



Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee

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Dear, Sir / Madam

Consultation Response - On the Incentives for Recycling by Households

I am writing to present the LARAC response to the above Consultation, which is contained below, and I thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation.

The comments below are sent on behalf of the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC). LARAC is an association of well over 400 local authorities across England, Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland whose waste management and recycling professionals' co-ordinate and operate waste management services. Membership is drawn from all types of authority including statutory Waste Collection (WCA), Waste Disposal (WDA) and Unitary.

LARAC has been heavily involved in the development of the LGA response to this consultation and fundamentally agrees with the position that has been developed by the LGA. Therefore LARAC would ask that Defra considers the views expressed in the LGA response to be concurrent with LARAC members thinking at this time.

LARAC has chosen to adopt this position because of the wide spread consensus that appears to have emerged in response to this document. Principally it would appear that Local Authorities desire the power to charge for household waste but are concerned as to the practicalities and motivations behind the Governments proposals that are at a tangent to majority of waste charging regimes in developed nations.



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LARAC understand that WRAP have been tasked with holding workshops on the practical development of the proposals and welcomes the opportunity it has been given to participate. LARAC would however ask that the workshops are not restricted to the governments preferred position in light of the views expressed by many Local Authorities organisations as to its impracticalities. Rather the process would benefit from an open approach to the issue of charging for household waste.

If you have any queries on this response or would like to discuss the matter further then please contact me on (phone) or (email).

Yours faithfully,

Neil Ferris

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