

Request 8899 Municipal Waste to Landfill

We are interested in the level of landfill your authority (or authorities within your waste planning area) uses.

1. Please confirm whether your authority (or authorities within your waste planning area) sends waste to landfill?
2. What was the % of waste sent to non-hazardous landfill over the last five years – by council tax year?
3. Please could you detail the top 10 landfill sites over the last three years used by % – by council tax year?
4. Have you (or authorities within your waste planning area) sent any items to landfill at Bletchley Landfill Site operated by FCC Environment in Milton Keynes? If so, why did you use this site?
5. Please confirm if the Council (or authorities within your waste planning area) is looking to decrease the amount sent to landfill and how the Council intends to do this
6. How will you (or authorities within your waste planning area) balance landfill against climate change initiatives?

Please supply information for predecessor organisations if there has been a recent local government change.

Response

1. Please confirm whether your authority (or authorities within your waste planning area) sends waste to landfill?

Our general rubbish is processed via a mechanical biological treatment plant and any waste remaining is then landfilled or sent to be used as Fuel.

These facilities are provided to us by Cambridgeshire County Council, so I would recommend this FOI is also sent to them.

2. What was the % of waste sent to non-hazardous landfill over the last five years – by council tax year?

The proportion of our waste actually landfill would need to be provided by Cambridgeshire County Council.

3. Please could you detail the top 10 landfill sites over the last three years used by % – by council tax year?

This question is best directed at Cambridgeshire County Council who are responsible for the landfill sites in Cambridgeshire

4. Have you (or authorities within your waste planning area) sent any items to landfill at Bletchley Landfill Site operated by FCC Environment in Milton Keynes?

If so, why did you use this site?

Greater Cambridgeshire waste service has not, but this is also a question for the county council

5. Please confirm if the Council (or authorities within your waste planning area) is looking to decrease the amount sent to landfill and how the Council intends to do this

As a waste collection authority we have a standing remit to decrease the amount sent to disposal and or landfill. We have currently 3 ways of doing this.

1. Increasing the amount we collect for recycling and composting (so provide this service and encourage the use of it)
2. Driving behaviour change toward waste reduction. (How residents can make better choices to buy less or choose reusable items etc... thereby through less away) We are big advocates of the Love Food Hate Waste campaign, as an example.

3. Though our collection policies, for example, limiting the amount of general rubbish we collect and limiting additional bins etc, which also helps encourage recycling.

6. How will you (or authorities within your waste planning area) balance landfill against climate change initiatives? Please supply information for predecessor organisations if there has been a recent local government change.

This should be also directed at the county council who will be able to explain their stance on waste disposal and their climate change strategy.