### FOI release: Local authority letters on recycling rates

RFI 9590 — Minister Coffey's letter of 27 July 2017 and responses from local authorities on increasing their recycling rates.

# Notice: NR15 2NH, E C Drummond (Agriculture) Ltd: environmental permit application advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its <a href="Public">Public</a> Participation Statement

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- how you can view the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)

### <u>Consultation outcome: Tackling the plastic problem</u>

Updated: Updated with summary of responses.

This call for evidence will explore how changes to the tax system or charges could be used to reduce the amount of single-use plastics we waste by reducing unnecessary production, increasing reuse, and improving recycling. The government would also like to explore how we can also drive innovation in

this area to achieve the same outcomes.

The government will consider all options for using the tax system to address single-use plastic waste and to drive innovation, and will use the evidence gathered from this call to inform that process. The government wants to look broadly across the whole supply chain, from production and retail to consumption and disposal, in order to gain the best possible understanding of the whole landscape before deciding on the best course of action.

<u>Single-use plastic waste: call for evidence</u>

#### <u>Guidance: Protected food name:</u> Scottish Wild Venison

Updated: Removed the details of the consultation as this has now closed.

This document provides detail on a food product from the UK, Scottish Wild Venison, which is being considered under the EU protected food names scheme.

The EU protected food name scheme covers regional and traditional foods whose authenticity and origin can be guaranteed.

The EU will only give a product the PGI mark if they decide it has a reputation, characteristics or qualities that are a result of the area it's associated with.

# Consultation outcome: Animal welfare: banning the use of electronic training collars for cats and dogs

Updated: Added the summary of responses and government response.

We want to know what you think about our proposal to ban the use of electronic training collars for cats and dogs.

Electronic training collars (e-collars) are corrective behaviour devices which allow electronic shocks to be applied to pets by their owners.

To protect the welfare of cats and dogs, we wish to ban their use by introducing regulations under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.