

Plastic packaging tax consultation  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Ref: Plastic packaging tax consultation**

NLWA is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the government's consultation on **proposals to introduce a plastic packaging tax**.

**As many of the questions are not relevant to us we have confined our comments to answering the first few questions and then making some general comments as follows:**

**Questions**

Q1. What is your name? **Cllr Clyde Loakes**

Q2. What is your email address? Please email [Barbara.herridge@nlwa.gov.uk](mailto:Barbara.herridge@nlwa.gov.uk)

Q3. Which best describes you? Please provide the name of the organisation/business you represent and an approximate size/number of staff (where applicable)

Type of organisation – **Local government**

Name - **North London Waste Authority**

Approximate size/number of staff – **We serve over 2 million north London residents with a team of 28**

Q4. Please provide any further information about your organisation or business activities that you think might help us put your answers in context. (Optional)

NLWA is the joint waste disposal authority for north London established by the Waste Regulation and Disposal (Authorities) Order 1985. As a joint waste disposal authority NLWA is responsible for the disposal of waste collected from households and local businesses by seven north London boroughs – Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest, the 'constituent boroughs'. NLWA manages the residual waste from all seven boroughs, recyclable and compostable waste from six boroughs and all the north London reuse and recycling centres except in one borough. NLWA also delivers extensive behaviour-change campaigns in the fields of waste prevention and recycling.

Whilst we have reviewed all the consultation questions, we have confined our comments to the elements of the consultation that are relevant to a waste disposal authority in the capital.

- Q5. Would you like your response to be confidential? No
- Q9. Which of the above options for defining plastic packaging for composite material items do you think works better for the purposes of the tax?

From the Authority's perspective Option 1 would seem a sensible approach ensuring all plastic containing products are in scope which would hopefully drive packaging producers to review materials used in packaging.

- Q14. Do you agree with the government's preferred approach of a single threshold, and why? If not, what alternative would be better, and what are the risks associated with this? Please explain your answer and provide any supporting information and evidence.

The Authority considers that having more than one threshold would be preferable because this would reward organisations that go beyond 30% recycled content. For the Authority option 1 seems more logical in promoting the use of recycled plastic packaging.

The Authority support the government's proposals for a plastic packaging tax to influence manufacturers to use recycled plastic in production of new products. This will stimulate manufacturers to work with companies producing recycled plastic and develop a level of certainty to this sector which has suffered due to under investment and volatility based on oil prices in recent years. For the Authority this gives us confidence that there will be reliable end markets for the plastics collected on behalf of the 6 constituent boroughs in the future that are sustainable.

Yours faithfully



Cllr. Clyde Loakes  
**Chair, North London Waste Authority**