

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000102
Date 30 December 2016

Plastic and Recycling

Request:

1. a. Are you the local authority that is responsible for the collection of household waste for recycling/reuse/compost [henceforth referred to collectively as recycling] in your area?

Yes

1. b. If yes, please specify the percentage and weight of all waste collected in your area that was collected for recycling in the years

1. b. i. 2014/15 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

1. b. ii. 2015/16? - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

1. c. of the household waste that was collected for recycling, please specify, if known, the percentage and weight that was plastic in

1. c. i. 2014/15 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

1. c. ii. 2015/16 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

1. d. If no to 1.a., please specify the local authority that is/was responsible for collection in your area.

N/A

2. a. Did you record how much of the waste sent for recycling was actually recycled in

a. i. 2014/15 and - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

b. ii. 2015/16 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

2. b. If yes, please specify the percentage and weight of the waste sent for recycling that actually ended up being recycled in

2. b. i. 2014/15 and - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

2. b. ii. 2015/16 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

2. c. If known, please specify the percentage and weight of plastic sent for recycling that actually ended up being recycled

2. c. i. 2014/15 and - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

2. c. ii. 2015/16 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

2. c. If known, please specify the percentage and weight of waste collected for recycling that was sent to landfill/incineration in
2. c. i. 2014/15 and - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)
2. c. ii. 2015/16 - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)
2. d. If no to 2.a., please explain why you do not monitor or enforce the reporting of your waste sent for recycling that is actually recycled.

[N/A](#)

3. a. Was any of the material you collected for recycling sent abroad for processing in the following years and if so what percentage and weight in

3. a. i. 2014/15 and - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

3. a. ii. 2015/16? - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

3. b. if known, please specify the percentage and weight of the waste sent abroad that was plastic

3. b. i. 2014/15 and - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

3. b. ii. 2015/16? - [See table provided at the end of this document](#)

3. c. i. if known, please specify the percentage and weight of recycling material that was sent abroad was actually recycled in the years

3. d. i. 2014/15

3. d. ii. 2015/16

[In respect of your questions 3ci, 3di and 3dii, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Regulation 12\(4\)\(a\) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act \(2004\).](#)

4. Please specify the names of all subcontractors you paid to manage your recycling in any form

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and the value of those contracts in

4. a. 2014/15 and

4. b. 2015/16

[In respect of your questions 4a and 4b, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the specific category you are requesting. Consequently, we are unable to provide the requested information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Regulation 12\(4\)\(a\) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act \(2004\).](#)

[However under Regulation 9 of the Environmental Information Regulations Act \(2004\) – Advice and Assistance – I can inform you that the information we do hold in the years requested above is the combined value for both waste and recycling services which is held on our Contracts Register. Please see link provided](#)

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6780/Contracts-Register>

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5. Do you, the local authority, accept that your declared recycling rates in the years 2014/15 and 2015/16 could be an overestimate as they do not account for the material rejected by the recycling companies and/or materials recovery facility?
- In respect of your question 5, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act (2004).

Year	Kerbside DMR collected	% of total kerbside collected waste*	Kerbside DMR collected that were plastics**	% of kerbside DMR collected that were plastics	Kerbside DMR actually recycled	% kerbside DMR collected that was actually recycled	Kerbside collected plastics that were actually recycled	% of kerbside DMR that were plastics and actually recycled	Tonnage of kerbside collected DMR that was sent for incineration	% of kerbside collected DMR that was sent for incineration	Tonnage of kerbside collected DMR that was sent to landfill	% of kerbside collected DMR that was sent to landfill
2014/15	19643.826	23.54%	2684.132385	13.66%	17268.47	87.91%	2594.585333	15.02%	2375.45182	12.09%	0	0
2015/16	18895.68	23.92%	2106.87	11.15%	15450.52	81.77%	1915.05971	12.39%	2128.5	11.26%	1316.64	6.97%

N.B. Household dry recycling is collected as comingled

DMR = Dry Mixed Recycling

* total kerbside collected waste includes that sent to EfW, Anaerobic Digestion and Open Windrow

** based on composition breakdown provided by MRF as do not measure specifically plastics collected at kerbside

Year	Tonnage of kerbside DMR processed*** at MRF sent abroad	% kerbside DMR processed at MRF sent abroad	Tonnage of kerbside DMR plastics processed at MRF sent abroad	% of the kerbside DMR sent abroad from the MRF that were plastics
2014/15	11005.28	57.96%	1648.57	14.98%
2015/16	7959.67	46.35%	1800.29	22.62%

*** please note that this is based just on what waste was sent to the MRF for processing and does not include any waste removed from the stream pre-sort