

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2019-20 - 192  
Enquiries relating to – Plastic recycling  
Date of response: 04.07.2019

Dear XXX

Freedom of Information Request – Recycling refuse

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: -

Please indicate (for the year 2017/18) the eventual and financial destinations (called “recipients” herein) of all plastic deposited with or collected by you on behalf of the public, for all members of your partnership, indicating:-

- The name and address of such recipient, in the United Kingdom or abroad
- Whether the recipient is a public or private body
- The type and nature of such final recycling
- The exact nature of such plastics with their common and scientific name
- The name of the delivery agent to such recipient
- Whether such delivery agent is a public body or private
- The number, name and address of each such delivery agent if there are more than one
- The quantity whether by weight or container size (and number of containers) per year and per month, in each case giving the details of the type of plastic.

The attached spreadsheet details the tonnages and recipients of all of our plastics collected at the kerbside and at recycling centres in 2017/18. All recipients are private bodies.

The plastics we collect at the kerbside are bottles only, so the bales would have been bottles, predominantly PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) and HDPE (High Density Polyethylene). We do not have details of the split of materials as the reprocessor sorts them further.

The same applies to the bottles coming from recycling centres, although these will also have contained a small quantity of plastic pots, tubs and trays from Taunton and Wellington recycling sites. Again, we do not have the exact composition and material split, but they would have been sorted into the following categories at the reprocessing plant:

PET Trays, PET Natural (non-coloured), PET Jazz (coloured), HDPE Natural, HDPE Jazz, PP (Polypropylene) and PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)

Our delivery agents are –  
Kerbside collections – Kier MG Ltd, Unit 15, Parrett Way, Colley Lane Industrial Estate, Bridgwater, TA6 5LB

Recycling Centres – Viridor Ltd, Viridor House, Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, TA1 1AP.

Both are private companies.

Every year we publish an End Use Register which details what happens to all of the recycling we collect. This can be found on our website here:  
<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/end-use-register/> The 2018/19 one will be published shortly.

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](mailto: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