

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2019-20 - 193
Enquiries relating to – Plastic recycling
Date of response: 04.07.2019

Dear XXX

FOI – 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: -

1) As far as the Council is aware, was any of the plastic collected in 2018 by the Council's Recycling Collection Services ultimately exported to be recycled outside the UK?

Yes, we exported 33.35% of plastic bottles in 2018/19.

2) If yes, please provide the names of all companies that were responsible for exporting this plastic?

Our contractor Kier MG Ltd is responsible for marketing the materials collected from the kerbside.

3) Does the Council have any estimation of how much plastic was exported outside the UK during 2018? If so, please provide this in terms of tonnes of plastic exported.

We exported 1083.65 tonnes of plastic bottles.

4) Does the Council know which countries plastic was exported to during 2019? If so, please provide this.

Tonnages and reproprocessors:

16.92	Tenary Slovakia s.r.o. - Slovakia
15.02	Vanheede Environmental Logistics - Belgium
15.78	Berat PET Geri Donusebilen Mad. Am Nak. - Turkey
232.26	Korfez Cam Kirigi - Turkey
34.48	Infinity Recycling Sdn Bhd - Malaysia
769.19	PT Harvestindo International - Indonesia

Each year we publish an End Use Register on our website which details what happens to all of the recyclables we collect. It can be found here: <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/end-use-register/> 2018/19 will be available 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

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