



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICER REPORT

Committee:	Place, Neighbourhood and Planning
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Report Title:	Proposed new arrangements to replace gull sacks
Context:	<p>There have been numerous complaints regarding the use of gull sacks within the Ryde Conservation Area. They are left hanging from the railings of various properties in Ryde seven days a week. This causes four main problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harms to the character of the conservation area. 2. Blocks the pavement. 3. Potential health hazard and attracts rats. 4. First impressions for tourists on this main bus route.

1. SUMMARY

Ryde Town Council calls on the Isle of Wight Council to consider the removal of gull sacks in an area of Ryde where they are causing an extreme nuisance and replacing them with 1100L wheelie bins.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ryde has several buildings which used to be either Guest Houses or Hotels. Many of these are in George Street which is included in the Ryde Conservation Area. Many of these buildings have been converted into flats and studio apartments. These properties have little, or no amenity land attached so their waste handling is done using gull sacks draped from the iron railings outside of the properties. Several properties share each gull sack, so it is impossible, owing to the size and health risk, for these to be stored inside the building.

3. POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Ryde Town Council are suggesting that a solution utilizing 1100L wheelie bins should be trialled at properties 68 to 74 George Street. 66 George Street does not have a problem with gull sacks as they store their rubbish at the rear which is at present collected by the refuse service.

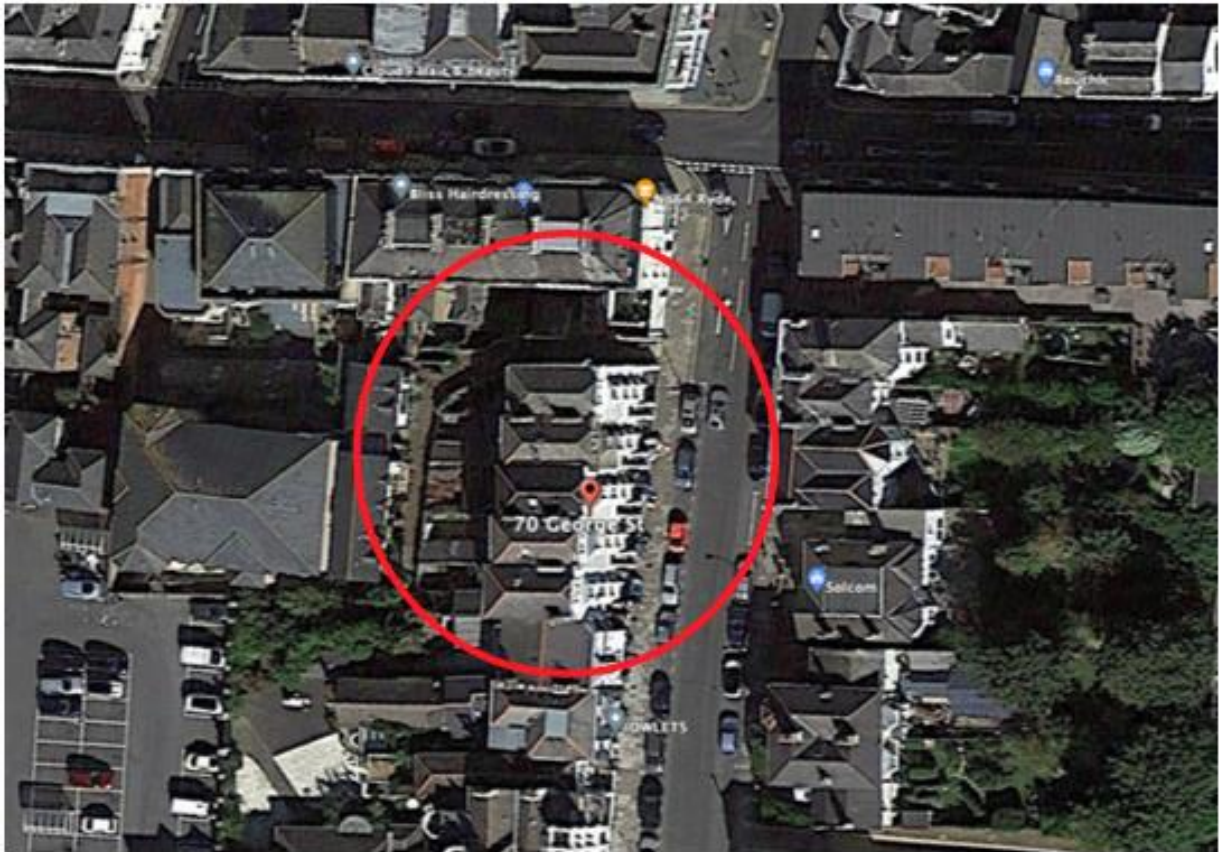
The owners of the George Street properties have stated that the small access path known as St Peter's Mews is owned by no one but they all have rights of access to the rear of their properties. It is too narrow to allow vehicles into it so they have agreed to allow 6 x1100L wheelie bins to be stored there to accommodate all of the waste generated by the four blocks of flats. Three bins will be for recyclable waste and three will be for general waste.

This proposal will address fully the four main problems encountered with gull sacks identified above and remove the need for the gull sacks on the railings.





LOCATION PLAN



SITE PLAN

4. CONCLUSION

Ryde Town Council request that the Isle of Wight Council facilitate this trial by collecting the wheelie bins as part of their existing collection round. The advantage for the refuse collectors utilising this method of collection would be a cleaner and quicker collection as a result of all the waste being in one place and kept secure with a lid over the bin. This would also lessen the time taken for the refuse lorry to remain stationary in the middle of George Street.