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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DRAFT GUIDANCE ON SEPARATE COLLECTION AND “TEEP”

Thank you for your request for information about the most recent version of draft guidance on separate collection and “TEEP” that was agreed with Wales, which we received on 21 February 2014. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested:

- Unfinished draft guidance on separate collection and “TEEP” – most recent version of draft guidance that was carried out, but not completed, by officials.

As you know, some work on draft guidance was carried out, but not completed, at official level. However, officials concluded that, on balance, further Government guidance was unlikely to add much to what is already set out in regulations and other documents. These include the Waste Framework Directive itself, the European Commission’s own guidance and Lord de Mauley’s letter of October 2013 to local authority organisations in England seeking effective implementation of the new requirements. **The enclosed document is an unfinished draft. There are no plans to publish it in England and it carries no status.**

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, and in keeping with the government’s Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk





together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely


Resource Programme – Policy and Regulation


Annex A

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