

Ref: EIR / 2064

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Mr **Recycling Project Officer** Oxford Direct Services Marsh Road Oxford OX4 2HH

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Dear Mr

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Wheeled bin kerbside** services

I refer to your EIR request and advise Derry City & Strabane District Council holds the requested information respond as follows:

## **Request:**

- 1) When you introduced your wheeled-bin kerbside waste collections, what size of refuse bin and recycling bin(s) respectively did you give to households? 240 Litre Response:
- 2) After you introduced a wheeled bin collection, have you reduced the standard refuse bin size given to residents? I.e, have you changed your standard refuse bin from, say, 240 litre to 180 litre? If so, what size did you choose, when did you choose it and why?

Response:

3) Have you undertaken any specific projects to reduce the size of the refuse bins allocated to residents? In other words, anything which is similar to this: https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/council-may-remove-bins-fromhomes2/ or any project in which residents refuse bins were replaced with smaller sizes? If so, please can you provide a brief synopsis of what happened and when it happened?

**Response:** No

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4) Please can you provide me with the 'before and after' statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste (kgs per household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for at least six months before and six months after you introduced wheeled bin collections (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).

Response: As the black bin was introduced approximately 25 years ago and the blue 16 years ago, this "before and after" data is unfortunately not not available.

5) If you have undertaken a project to reduce the total refuse capacity already available to residents (such as the link above, ie, removing additional refuse bins from households and/or replacing households' bins with smaller ones), please can you provide me with the 'before and after' statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste her household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for six months before and six months after the project (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).

Response: To date, no initiatives with regard to removing or reducing the size of bins have been undertaken.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes. Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow

CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: <a href="mailto:casework@ico.org.uk">casework@ico.org.uk</a>

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Waste Services Manager**