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Developments in route mapping; colour coded zones



Why change our waste collection system?

- Improve efficiency
- Better value for money
- Simple
- Flexible
- More environmentally friendly



The old regime

- Seven patches
- Working to the lowest capacity
- Inflexible



New horizons

Five colour-coded zones

- Greater flexibility
- Allows increase in our recycling offer



Route mapping

- The manual approach
- Dividing the borough into five colour coded zones
- Developing first class logistics programme

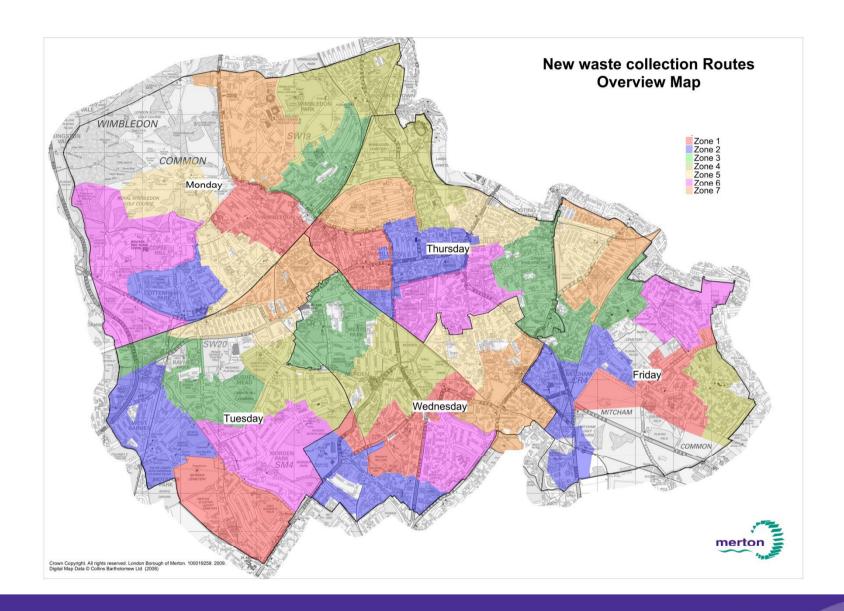


Route mapping

- Drawing up a network of routes
- RouteSmart

All-important database of borough homes







No substitute for the human touch

Consulting the crews

Does the plan on paper work in practice?



Keeping crews informed

Benefit from hands-on experience of the crews

Gain the support of the crews



Colour coding

 New collection days for 80% of Merton households

Smooth changeover and minimal disruption



Five colour-coded zones





Lamppost banners











Correx signs

















Leaflet









Fridge magnet













JC Decaux advertisements plus A3 posters in different languages









Has it worked?

- Successful change over
- Improvements can always be made
- We want to make it as easy as possible for our residents to recycle



What residents want

- Improved quality of service
- More opportunities to recycle
- Convenient and easy-to-use service



Landfill tax and recycling rates

- Councils are subject to landfill tax
- Penalties are increasing all the time
- Making it easy for residents to recycle is paramount

