Do you live in a flat? A chance to give your views on communal bins

Edinburgh flat residents' views sought on on-street recycling bins

Those of you who live in flats are asked for your views on the communal on-street bins.

Changeworks is conducting a survey to help the council find ways to improve the service and the recycling rate.

The <u>short online survey</u>, which only takes 5-10 minutes to complete, is available to Edinburgh residents until 23 October 2017. Changeworks is keen to encourage as many people as possible to participate.

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By taking part in the survey, participants can enter a prize draw with the chance to win several prizes including vouchers for Pizza Express and Cineworld, and family passes to the Camera Obscura in Edinburgh. Survey respondents will also be offered the chance to attend a paid focus group, scheduled for November 2017, where their feedback and ideas will be explored in more depth.

Sam Mills, Changeworks' Head of Projects said: "It is important that Edinburgh flat residents are given the opportunity to give feedback on their current waste and recycling service. This will help the City of Edinburgh Council to improve bin design, as well as collections, bin locations and recycling communications which will benefit the local community." City of Edinburgh Council Transport and Environment Convener, Councillor Lesley Macinnes, said: "This consultation will give us a real insight into what residents in flats and tenements think of their waste and recycling facilities, and we're pleased to be working with Changeworks to carry it out. The results of the survey will enable us to pinpoint areas for improvement in the service, ensuring the disposal of waste and recycling is as straightforward as possible for those living in flats – some 64% of the city's population.

"As well as allowing us to identify the key issues around onstreet bins, something we have committed to as part of our own Waste and Cleansing Improvement Plan, this information will be used to make sure residents have adequate recycling provision, helping us to achieve the Council's target of increasing household recycling to 60% in the next five years."