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GREENS SAY "DON'T BE STINGY OVER RECYCLING BAGS"

GREEN Party Parliamentary candidate Andrea Smith has called on Gosport council to change its policy of giving householders just one green bag a fortnight for recycling.

She was contacted by two residents who had used their quota of 26 recycling bags, and had been told the council that they couldn't have any more until the summer.

Andrea said: "These ladies want to help the borough council reach its recycling targets, but have been forced to put recycling in with the waste to be landfilled. "They should be given the same opportunity to recycle as a householder with a 240-litre wheelie, which is equivalent in space to at least two bin bags."

Green bags were offered by council as an alternative to wheelie bins for householders who lived in flats or didn't want a wheelie bin.

One of the ladies, Mrs Anna Straw, of Fareham Road, said: "I have children from Belarus several times a years. At Christmas they have presents and sweets and crackers. I have also just had a father and son over from Beslan. I have a lot of things to recycle, but have not been able to do so for weeks now."

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Andrea can be contacted on 023 92 361 988 / 07787 326 724

Mrs Straw's number is 023 92 588 465. Her neighbour is Mrs Sharon Musselwhite.