

Dear Consultee,

## **CONSULTATION ON THE WASTE PREVENTION PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND: LETTER TO STATUTORY CONSULTATION BODIES AND PUBLIC CONSULTEES**

I am writing to invite views on the draft revised Waste Prevention Programme for England (the Programme).

### **Background**

We are required by the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 to have a Waste Prevention Programme (WPP) for England and to review it, and revise it as required. Following the publication of the review of the last WPP we are now publishing a new draft WPP for comment.

### **Why we are consulting**

There is a legal duty to consult on the draft Programme and to give consultees an opportunity to comment on the proposals. We are giving respondents an opportunity to comment on: our approach to waste prevention, whether we have identified the appropriate priority areas for action, and on the measures the government proposes to take. This is a light touch consultation as:

- we have undertaken extensive stakeholder engagement in the development of the Programme.
- to avoid the burdens that consultations place on stakeholders, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic and over the time the transition period with the EU is ending.
- the Programme takes forward a strategy already announced in *Our Waste, Our Resources: a Strategy for England*. Detailed consultation will take place in relation to individual policies at the time we take them forward. This programme does not in itself have impacts on businesses, the public sector and the public.

For these reasons we are not seeking detailed replies and do not have an extensive list of questions.

The Devolved Administrations are responsible for producing their own waste prevention programmes which together with the Programme will provide waste prevention programmes which cover the UK.

The draft Waste Prevention Programme for England for your comments can be found on Defra's website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-prevention-programme-for-england-2021/>

We welcome your views and comments.

If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact the Resource Efficiency & Waste Prevention Team by email to [wppconsultation@defra.gov.uk](mailto:wppconsultation@defra.gov.uk) or by writing to the:

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## **Responses**

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space [insert link] (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).

The consultation will run over a 12-week period. Responses should be received by **10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

## **Confidentiality and data protection**

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.

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

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If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

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