

## **Consultation outcome: Single use plastic: banning the distribution and/or sale of plastic straws, stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds in England**

Seeking views on plans to ban the distribution and/or sale of plastic straws, stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds in England.

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## **Guidance: Apply for exemption of an appliance in a smoke control area**

Application pack for manufacturers or marketers of furnaces or boilers who want them classified as exempt for use in smoke control areas.

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## **Corporate information: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs – Statistics at Defra**

We publish national and official statistics relating to the environment, rural communities, food, farming and biosecurity.

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## **Press release: High Court ruling upholds Ivory Act**

The government has successfully defended a Judicial Review of the Ivory Act

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**CLOSED: Under Employed/Minimum Hour  
Contracts Support in Greater  
Birmingham and Solihull LEP  
(0C12S19P1495)**

Call to run a project to provide additional support to address skills shortages or needs where there are gaps or specific barriers preventing individual progression and up-skilling for those in work in the GBSLEP area.