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Dear 'Recycling Box' Santon Householders,

## RECYCLING BOXES YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE COLLECTION SERVICE HAS CEASED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Unfortunately the Commissioners have, without adequate notice, been advised that a charge will be levied by a private contractor for all future collection of recycling boxes. The charge is considered to be excessive and certainly it will be undesirable for ratepayers to have inflicted upon them without notice or consultation. Consequently therefore, it is regrettably decided that collection of recyclables will cease, at least for the time being. You will be advised at such time as a similar service might be available.

The Department of Infrastructure (DoI) is at present in the process of revising its whole recycling strategy. This is a surprisingly complex process, a balance between cost and the environment, and a new version will not be in place for several months. The Commissioners are involved with the working groups charged with developing the new strategy and your interests are therefore represented.

In the meantime, please retain your collection boxes as they may well be able to be used again and are originally Government property.

The recycling alternative, in the short term at least, is to please take your **bottle glass**, aluminium, paper, etc. to a "Bring Bank" (BB) where the large recycling bins are situated. The nearest is in Santon at the Main Road end of Murray's Lake Drive inside the Mt. Murray Estate. An alternative is in Ballasalla at the Commissioners' Office or the car park beside Rushen Abbey. Braddan Commissioners also have this facility at their offices. It was desired to have an additional "BB" facility at Newtown but this will not be possible until DoI has decided upon its new strategy.

The Commissioners regret this interruption to the existing recycling scheme and hope for a resumption of the service as soon as it can be arranged. **In the meantime, do not leave your boxes out to be emptied as they will not be cleared and PLEASE DO NOT make your refuse bins heavier by placing bottles in them. These are charged by weight at the incinerator and, alas, it all goes on your rates.**

**NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A Santon/Braddan MHK 'SURGERY' AT MT. MURRAY GOLF CLUB 1000-1200 ON SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT WHICH RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AIR AND DISCUSS ANY ISSUES THAT ARE OF CONCERN. The Chief Minister and Mr. Bill Shimmins MHK have said that they will be present.**

The Commissioners are aware that there is much alarm about possible building in Santon under the projected, "Eastern Area Plan", and take the opportunity through this leaflet to reassure residents that proposals are just that at the moment and at least two years will pass, and a public enquiry will be held, before actual sites even undergo planning applications and are decided upon.

On behalf of the Commissioners: Howard Benson, Clerk to Santon Commissioners.