

NCC-038936-19 PLASTIC RECYCLING

To the Freedom of Information Officer,

Please could I request the following information about plastic waste recycling from household bins in your local authority area?

1. What percentage of plastic waste collected from household bins was sent for recycling in the last year? (if possible, please provide a figure to the end of June 2019).
2. Which organisation deals with your recycled plastic waste?
3. Is any of your recycled plastic waste sent overseas?
4. In which countries is your plastic waste recycled?

If you cannot provide all the information requested, please provide as much detail as possible.

If you need any further information from me in order to deal with my request.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

All borough and district councils within Nottinghamshire collect mixed dry recyclables (paper, card, metal cans, plastic bottles, margarine tubs and yogurt pots) and deliver them to the Mansfield Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by Veolia for sorting into separate recycling streams:

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/facilities-services/facilities-services/materials-recovery-facility>

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a percentage of plastic waste collected from household bins that was sent for recycling as all recyclables are collected mixed as above and are delivered to the MRF. Last year 47,478 tonnes of mixed dry recyclables were delivered to the MRF from household bins in Nottinghamshire. In addition, a number of other authorities and companies recyclables are also sorted at the MRF and the mixed recyclables are only split into separate materials post-sort. However, we can tell you that in the last financial year of the 57,968 tonnes of recyclables sold by the MRF post sorting, 7,036 tonnes (12.4%) was plastic bottles, yogurt pots and margarine tubs.

The mixed plastic recyclables are then sent to the Veolia plastics MRF at Rainham for sorting into the different polymer types:

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/press-releases/plastic-fantastic>

Sorted mixed plastics are then sold to plastic reprocessors predominantly Veolia Dagenham and other UK reprocessors:

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/dagenham-plastic-facility-pf>

Other plastic reprocessors which have purchased plastics are located in the Netherlands and Romania.