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Thank you,
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Dear [REDACTED]

Household Recycling

Thank you for your e-mail dated 31 July 2017 and the attached letter from Dr Therese Coffey MP dated 27 July 2017 to our Council Leader in connection with the above.

As an active member of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership and of the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) 'Consistency Framework project', please find below information on South Holland District Council's current progress and challenges for household recycling collections under the headings provided.

What is working well?

South Holland District Council provides a weekly refuse and a weekly co-mingled recycling sack collection to all households within its district. These collection services are well supported by residents throughout the district.

The Environmental Services Team at South Holland take extreme pride in the work that they do for the customer and continue to provide an efficient economical service delivery that will flex to meet future demand.

In 2016, a pilot garden waste collection scheme was launched in a targeted area of the district on a non-subsidised basis. This scheme has surpassed expectations and subscription targets and continues to receive positive reviews from customers.

Are there particular reasons affecting waste and recycling locally to you?

In 2015, Lincolnshire County Council as disposal authority served its right to retain the recycling materials that all district Council's in Lincolnshire collected. As a consequence, recycling credit payments were withdrawn. It is with regret that this severely impacted on the funding of waste education and promotion activity that South Holland provided.

As a consequence, recycling material quality has deteriorated with contamination rates increasing. In addition, less material is being captured for the purposes of recycling, with increased volumes being delivered into the residual waste stream.

Are the obstacles outside your authorities control that may affect your recycling rate?

As previously identified, the loss of recycling credit payments has seriously impacted on the ability for South Holland District Council to undertake proactive waste education. In addition, a single recycling contract for the processing of co-mingled materials is commissioned and managed by Lincolnshire County Council as waste disposal authority. This defines the material that the district authority collects and reduces the flexibility that previously existed.

A national issue that continues to provide uncertainty and volatility are the recycling materials markets themselves. Without consistency and assurance material contracts will continue to provide a fluctuating price.

Over the longer term, what are the biggest challenges and opportunities you see in driving recycling improvements locally?

During the next 10 years, housing growth will surpass previous records within Lincolnshire. With this growth it is predicted that waste arising's will surpass the national average. With a diminished budget, Local authority's will need to continue 'to do more for less' whilst waste disposal capacity continues to reduce/increase in cost. This in turn brings opportunities for innovation. However in order to achieve these stretching objectives and targets we must work closer together if we are to succeed.

At present, all Lincolnshire authorities through the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership are developing the next instalment of a Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Within this document innovation and moving forward is at the heart of all the objectives. These objectives include all authorities collecting a consistent set of materials, a focus on quality not quantity and trialling food waste collections.

I trust my e-mail clarifies our situation however please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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