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Submitted to **Plastic Packaging Tax (high-level consultation)**

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About you

1 What is your name?

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3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Epping Forest District Council

4 Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

If you answered 'Yes' above, please give your reason::

5 Please provide information about the organisation/business you represent

Which of the following best describes you?:

Local government

If you answered other, please provide details::

What is the approximate number of staff in your organisation? (if applicable):

Plastic packaging within scope of the tax

6 Do you agree with the government's suggested approach to defining plastic packaging in scope of the tax?

Not Answered

Optional text box:

Epping Forest District Council response to
Consultation on Plastic Packaging Tax in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

It was felt that the questions posed in the consultation document would be more appropriately answered by packaging manufacturers. However, we are supportive in principle of any initiative which through a fiscal measure is more sustainable in the longer term and helps to drive an increase in recyclable plastics or other material.

We are unable to comment on whether the proposed 30% threshold is sufficiently challenging or practical to achieve at this time.

There is concern that as an unintended consequence of the plastics tax that manufacturers may try to avoid the tax by switching to other non-recyclable packaging materials which may end up as a recycling payment scheme

Driving recycled content

7 Are there any environmental or technical reasons to consider excluding any particular ways of recycling plastic?

Not Answered

Optional text box:

8 Do you agree with the government's suggested approach to defining recycled content for the purposes of the tax?

Not Answered

Optional text box:

9 Do you agree with a 30% threshold for recycled content and why?

Not Answered

Optional text box:

Liability for the tax

10 Do you agree with the government's proposal that the tax at import should only apply to unfilled packaging? If not, what would the effects be? What alternative would you prefer and how would it work?

Not Answered

Optional text box:

Ensuring compliance

11 Is the government's suggested approach to compliance proportionate and appropriate?

Not Answered

Optional text box:

Assessment of other impacts

12 Unless already covered in your responses to other questions within this document, is there anything else you would like us to note about the impact of the tax, especially any potentially adverse impacts on groups with protected characteristics?

Not Answered

Next steps