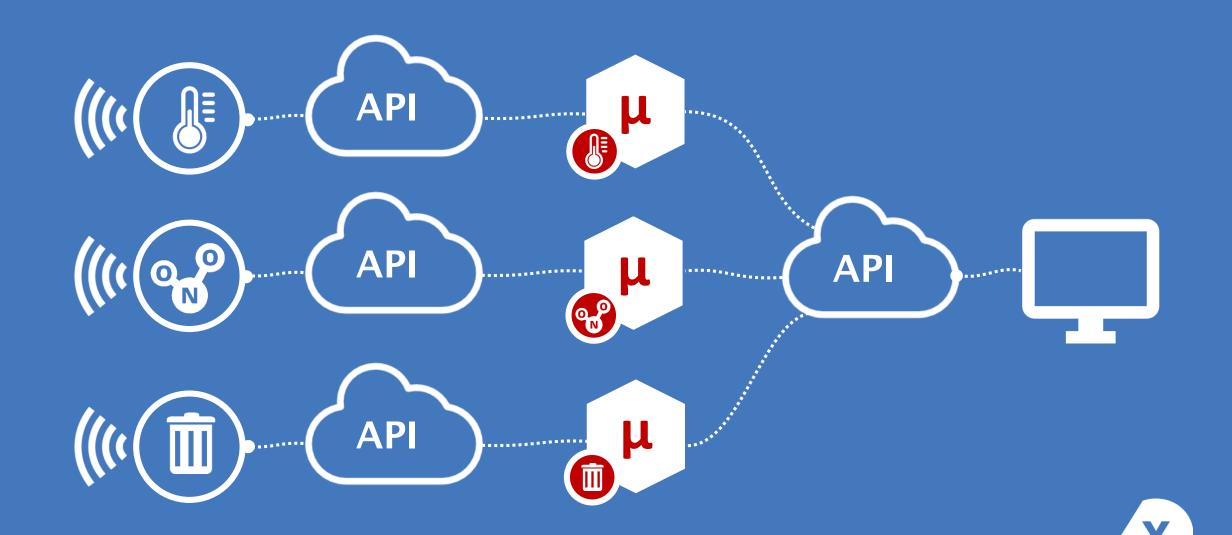


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#### From Silos to Sensors to Smarter Decisions



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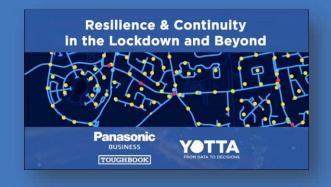


#### From Silos to Sensors to Smarter Decisions





#### Continue the Discussion



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## Weathering the Strom in the face of the Covid19 Pandemic

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**Operations and Commercial Services** 

Manager

Warrington Borough Council



## Warrington Waste

- Warrington has 94,960 residential properties
- Occupies a Geographical area of 70 square miles
- Operates an in house waste collection service
- Provides three Kerbside collection streams
  - Residual Waste Black
  - Dry Mixed Recylate Blue
  - Green Waste Green Chargeable
- Does Not have a Waste Transfer Station within the Borough



## Warrington Waste

- Green Waste operates over 9 months
- Operate all Waste services on four day week
- 9.25 hours a day
- 92 FTE within Operational Service
- Historic High sickness levels
- Traditional use of Agency staff to support service
- Fixed term employees supports Green Waste



- Clear Fear within team in Feb / March
- Increased absence rates
- Rumour and speculation within workforce
- Discussions internally about the virus and impact
- Service identified as critical to residents
- Need to maintain service
- lan's Army



- Clear strategy within the Council to maintain and support front line services
- Robust Risk assessments around role
- Screens Considered in RCV
- Reduced staffing levels from 3 in a cab
- Introduced a fleet of small vans to support
- Van allocated to driver
- Crews fixed where possible



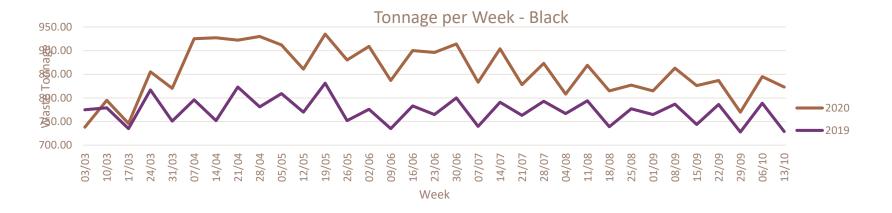
- Considered staggered starts to complex
- Job and finish minimise contact
- High risk with regard RCV Drivers
- Stringent Cleaning Regime
- PPE
- Clear reporting channels
- Home Working
- Increased capacity with respect to Supervision



- Prior to test ability high staff absence
- Regular communication and support with TU
- Link and support from APSE
- Link and Support from Merseyside Waste Authority

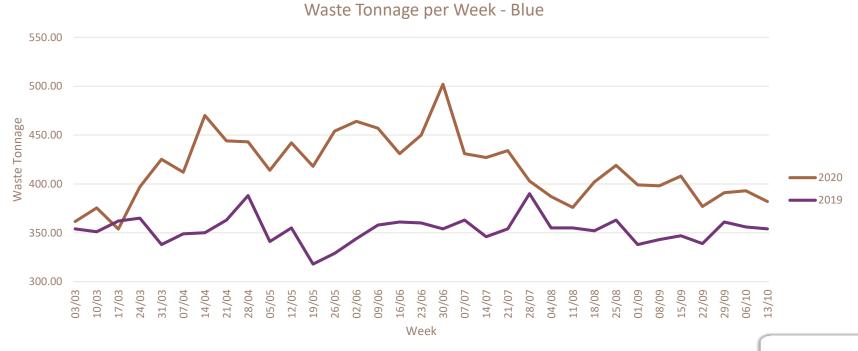


- Waste Volumes grew dramatically 10%
- At Peak 20% Growth over 100 tonnes per day





- DMR Average growth 17%
- Peak Growth 45%





#### Positives

- Immense Public Support
- Sense of Pride within Team
- Recognition within Senior Leaders and Politicians and members
- Union Support
- 100% Collection Rate Maintained



- Challenges
  - Increased Cost Funding The New Norm
  - Additional Staff
  - Additional Vehicles
  - Second Wave Much Greater impact



# Warwickshire County Council Recycling Centres in 2020

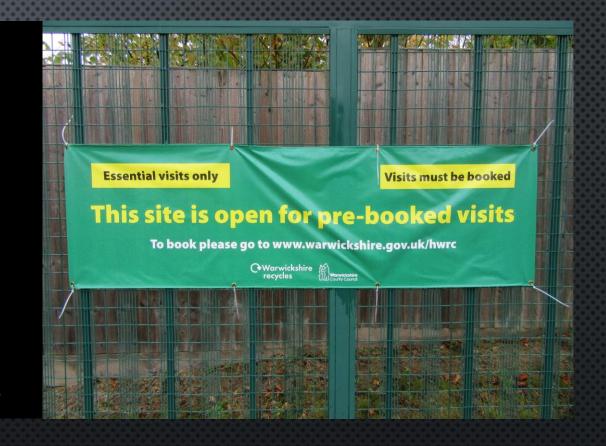
Ruth Dixon
Waste Strategy and Commissioning Manager





## Why the booking system option for WCC?

- 3 neighbours also planning booking
- Network of 9 sites, 8 operated in house
- Most on major roads on edge of towns
- Only one with a long approach road
- High quotes for traffic management
- Co-located transfer stations
- IT confident in the proposed solution
- Addressed staff concerns
- Elected members keen on solution
- District and Borough partners in the loop







## How did we set it up?

- Online booking on Eventbrite platform
- 15 minute slots throughout the day
- Cars per 15 min from 4 14 cars
- Traffic management stopped after 2 weeks
- Meet and greet
- Began with 6 sites nearly all materials
- Began with one visit per fortnight
- Added more cars per 15 min
- Added reuse shops and remaining sites







#### Challenges

- Communicating about reopening
- Keeping all parties informed
- Administering the system
- Dealing with enquiries
- People with no internet
- Inclement weather
- No-shows
- Introducing trailers







#### Most people like it

- Calm sites, happy staff
- Social distancing
- Communicate to manage expectations
- Overall availability more than demand
- Know when quite periods will be
- Footfall 35% but material throughput 65%
- More data
- The goodwill has lessened, but continues.

"I would like to thank very much the team that has organised the opportunity for people to use the recycling centre during these difficult times. The booking system is so easy to use and fair for all to pick a suitable time. The staff on site are so helpful and friendly. A really great service and thanks to all involved."





## How can the booking system aid resilience in an uncertain future?

- Sites can be closed or limit capacity
- Parking space numbers can change
- Inform customers of disruption
- Reduce or add in available materials
- Reminders to pre-sort and to cancel
- Can write to infringers of the rules
- Track and trace capability
- Ready for higher alert levels
- Ready for the post-Christmas rush
- Tested communications channels









# A Cup of Inspiration & The Covid-19 pandemic

Bill Byfield
The Recycling Team
ODS

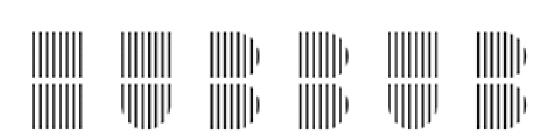




## Background



### **About the Cup Fund**

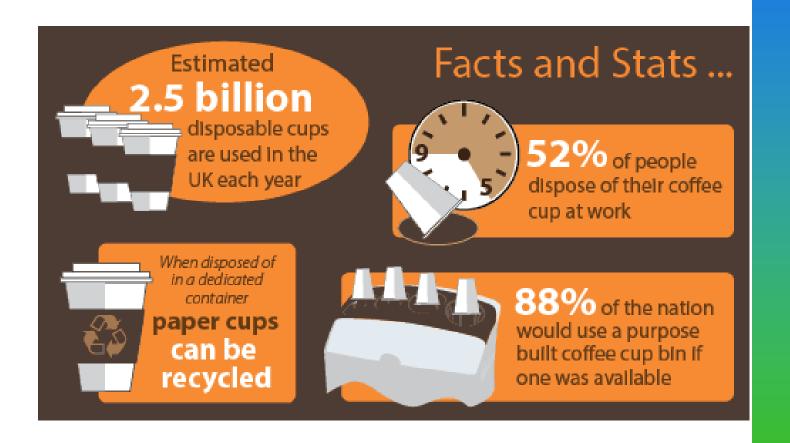






### The facts about coffee cups

- Less than 0.25% of disposable cups are currently recycled
- There are over 50 different coffee shops in Oxford city centre alone
- Over 5% (by weight) of litter bin contents were coffee cups
- If just 50% of single use cups were recycled in Oxford's main high streets, we would collect 7.5 tonnes of cups every year





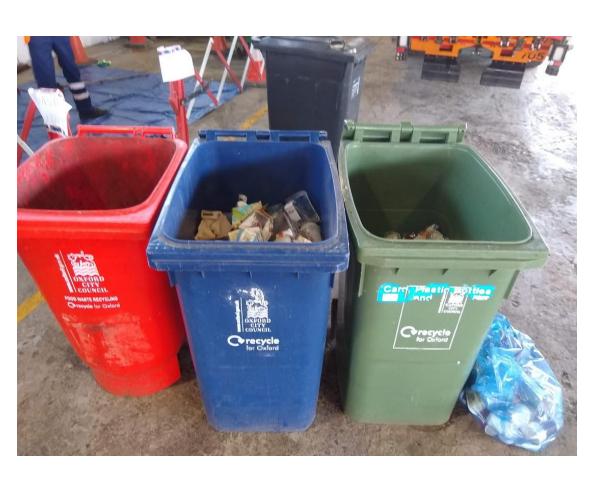
### Not just coffee cups...

- Over 60% of litter bin contents was dry recyclables and food
- Less than 0.5% of street arising's are recycled in Oxford, despite an overall recycling rate of over 50%
- Recycling bins are already installed in Summertown, but are underutilised
- On-street recycling was already on the project plan for the coming year





## Learning about litter

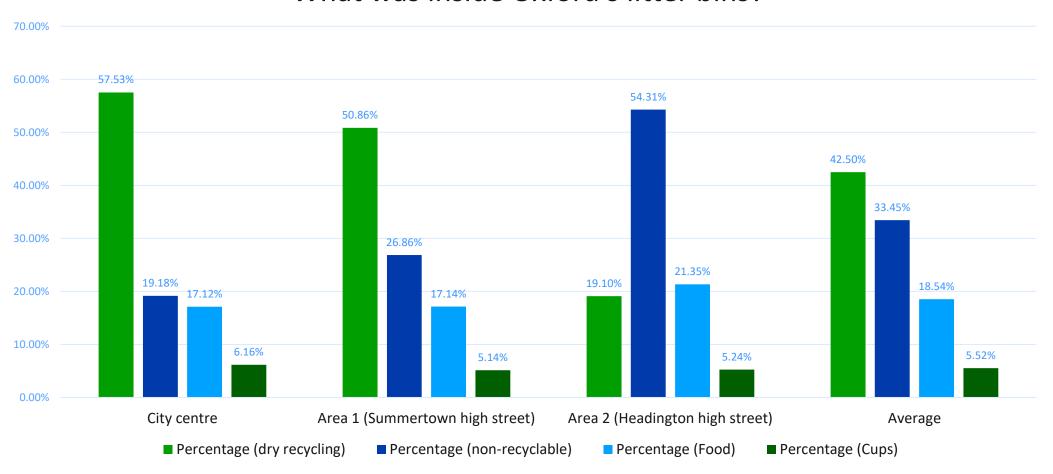






### The results

#### What was inside Oxford's litter bins?





#### Lessons from research

- People will use the closest bin to them when disposing of their litter
- People take a maximum of two seconds to decide which litter bin to use
- The best quality recycling comes from 'recycling points', not individually placed bins





#### **Our bid**

- 40 'recycling points' would be installed, across the city centre, Summertown High Street and Headington High Street
- Oxford Direct Services funded the recycling bins, but Hubbub would fund the coffee cup recycling
- It would start with 12 bins being installed in the city centre, as a trial, with 28 more being brought to the other areas in phases
- We aimed to recycle 650, 000 cups in the first year (based on 50% of cups thrown away being recycled)



#### Oxford Direct Services

The Oxford City Council will install 20 dedicated on-street coffee cup recycling bins in high footfall areas: ten in the city centre, four on Summertown high street and six on Headington high street. The project aims to recycle 6.35 tonnes of coffee cups, roughly equivalent to **650,000** paper cups in year 1.



## **Collection logistics**



### Challenges

- Oxford City Council is a waste collection authority without its own waste transfer station
- It was not possible to run a separate crew just to collect recyclables
- We had to work with the County Council to arrange space to store recyclables
- Coffee cups were taken to two locations



#### **Solutions**

- 4 vehicles were modified to allow for separate storage of recyclables, including added safety features
- Agreement with Oxfordshire County Council for recycling disposal at Redbridge





### The Oxford bin



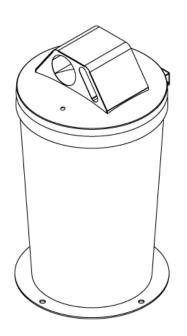
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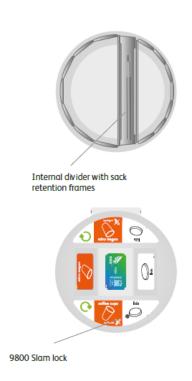
- 40 unique bins were needed
- They needed to be waterproof
- They needed to be durable
- They needed to be heavy and secure

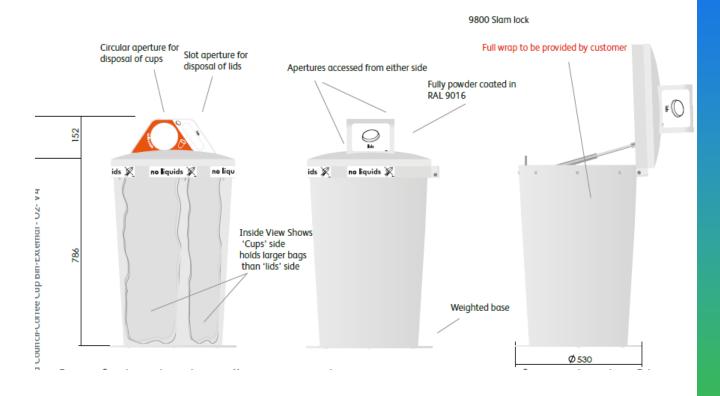




### The design









#### What we got



- Waterproof design
- Durable and hard to move
- Capable of being wrapped with unique designs
- Looked like a cup
- Clearly labelled
- Colourful and eye catching



## **Partnership**



#### **Engagement**

- Stakeholders (Councillors, Oxford Heritage etc) in all areas were engaged about bin locations and designs
- A planning application was made to Oxford City Council, because the bins were wrapped with art work
- Full area audits were carried out to locate bins in the best possible places, which were agreed with stakeholders before installation





### Partnership working

#### **Internal**

- Project became joint-funded with Oxford City Council's Culture Team, who commissioned professional artists for the bins
- Worked closely alongside Oxford City Council communications, street cleansing, ODS communications and others

#### **External**

- Partnership was formed with the Westgate Centre, who have two coffee cup bins in their centre
- Worked closely alongside Oxford Heritage groups to factor in the impact on Oxford's historic city centre
- Private land managers were consulted on bin locations (for example at Gloucester Green market)



## The competition



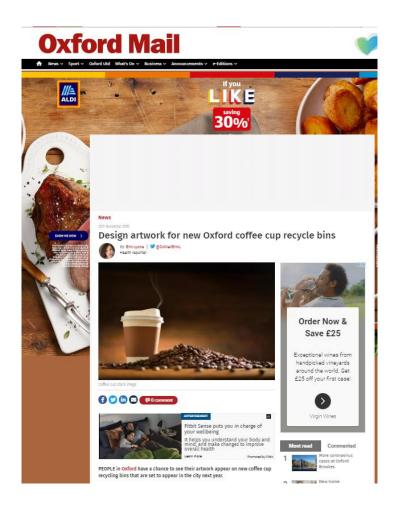
#### The criteria

- Inspiration the likelihood that the design will inspire people to make positive changes in their habits to reduce their impact on the environment (e.g. encouraging people to reduce, reuse, repair, recycle, rethink, recover, refuse etc.)
- Positivity the positivity of the message
- Diversity and inclusion the ability of the design to reach and include the broadest range of people within Oxford's communities
- Visibility how likely the design will draw the attention of the public to its message
- Logistics how the design will work with the overall design of the bin including that it may be viewed at different angles



#### **Engagement**

- All schools in Oxfordshire were contacted
- Press release
- Sponsored social media posts
- Organic social media content
- Posters in community centres
- Dedicated web page
- Email newsletter
- Local newsletters
- Oxford Mail advert
- Universities contacted
- Professional 'call-out' made to artists
- Application form and terms and conditions







GET CREATIVE COMPETITION

FOR OXFORD'S NEW COFFEE CUP RECYCLING BINS



Encourage people to use our new coffee cup recycling bins with your winning design. Entries close on 6th January 2020.

Your design on one of Oxford's new coffee cup recycling bins. Entries open to all Oxfordshire residents.

Visit our website below to find out more.



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### The submissions – good and bad







#### **Artists**







#### Members of the public

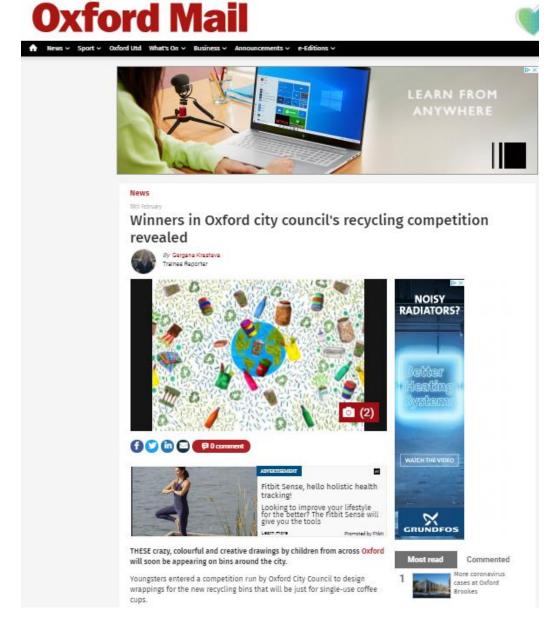






#### **Lessons** learnt

- The more time you give, the better! Especially for schools to participate
- Make the terms simple and easy to understand
- Be flexible on how you receive your entries
- Maximise prizes!
- Avoid Christmas time!
- Allow people to be as creative as possible – they'll come up with some amazing things!





### The launch



#### Getting the message out

- Councillors, all local media outlets and our MP were directly invited to the launch event
- 2 winners were invited to attend, and be interviewed by local media
- Press release and social media campaign gathered maximum public interest





#### The event







#### The results

- Features across all local TV news channels
- Video series filmed and published on social media
- Over 300 re-usable cups given out
- Over 400 people spoken to
- Numerous shares and mentions on social media
- Positive feedback and positive press across the board!
- Over 100, 000 people reached on social media throughout

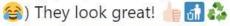




#### Some of the mentions on social media



@Recycle4Oxford @ODS\_doinggood We just missed the stall tonight, but we had fun spotting the bins (and telling people drinking coffee that they can use them







Paul Mocroft @PaulMocroft · Feb 25

Great initiative from @Recycle4Oxford. Good to see #Oxford still moving forward with #recycling.

Oxford Recycles @Recycle4Oxford · Feb 24

Our team member Laura explains why we've installed new coffee cup recycling bins and how to use them.

You can talk to our team today until 6pm and then on Friday at Bonn Sq. Alternatively, just tweet us your question

#reducereuserecycle #intheloop







#### **Negative press**

#### News

7th March

#### Single-use recycling scheme by Starbucks lambasted by Oxford locals



"Former city councillor Tony Brett said he was anxious the scheme would teach youngsters bad habits and condone climate damaging behaviour.

Mr Brett, who works at Oxford University, argued that the city council should have introduced more drastic measures by banning cups instead of recycling them.

He said: "Councillors are doing good work, however, they are not tackling the root cause of the problem.

"Instead of dedicated recycling bins, they should ban single-use cups all together or introduce a large tax on businesses who still use it.""



## Social media post examples



The new on-street coffee cup recycling bins are here! 64 They will be installed this weekend ready for the launch at Bonn Square on Monday 8 Check out some of the inspirational designs below - #acupofinspiration #InTheLoop Hubbub







Like Reply 5w



Come an

design for our new single-use coffee cup bins





The Recycling Team are up bright and early ready for the launch of Oxford's new on-street coffee cup recycling bins today! 65 Come and see them at Bonn Square from 8am to get a free reusable cup for your early morning









Engagements

3.211

People reached

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### The results of the trial



## What we learned about onstreet recycling

- Street recycling has an average of 30% contamination, higher on weekends
- Quality of 'day time' recycling was many times better than the quality of 'night time' recycling
- Contamination was higher on weekends, particularly Sunday mornings. The contents of every single bin had to be tipped as normal litter
- Most of the waste still went into the normal litter bin, even when the bins are all next to each other
- A lot of time needs to be invested into training staff properly



## The project

- Residents responded well to the idea overall. The organic social media posts were some of our most popular ever!
- The community will come up with some fantastic ideas and messages when given the license to do so
- Some residents responded badly to the colourful bins in the historic city centre, but these were an overwhelming minority
- Our most common complaint was that we were 'encouraging single use cups' – even though we focussed on waste reduction and re-use as key messages

If we were to do this again, what would we change?



## Covid-19



## How it affected the project

- Coffee cup collections were immediately suspended by the contractor, without a single collection being completed. This means we're short of data
- We've still not collected enough good quality mixed recycling to warrant a collection – so we don't know how much we've gathered.
- Contamination rates actually got higher during lockdown
- Coffee cup and street recycling bins had to be removed from the street shortly after lockdown, and have only just been replaced
- Resources are still severely reduced, meaning that the next two phases of the project (Summertown and Headington), are unlikely to go ahead any time soon
- We're going to have to reduce the scope of the project to make it work going forward



## What we've learned from Covid-19 overall

- Our ways of engagement are no longer fit for purpose
- There's a lot we still need to learn about maximising online engagement it's more important than ever!
- It's brought inefficiencies in our service to light which we've been able to address, and we're better for it
- Our street arisings are still lower than ever even after lockdown, but the workload is higher
- Working from home brings new sets of challenges!

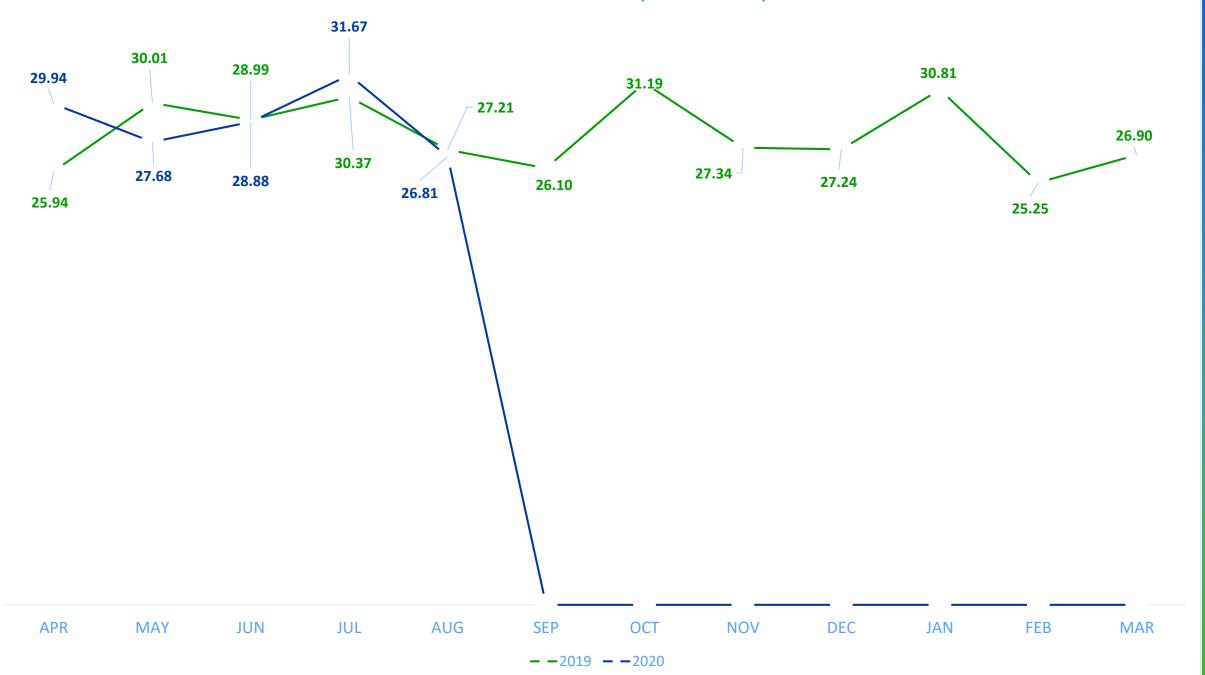


# How Covid-19 affected our performance



### RESIDUAL WASTE PER HOUSEHOLD (BY MONTH): 2019 VS 2020

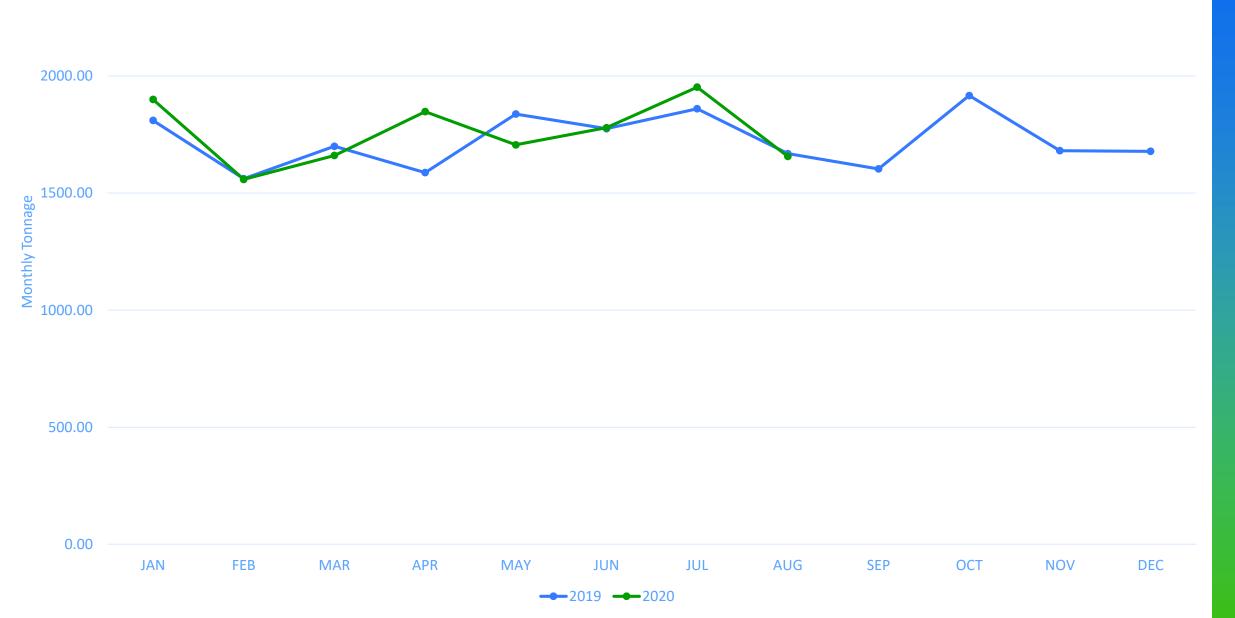




#### Domestic Refuse 2019 vs 2020

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### Domestic Recycling 2019 vs 2020

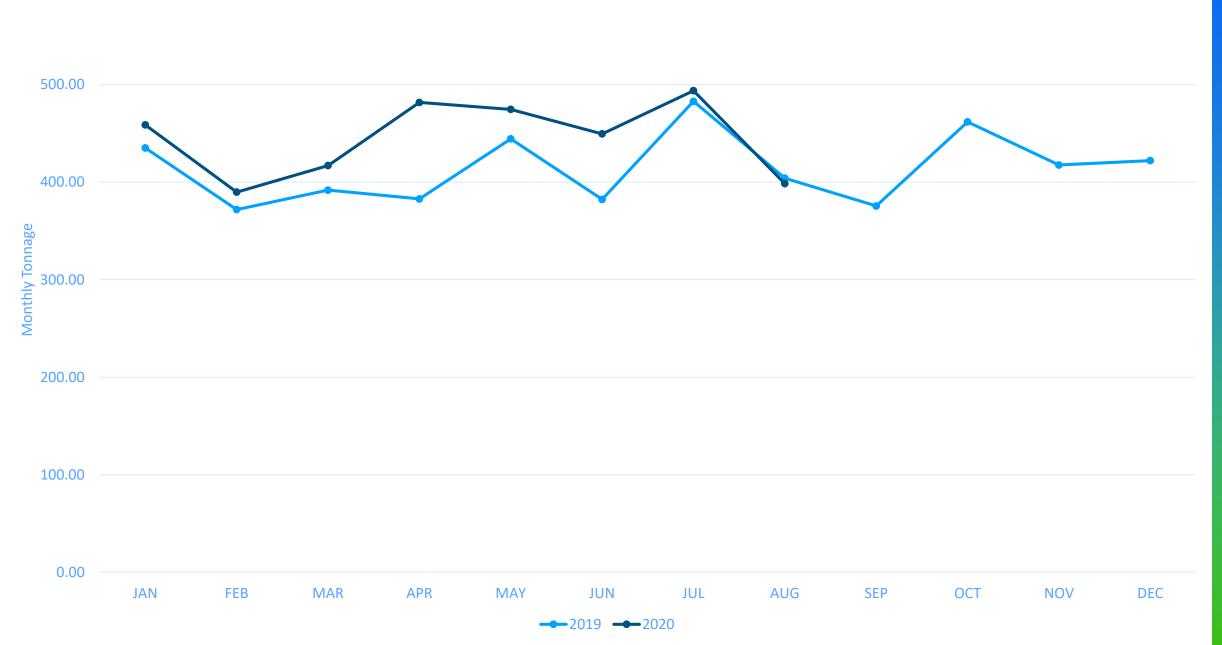




### Domestic Food 2019 vs 2020

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## Thank you for listening!

## Comments or questions?

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