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Title: Waste and Recycling

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Information Request

I am submitting a request to you under the Freedom of Information act 2000 to answer the following 5 questions.

Are you aware of what percentage of the residents in the area don't actually recycle?

Do you know roughly the amount of recycling you get sent every year in tonnes?

What percentage of recycling is turned away simply because it's not been cleaned?

One of the things we are looking at specifically is single-use plastic in the country, out of the plastic that's sent to you what would you say is the percentage that is actually non-recyclable?

We've been thinking especially about gluesticks, gluesticks do vary from the area, specifically in the local area do you advise that they just go into the landfill due to the adhesive?

Response by Lewes District Council

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<i>I firstly wanted to ask are you aware of what percentage of the residents in the area don't actually recycle?</i>	No, we have not done a recent count, but all residents are offered the service and take up is pretty good across both council. EBC has just introduced alternate weekly refuse collection as a method of increasing recycling and figures so far are showing

	recycling has increased.
<i>Do you know roughly the amount of recycling you get sent every year in tonnes?</i>	9,500tns
<i>What percentage of recycling is turned away simply because it's not been cleaned?</i>	Total reject level is around 2.5% pa. The most common type of material rejected will be items we do not collect as part of this service which are textiles, wood and food waste left in jars and trays.
<i>One of the things we are looking at specifically is single-use plastic in the country, out of the plastic that's sent to you what would you say is the percentage that is actually non-recyclable?</i>	All single use plastic that we collect as part of our service is recycled
<i>We've been thinking especially about glue sticks, glue sticks do vary from the area, specifically in the local area do you advise that they just go into the landfill due to the adhesive?</i>	We advise these go in the normal refuse bin which is sent to an Energy from Waste Facility