

Response to the Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Please accept this document as my response to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. If you wish to contact me about my comments you will find my name and address at the bottom of the document.

Reducing waste

I strongly **support** initiatives which would reduce the amount of waste produced in the first place. A robust policy is required to encourage a reduction in packaging, and replacement of the use of plastic packaging with easily recyclable alternatives.

Recycling/composting

The target of 45% of waste recycled by 2020 is not ambitious enough. The top ten recycling councils in the UK have already beaten this target, with North Kesteven having already achieved 51.5 per cent. Further, the more that is recycled the less that will require recovery from waste.

The target for recycling should be a more ambitious **75% of municipal waste by 2020**, with the scope of materials collected from the doorstep expanded.

Recovery from waste

I strongly **do not** want any method of recovery from waste that involves any form of incineration, which includes Energy from Waste (EfW) and EfW with Combined Heat and Power. Incineration:

Doesn't provide an incentive for reducing waste, as incinerators need a minimum throughput of rubbish to operate efficiently;

Poses a number of serious health concerns associated with both the air emissions from incinerators and the hazardous solid waste (ash) that is produced;

To generate electricity produces more greenhouse gases than gas fired power.

Recycling saves far more energy than is generated by burning waste because it means making less new things from raw materials.

Other comments:

Name: _____
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**Yes
to recycling**

**No to
incineration**