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Garden waste collections resume

Erewash Borough Council is pleased to confirm that it will carry out garden waste collections for an initial four-week period from Monday 11 May.

Brown bins will be emptied alongside recyclable waste in the Long Eaton and south area week beginning 11 May and then in Ilkeston and north of the borough week starting 18 May, with repeat collections from 25 May and 1 June.

Garden waste collections were suspended just over a month ago to focus on household waste and recycling collections and new ways of working to meet the government's guidelines on social distancing and the safety of staff during the covid-19 crisis.

The council appreciates that many residents have been spending more time in their gardens during lockdown and so has been constantly reviewing the position. But the priority has to remain the collection of black bin and recyclable waste and the restart of the garden waste collections will have to be monitored during the four-week period.

Councillor Garry Hickton, Erewash Borough Council's Lead Member for Environment, says:

"We are fully aware that during the lockdown many residents have been spending more time in their gardens and have full brown bins, so I am sure this news will be welcome. We are committed to ensuring our frontline services work as effectively and efficiently as possible - while always ensuring the safety and well-being of our staff and customers.

"We thank residents for their support for our refuse crews and hope they will understand that garden waste collections will have to be reviewed over this four-week period and if the

situation changes then we may have to return to focusing only on household and recyclable waste.”

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Notes to Editors:

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