



case study

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Background

Edinburgh City Council was launching a communal food waste collection initiative for residents of Portobello, a suburb on the outskirts of the city. Food waste can easily be recycled; however, complications with collection have hindered communal collection attempts in the past.

Food waste can be dense which means that collection containers need to be smaller in volume due to weight constraints.

Food will also decompose rapidly, which means that collection points need to protect the public from the contents of the bins.



Product in development at Oak Park

The Taylor approach

When Edinburgh City Council decided to launch the food collection scheme it was aware of the issues of weight and speed of decomposition.

The council approached Taylor to design a bespoke solution for the project.

Drawing on 50 years of Research and Development experience, Taylor was able to work closely with the council to develop collection points that were suitable for food collection within just two weeks of the initial briefing.

“We enjoyed working with the council to develop a food collection lid that features a specialised aperture that allows for food to be deposited whilst protecting the user from the contents of the bin.”

Kevin Docherty
Area Business Manager
Taylor

The result

Within two weeks, Taylor had developed a bespoke lid that kept the contents concealed from the public during operation. The lids were supplied with the Continental™ 500L container and introduced across Portobello with great success.

“The support that we received from Taylor was superb given the time constraints that they had to work to they generated a fantastic product; since the first run of containers was delivered we haven’t had a problem.”

Riet Garsed, Project Officer for Edinburgh City Council.

The innovative lid design features a pull-out, hinged flap that has a shelf attached at an angle. As the flap is opened the shelf rises up to the opening ensuring that the bin remains sealed and the user does not come into contact with its contents. Once the waste is placed on the shelf the flap is closed and waste is safely deposited.



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