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# Waste Prevention Programme for England

Towards a resource efficient economy

*Consultation questions*

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# Introduction

This document sets out the consultation questions in our draft Waste Prevention Programme for England. Please use this document if you would like to respond by way of a hard copy. Our preference is for consultation responses to be provided online through Citizen Space. If so, this document will help you understand how your answers will be used and explains issues around data protection and confidentiality.

## What are we proposing to do?

We are consulting on a new Waste Prevention Programme for England that sets out priorities for action to manage our resources and waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy - which means preventing waste and increasing reuse, repair and remanufacture of products.

## Why do we need to do this?

To take forward the strategic direction set by

“Our waste, our resources: a strategy for England”. This states how we will better manage our material resources: how we will promote resource efficiency, move towards a circular economy, and minimise the residual waste produced.

We will seek to build on this through the revised Waste Prevention Programme focusing on the top of the waste hierarchy, which means increasing reuse, repair and remanufacture, as well as use of industrial by-products. Our goal is to develop the key cross-cutting and sector-specific aspects of the Strategy. The aim is to embed our circular economy approach and retain products and goods in circulation for as long as possible and at their highest value.

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

## Who will be affected by the proposals?

The Waste Prevention Programme will have a bearing on industry, retail, the waste management sector amongst others, and is of relevance to households and the third sector also.

## Why are we consulting?

In order to sound out those with an interest in waste prevention on our proposals. 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. The Devolved Administrations are responsible for producing their own Waste Prevention Programmes which together with this draft Programme will cover the whole of the UK.

## Confidentiality and data protection

1. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the Government website at: [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra). An annex to the consultation summary will list all organisations that responded but will not include personal names, addresses or other contact details.
  - a. Defra may publish the content of your response to this consultation to make it available to the public without your personal name and private contact details (e.g. home address, email address, etc).
  - b. If you click on 'Yes' in response to the question asking if you would like anything in your response to be kept confidential, you are asked to state clearly what information you would like to be kept as confidential and explain your reasons for confidentiality. The reason for this is that information in responses to this consultation may be subject to release to the public or other parties in accordance with the access to information law (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. In view of this, your explanation of your reasons for requesting confidentiality for all or part of your response would help us balance these obligations for disclosure against any obligation of confidentiality. If we receive a request for the information that you have provided in your response to this consultation, we will take full account of your reasons for requesting confidentiality of your response, but we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.
  - c. If you click on 'No' in response to the question asking if you would like anything in your response to be kept confidential, we will be able to release the content of your response to the public, but we won't make your personal name and private contact details publicly available.

- d. There may be occasions when Defra will share the information you provide in response to the consultation, including any personal data with external analysts. This is for the purposes of consultation response analysis and provision of a report of the summary of responses only.
- e. 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>.
- f. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Or email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk)

## You and your organisation

Questions in this section provide us with important information on your relationship to the consultation, whether your interest is as a member of the public, an academic or as the representative of an organisation. Understanding this information allows us to understand how different sectors of society view our proposals.

### About you

#### Question 1. Would you like your response to be confidential?

If you answered ‘Yes’ to this question, please give your reason

#### Question 2. What is your name?

#### Question 3. What is your email address?

#### Question 4. Are you responding:

- As an individual
- As an academic
- On behalf of an organisation

## About your organisation

[Please note this section only applies if responding on behalf of an organisation]

**Question 5. What type of organisation are you responding on behalf of?**

- A government body
- Non-governmental organisation
- Local authority
- Charity
- Consultancy
- Small or micro business (Less than 50 employees)
- Medium business (50 – 249 employees)
- Large business (250 or more employees)
- Industry association
- Responding on behalf of another type of organisation

**Question 6. What sector is your organisation primarily active in?**

**For businesses, please provide your 5-digit SIC code, if available**  
(<http://resources.companieshouse.gov.uk/sic/>)

**Question 7. Please provide your organisation's name**

# Consultation questions

Please answer as many questions as you wish. If you choose not to answer a particular question, for example because you do not have knowledge or interest in that area, mark the question as 'Not answered'. For questions that are not answered, no explanation is required.

## Chapter 1: Introduction

Refer to pages 1-13 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with our choice of impacts and outcomes as the right goals for us to be aiming to achieve?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

If you disagree, please briefly explain why.

**Question 9: Do you agree or disagree that our policy approach covers all the areas for action that are needed?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

If you disagree, please explain what you think is missing.

## Chapter 2: Designing out Waste: Ecodesign, Extended Producer Responsibility and Consumer Information

Refer to pages 14-18 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 10: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree



- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

Please provide details / explain your answer

## Chapter 3: Reuse, Repair, Refill, Remanufacture: local services and facilities

Refer to pages 19-22 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 11: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

Please provide details / explain your answer

## Chapter 4: Data and Information: from industrial symbiosis to research & innovation

Refer to pages 23-27 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 12: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

Please provide details / explain your answer

## Chapter 5: Construction

Refer to pages 28-31 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 13: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

**Please provide details / explain your answer**

## Chapter 6: Textiles

Refer to pages 32-36 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 14: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

**Please provide details / explain your answer**

## Chapter 7: Furniture

Refer to pages 37-40 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 15: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree

- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

Please provide details / explain your answer

## Chapter 8: Electrical and Electronic Products

Refer to pages 41-45 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 16: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

Please provide details / explain your answer

## Chapter 9: Road Vehicles

Refer to pages 46-51 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 17: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

Please provide details / explain your answer

## Chapter 10: Packaging, Plastics and Single-use Items

Refer to pages 52-55 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 18: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

**Please provide details / explain your answer**

## Chapter 11: Food

Refer to pages 56-60 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 19: Do you agree or disagree that the measures described are likely to achieve the overall aim set out at the beginning of this chapter?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

**Please provide details / explain your answer**

## Chapter 12: Monitoring and Evaluation

Refer to pages 61-66 in the draft Waste Prevention Programme

**Question 20: Do you agree or disagree with the described approach to monitoring and evaluation of this Waste Prevention Programme?**

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Not answered

**Please provide details/explain your answer**

## How to respond

This consultation will run for 12 weeks, opening on **18th March 2021** and closing at 23:59 on **10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

Please respond via Citizenspace, by email to [wppconsultation@defra.gov.uk](mailto:wppconsultation@defra.gov.uk) or by post to:

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Please note that replies sent by post may be delayed due to the ongoing Covid restrictions.

Any queries may be directed to [wppconsultation@defra.gov.uk](mailto:wppconsultation@defra.gov.uk)

## What we will do with your responses

When the consultation has closed, we will analyse your responses and use these to publish a final Waste Prevention Programme within twelve weeks.