

Wheelie Bins¹ and Kerb² Appeal³:-

A homeowner plans to sue⁴ her council claiming⁵ its ‘unsightly⁶’ green **wheelie bins** have decreased the value of her property.

Judie Chisholm, 57, from Paignton, Devon, is seeking £5,000 compensation from Torbay Council saying the large bins are ‘unsuitable’ for her needs and have **killed off** her property’s **‘kerb appeal’**.

Her trouble began when the council replaced her seagull⁷-proof sack used for holding household waste⁸ with a large wheelie bin. Miss Chisholm, whose property has steps leading up to the front door, claims the bins have to stay on the street.

1 contenedor de ruedas

2 bordillo, cera

3 atractivo. Appel también significa en otro contexto jurídico: Apelación

4 demandar

5 reclamación

6 feo

7 gaviota

8 Residuos, basuras, desperdicios



Judie Chisholm is seeking compensation from Torbay Council saying the bins have taken away part of the property's appeal. As many of the homes have steps leading up to the front door the bins have to stay on the street, she says



Miss Chisholm's street. Her trouble began when the council replaced her seagull-proof sack used for holding **household waste** with a large wheelie bin

In her letter to the authority, she said the green-coloured bin had 'wrecked'⁹ all kerb appeal **in one fell swoop**¹⁰.

She has written to the council's legal department informing them of her intention to claim compensation.

Miss Chisholm's letter came after the Conservative-controlled authority introduced a rubbish and recycling scheme earlier this month which **sparked**¹¹ more than 6,000 complaints in its first day.

Householders have now set up a Facebook group in opposition, claiming the scheme is too complicated. Some said their bins were **crawling**¹² with flies and maggots.

Average property prices for a three-bedroom terraced house where she lives are between £153,000 to £162,000.

Though she insisted she does not object to recycling, she says it has now **gone too far**.

'I also strongly object to the area in general being turned from a beautiful tourist attraction into a **slum**¹³ like Bin City,' she said in her letter.

9 destruido todo el atractivo (en este)

10 de una sólo vez, de golpe, de un plumazo (más corriente)

11 hacer estallar, precipitar; spark: chispa

12 plagada de moscas y gusanos

13 barrio bajo

'It would be bad enough if these bins were only on display one day a week, but wheelie bins are having to be stored permanently on pavements where there is no other option, and recycling is being left out¹⁴ for days on end because the collections are late.'

She said the new scheme led¹⁵ to eight days of delays in collection in the first two weeks.

Miss Chisholm has now threatened to '**saw up**¹⁶ her large bin, put it in her car and **dump it**¹⁷ on the steps of the Town Hall if it is not collected.

Previously, suitable householders had two wheeled bins - one for recycling and one for general waste - which were collected on alternative weeks.

Officials now want the residents to organise their own rubbish for **kerbside**¹⁸ collections.

Green wheelie bins are being replaced with a series of boxes which contain food, card, paper, glass, foil¹⁹ and tins.

The scheme²⁰ aims to save £14million and see 50 per cent of waste recycled by 2012.

A Torbay Council spokesman said: 'We can confirm we have received a letter from a resident which has been referred to our claims team for consideration.'

14 se quedan fuera

15 llegó

16 ver

17 volcar

18 acera

19 papel de aluminio

20 Sistema