



Dear Consultee

Consultation on exemptions and statutory guidance for Simpler Recycling in England

1. I am writing to invite views on the proposed exemptions from the requirement separately collect the recyclable waste streams and statutory guidance for Simpler Recycling.
2. The following documents may be found on Citizen Space:
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/5576d1f1>
 - **Consultation on exemptions and statutory guidance for Simpler Recycling in England**
 - **Annex 1: Proposed statutory guidance text**
 - **Consultation privacy notice**
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact recycling@defra.gov.uk.

Responses

4. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).
5. If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at recycling@defra.gov.uk. Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to:

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6. Responses should be received by 20 November 2023.

The consultation period is less than 12 weeks. This shortened consultation period is necessary to ensure that local authorities, waste collectors and non-household municipal

premises receive the policy decisions in sufficient time to implement the changes by the required dates.

To reduce the impact of this shortened consultation period, we will hold stakeholder events alongside the consultation. Additionally, prior to this consultation we have:

- Held two previous consultations on the changes to policy on the separate collection of waste in England, in 2019 and 2021. The 2021 consultation included questions on the statutory guidance, which have informed this consultation.
- Worked closely with WRAP and the Environment Agency to draft the consultation, including the draft statutory guidance text.

Confidentiality and data protection

Please find the Consultations Privacy Notice uploaded alongside this consultation.

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office “Consultation Principles” and be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultationprinciplesguidance.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

Consultation Coordinator
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Or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully,

Simpler Recycling team

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