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Date: 18 March 2010

Dear Consultee,

Consultation on the introduction of restrictions on the landfilling of certain wastes

1. I am writing to invite views on the possible introduction of further restrictions on the landfilling of biodegradable and recyclable wastes in England and Wales.
2. This joint Defra and Welsh Assembly Government consultation is in response to the commitment in the *Waste Strategy for England 2007* and the commitment of the Welsh Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing's written cabinet statement of 2nd December 2009 to consult on whether the introduction of further restrictions on the landfilling of biodegradable and recyclable wastes would make an effective contribution to meeting the objectives set out in the respective waste strategies for England and Wales, of reducing GHG emissions and increasing resource efficiency and in respect of Wales, of decreasing the ecological footprint associated with waste. The consultation aims to obtain the views of interested parties on the policy options presented with a view towards introducing one or more of them into law(s) in England and Wales.
3. This is a first stage consultation on the options under consideration for restricting wastes from landfill. It is intended to be a high-level consultation to identify preferred option(s) which could be taken forward if desirable, practical and affordable. If Government decides change is desirable a second stage consultation will follow on the preferred option(s) and the way any restriction or requirement would be introduced and who the onus would fall upon and accompanied by draft Regulations to implement these option(s).
4. The following documents may be found on Defra's website at:
www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/landfill-restrictions/index.htm

and on the Welsh Assembly Government's website at:

www.wales.gov.uk/consultations / www.cymru.gov.uk/ymgyngghoriadau



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(under Environment and Countryside):

- Consultation letter
- Consultation document
- Consultation Stage Impact Assessment
- List of consultees

5. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of this consultation, please contact landfill.restrictions@defra.gsi.gov.uk or phone 0207 238 4660.

Responses

6. Please send responses by email if possible to landfill.restrictions@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by post to :

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7. Consultees in Wales should copy their responses to wastestrategy@wales.gsi.gov.uk or by post to:

Kate Reed
Waste Strategy Branch
Department for Environment, Sustainability and Housing
Welsh Assembly Government
Ty-Cambria
29 Newport Road
Cardiff CF24 0TP

8. Responses should be received by Thursday 10th June 2010.

Consultation Criteria

9. This consultation is in line with the Code of Practice on Consultations. This can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/bre/>
10. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under Freedom of Information legislation.
11. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when

you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

12. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under Freedom of Information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.
13. Defra and the Welsh Assembly Government will summarise all responses and place this summary on our websites. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.
14. The Welsh Assembly Government will also produce a separate summary of all the responses received from Wales. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of its author are published along with the response, as this gives credibility to the consultation exercise.
15. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the Defra Library at:

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Ergon House
17 Smith Square
London
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Telephone: 0207 238 6575
Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

16. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra, Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.
17. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully,

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