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Question one

Do you agree with our plan to reduce the amount of single use plastic in Wales?

Yes



Question two

Can you think of any other single use plastic items we should include on the list we gave you at the beginning of this questionnaire?

Yes

List of plastics issued with consultation	Suggested additions
Plastic stemmed cotton buds. Plastic spoons, knives, and forks. Drink stirrers. Straws. Single use cups made of polystyrene. Takeaway food containers made of polystyrene. Plastic plates. Balloon sticks. We will also ban things made of oxo-degradable plastic.	Plastic joiners for drinks cans. Plastic bags (replace with paper). Any plastics which cannot be recycled. Detergent Bottles Shampoo Bottles Margarine Tubs Yoghurt Pots Food Pots and Tubs Trays Black plastic Film and Food Bags Cling Film Plastic Pouches Plastic tampon applicators Plastic plant Pots Expanded Polystyrene Packaging Incentives should be used to encourage manufacturers of packaging to comply.

Note: Oxo-degradable means it breaks down into smaller pieces but never goes away. These small pieces can hurt animals and plants.

Other comments

The Association puts forward for consideration the following observations in addition to the answers to the two consultation questions:

<p>How to achieve the objectives</p>	<p>It is necessary to face up the problem of plastic with accepting that no plastic waste should be exported to the far east with it ending up in rivers and oceans. The volume must be reduced with taxation as a tool, but what plastic cannot be economically recycled should be incinerated to remove it from the environment once and for all.</p>
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<p>Plastics and recycling</p>	<p>The Welsh Government appears to assume incorrectly that all single use plastics can be recycled.</p> <p>The BBC have discovered in programmes that single use plastics from Wales are found in bundles in Malaya and Indonesia.</p> <p>In addition, large volumes of single use plastic end up in rivers and oceans around the world.</p> <p>Plastic which are contaminated with food waste are not suitable for recycling and therefore must sent to land fill or incineration</p>
<p>Environmental matters</p>	<p>In the view of the Association the following comments are important when considering plastics in the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Bottles containing drinking water, carbonated drinks are made of PET and HDPE. These are easy to collect and recycle, with have currently a value of approx. £300.00 per tonne. (b) Most of the bottles in (a) are recycled in the UK. (c) The plastic set out in section 2, which amounts to 2/3 of all plastics is not suitable for recycling with most of the material ending up in the far east. This leads to river and ocean pollution on a large scale (d) If the material from section 2 can be recycled which is rarely, this will only attract a return of currently approx. £20.00 per tonne. This is simply not economical with an incorrect policy of expending large sums of money to say that material has been recycled. (e) If materials from section 2 are contaminated with those in section 4 (a) then all the material produces must go to land fill.
<p>A way forward for single use plastics</p>	<p>The Association suggests the following as a way forward for dealing with single use plastics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In Manchester, their approach is one which prevents the exploration of non-recyclable plastics, with producing a benefit for their community. Only bottles made from PET and HDPE are collected for recycling. All other plastic material is collected with then incinerated to produce heat.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) So, gaining an economic benefit with also prevent pollution of rivers and oceans (c) There must be a total ban on the exporting of non-recyclable plastics, to the far east, with all materials which are not of economic benefit incinerated. (d) That a tax (say 30%) should be incorporated on all no recyclable material at the point of manufacture to ease suppliers into the use of the different material. For example, plant pots are now made from material which can be recycled. (e) Encouragement to prevent the use of coloured plastics, which again are not recyclable. (f) The onset of Covid 19, with the closure of cafes has produced a larger outflow of take away drinks which has produced a larger volume of disposable containers. This again should be incinerated to prevent ending up in rivers and oceans
<p>Councils can help</p>	<p>All councils should be obliged to refrain from any purchase of none recycling products (disposables like plastic cutlery and drinks cups) Waste bags should all be the ones that disintegrate? If all councils across the British Isles were signed up to none plastic products it would contribute enormously to this on-going problem.</p>
<p>Summary of the Associations views</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of single use plastics should be encouraged by a taxation at source on their manufacture. 2. A different material should be designed to so that it complies with PET and HDPE so allowing it recycled economically. 3. All plastics which are not made of PET and HDPE should be incinerated in the UK to generate heat with also preventing pollution of the rivers and oceans.

Note: The Association is willing to attend to give oral evidence if the Welsh Government felt it would be of value. Many of our member Councils are along the



North Coast and have experience of the effect of discarded plastics on beaches and in open spaces.

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