



One of the first things the Lib Dems and Tories did when they took over Brent Council was to introduce charges for bulky refuse collection. It was free under Labour. As a result, there has been an epidemic of dumping across the borough. This leads to less recycling and more landfill which is bad for the environment. Brent Council has to pay more for the increased landfill which adds to our council tax.

Labour Opposition Leader, Cllr Ann John, says *“The charging policy is completely daft. If you charge people many of them will dump it in the street so the Council still has to clear it off the streets for free anyway and they can’t then recycle it. Under Council rules anything picked up off the streets is potentially ‘contaminated’ and goes to landfill; only items picked up from someone’s home can be recycled”.*

Labour is pledged to restoring free collection of bulky refuse for up to five items a year per household.