

# [National Statistics: Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics report: January to March 2017](#)

This report presents provisional information on the quantities of local authority collected municipal waste managed in Northern Ireland. It provides information on the quantities and rates of local authority collected waste arisings, sent for preparing for reuse, for dry recycling, composting, energy recovery and sent to landfill. Some of these measurements are key performance indicators. These are used to assess progress towards achieving waste strategy targets and where appropriate this is highlighted in the tables and charts.

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## [Press release: Applications to re-permit Bletchingley oilfield](#)

These applications have been submitted by the site operator to bring the site into line with the current regulations for conventional oil and gas sites. This is part of the Environment Agency's review of all oil and gas permits granted prior to October 2013.

In deciding whether or not to issue the permits, the Environment Agency will take into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

You can view and comment on the [applications](#).

An Environment Agency spokesperson said:

An environmental permit sets out stringent conditions to which a site must adhere. We will not issue or vary an environmental permit for a site if we consider that activities taking place will cause significant pollution to the environment or harm to human health.

We are in the process of determining the applications to re-permit this site and we want to hear from the public and understand peoples' views. Everybody has the chance to see what the permit may look like and to raise any additional concerns before we make any final decision.

For all media enquiries please contact 0800 141 2743 or email [Southeastpressoffice1@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Southeastpressoffice1@environment-agency.gov.uk).

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## **Consultation outcome: Category B driving licence derogation for alternatively fuelled commercial vehicles**

*Updated:* Government response to consultation on regulatory changes to support the take-up of alternatively-fuelled light commercial vehicles.

The government wants to establish low emission light commercial vehicles as an alternative to diesel-powered vans. This will help to improve air quality in our towns and cities and meet our legal obligations under the Climate Change Act and air quality regulations.

The proposals set out in this consultation would allow category B (car) licence holders to drive a slightly heavier vehicle, if it is powered by a low emission technology, by offsetting the additional weight of the powertrain.

This will help compensate for lost payload capacity due to the added weight and size of alternative fuel technologies.