

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2019-20 - 186
Enquiries relating to – Household roadside collections and plastic
Date of response: 10.05.2019

Dear XXX

Freedom of Information request – household roadside collections and plastic recycling

I am writing regarding your recent request for information from Somerset Waste Partnership, which has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is a partnership of Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton, and South Somerset District Councils, and Somerset County Council. This response covers all those partner authorities.

I confirm we hold the information you request. In response to your questions: -

There is currently a lack of plastic road side collection (with the exception of bottles) in Taunton and I have read that you intend to introduce road side collections in 2020. I believe you must therefore have calculated an estimate of how much plastic waste is not currently being collected at the road side, in support of specification development/tender documentation/business case(s) to purchase said vehicles.

Please provide figures per week/month/year (however your figures are captured) for Somerset Council. For the recycling facilities that come under the remit of Somerset Council please provide the quantity of plastic recycled at each site on a weekly/monthly/yearly basis.

I would like to understand how much plastic waste, due to a current lack of road side collections, is likely to end up as non-recycled waste each week/month/year within the boundaries of Somerset Council.

Please find the attached spreadsheets. The first shows the plastic capture rates overall and the second is a breakdown on the plastics recycled from recycling centres in the period 2018-19.

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, or the information you have received, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.

Please send your request to:

Lucy Wilkins
Information Governance Team
Somerset County Council

County Hall
Taunton
TA1 4DY or email informationgovernance@Somerset.gov.uk

An internal review will then be carried out and we will write to you with the results of our investigation. If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>) for an appeal: The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113

Please quote the reference numbers at the top of this correspondence in any future correspondence with Somerset Waste Partnership.

Yours sincerely