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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: LANDFILL BINS WITH LIDS

Thank you for your request for information about landfill bins with lids, which we received on 22 July.

As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). I set out below Defra's response to your queries.

1. How many councils in England are responsible for the collection of landfill rubbish from residential properties?

All local authorities are responsible for the collection of residual waste from households.

2. How many of those councils collect landfill bins with lids on from

a) **all residential properties in their area, and**

45% (2013/14)

b) **some, but not all, residential properties?**

37% (2013/14)

3. What incentives does the Government provide for councils to collect landfill bins with lids on rather than only collect black sacks, which are easily attacked by foxes and gulls in seaside areas such as much of Tendring District?

There are no incentives for the use of bins.

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 an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Collection Team



Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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