

Derby City Council – Response
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Request Time Period: From 1/1/21 to 16/12/24

Following our previous letter regarding the deceit of plastic recycling being investigated including the link to this investigation <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp8elg6ezlko> and a proposed immediate, and longer-term solution to the plastic waste issues and how this would be funded by the producer, as opposed to Government organisations I am writing for the disclosure of information that will be freely available to the Council for the protection of the environment and human health.

Your website does not provide evidence that all plastic waste assigned to Derby City Council (“Waste Disposal Authority”) for recycling, (with the responsibility of managing waste to end of waste life status required by the Environment Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations to protect human health and the environment), are in fact being recycled and not potentially causing human health and environmental harm.

Under the Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations, I respectfully request the following information:

The information requested is information that will be held under the Directorate responsible for waste.

The information requested below is information the Environment Agency (regulatory body) could request and therefore should be maintained and be on hand:

Information Requested	Response
1. True copies of extract/s from the contract/s between the Disposal Authority and its appointed waste disposal contractor/s detailing the list of authorised plastics that will be recycled as stated in the Council’s public communications for the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24	Except of contract specification covering period stated and detailing target materials is attached.
2. True copies of the audit/s undertaken by the Disposal Authority to evidence the plastics published in its list/s (and/or	Information not held.

associated authority bodies) of authorised recyclable plastics will all be processed to end of waste life status before executing the contract/s with the selected waste contractor/s relating to the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24	
3. True copies of all communications to include audits between the Disposal Authority and its appointed waste contractor/s for the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 relating to plastic waste/recycling.	Excerpt of contract specification covering requirements regarding material management, and some detail from contractor method statements regarding plastic management specifically, attached.
4. True copies of evidence that under the Environment Protection Regulations duty of care has been taken by the Disposal Authority with for example internal/ external audits/ site visits/inspections to evidence all plastic grades used to manufacture the publicly published authorised list/s of plastic recyclables (NOT product type, as one plastic bottle can be manufactured in a different plastic to another bottle for example) assigned to the Disposal Authority as “Recyclable” are confirmed and evidenced to have met end of waste life status in the UK and/ or abroad (if exported) to ensure the protection of human health and the environment.	Council officers have visited the MRFs used to process Derby's materials and receive regular sampling and material destination reports. Material destinations are audited by the contractor and must meet the required standard before any materials are sent there.
5. Please provide true copies of all Environment Agency audits and correspondence relating to plastic waste for the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24	Information not held.



For ease of reference this is the list of recyclable plastics from the council website. Please ensure your evidence includes all plastics assigned to you as the Disposal Authority by any other Collection Authority (as "Recyclable in their own communications to the public)

What can I recycle?

You can use your blue bin for much of the recycling in your home. From bottles and boxes to tubs and trays, there are lots of items that you can recycle in the blue bin. Remember to check our advice and don't rely on what is on the packaging.

plastic bottles pots, tubs and trays (wash, squash and pop the lids back on)

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