

GCSE HUMANITIES COURSEWORK: IS BRENT DEALING ADEQUATELY WITH ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS?

For my GCSE Humanities coursework, I will be observing how or if Brent is dealing adequately with its environmental problems. Brent is a borough in North West London. London is the capital of England.

A MAP OF BRENT

Brent is the joining of Wembley and Willesden boroughs, which is under the London government act of 1963. In 1965, Brent started to tackle down on its environmental problems. One of these environmental problems

was the over-crowding of poor-housing. This was usually found in the areas of south bent. Brent is a great business location and helps with London's economic well-being. Brent has good rail links which goes towards central London, Europe and the rest of the U.K. Two of London's largest industrial estates are in Brent. They are located in Park Royal and Wembley. N Wembley, they have the new Wembley arena, which brings in tourists as well as job vacancies. Industry has improved due to improved road systems, which includes the north circular road and the M1. This helps the transport network. At the start of the 21st century, the high rise developments are being pulled down and replaced by low rise housing. There have been major industrial developments in Brent.

There are a variety of cultures and religious beliefs in Brent. Such as: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jewish and Sikhism. Many of these people who follow these religions have thought that it is their moral duty to look after the environment. Christianity teaches that life is humanity's most treasured possessions, and to destroy it is a crime against God. From the

beginning of the world, God's purpose for humanity was that they should look after the environment. Muslims beliefs are similar. They have a moral duty towards God to look after the world and the environment where ever they live. Muslims believe that Allah has handed the planet over to human mankind, to look after, cherish and protect it.

Planning And Collecting Primary Data

The environmental topic that I will be studying is waste/recycling. I have chosen this because I want to see what the public do to help the environment by recycling some of their waste. I will use a questionnaire to find the data needed, and also look for pictures on the topic on which I am doing.

I will ask about 11 questions. My first question is:

Do you recycle?

I asked this question because that's the whole reason of this questionnaire is to see who recycles.

My next question is:

Are you male or female?

I asked this question to compare if whichever gender recycles more than each other.

My next question is:

If you do recycle, why don't you?

I asked this to see the reason as to why people recycle.

My next question:

Is if you don't recycle why don't you?

I asked to see why people aren't bothered to recycle.

My next question:

Do you own green box?

I asked this because the green box shows that people recycle their items within it.

My next question:

From the list below which items do you recycle?

Plastic bottles

Glass bottles

Paper

Cans

Other

I asked this as these items and more are recyclable

My next question:

Do you think recycling helps the environment?

I asked this to see what people opinions are on recycling.

Do you think that recycling should be compulsory everywhere/

I asked this because in some other places it is already compulsory.

So I wanted to see everyone else's view on it.

My next question is:

Where is your nearest recycling centre?

I asked this to see if people are aware of where their centre is

My next question is:

To encourage people to recycle, do you think people should be fined if they do not recycle? Explain your answer

I asked this because I wanted people opinions and see if they agreed or not

Finally my next question is?

Do you think waste is the most dominant environmental problem in Brent?

I asked this because there are other problems in Brent that show great concern as well as waste so I wanted to know what the public thought.

Planning And Collecting Secondary Data

Within the UDP policies section in the leaflet we see that the council has recently launched a major recycling enterprise. Facilities have been located throughout the borough for the collection of waste and the intention is to expand these facilities into the 'bring' system of recycling utilising mini-recycling centres.

These facilities would be found on supermarkets forecourts and car parks. The reason for this is to encourage shoppers to come and recycle their waste there when they come shopping. This also makes things convenient for them. New industries, warehousing and offices development are expected to take part in recycling and the collection of waste.

Brent has improved in its recycling since December 2005.

‘Brent achieved a **21%** recycling rate in December 2005. This achievement is thanks to all our residents who have taken advantage of our services.

Brent residents have shown an increased interest in recycling which makes us confident that our recycling rates will continue to improve year on year as they have done. ’ Source Brent internet site

This shows that recycling is improving due to the public becoming more aware of their environment.

Brent puts a lot of money into their recycling programme ‘Brent Council is spending over £2m extra each year to deliver an excellent street-cleaning and recycling service’