

EIR Reference Number: EIR/016/2425

Date: 05 June 2024

Thank you for your information request received by the Policy team at Mid and East Antrim Borough Council (MEABC) on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 which has been processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Your request and our response:

*Please see questions below (please mark multiple choice answers by typing - highlighting text is not visible via the WDTK request platform).*

This information is regarded as *held* for the purposes of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please see below.

1. *How many Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) do you operate in total and out of these how many accept carpets and other textile flooring materials (underlay, rugs, mats, covers) from:*

*Please provide a number for each option:*

- a) *Residents only - 5 HWRCs*
- b) *Commercial operators only*
- c) *Residents and commercial operators*

2. *How are carpets and other textile flooring materials managed and stored at HWRCs?*

*Please select one option:*

- a) *In a separate sheltered container*
- b) *In a separate un-sheltered container*
- c) *Mixed in with mattresses and other bulky household waste*
- d) **Mixed in with residual and black bag waste**

3. *How are carpets and other textile flooring materials disposed of from HWRCs?*

*Please select one option:*

- a) *Sent for recycling*
- b) **Sent for landfill**
- c) *Sent for incineration for energy recovery (please specify type - RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) or SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel))*

4. *Do you provide residents with a bulky household waste collection service, and does this service accept carpets and other textile flooring materials?*

*Please answer yes or no*

**Yes.**

5. *How are carpets and other textile flooring materials collected via the bulky household waste service disposed of?*

*Please select one option:*

- a) *Sent for recycling*
- b) **Sent for landfill**
- c) *Sent for incineration for energy recovery (please specify type - RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) or SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel))*

6. *Do you collect, record and report data and information on carpets and other textile flooring materials collected at both HWRCs and via the bulky household waste service?*

*Please specify yes or no for each service*

**Carpet and textile flooring tonnage for HWRCs and bulky waste is included in the overall totals of waste collected.**

7. *If yes, is this data and information broken down by material type and recorded using the government database WasteDataFlow?*

*Please answer yes, no or not applicable*

**No.**

8. *Does your authority have plans to revise how carpets and other textile flooring materials are collected, stored and/or disposed of in the next 12 months?*

*Please answer yes or no*

**No.**

9. *If yes, please give details about how you plan to revise these processes.*

**Question not applicable.**

10. *What are your authorities' biggest challenges in accepting and processing carpets and other textile flooring materials?*

*Please select from the list below*

- a) *Storage space and bulky nature of materials*
- b) *Limited recycling and disposal options*
- c) *Cost of processing these materials*
- d) **All the above**

11. *Where possible, please provide URLs for pages on your website which provide relevant information about HWRCs, a bulky household waste collection service and/or any other resources relating to the disposal of carpets and other textile flooring materials.*

**Please see the following URL for this information:**

<https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/resident/waste-recycling/bulky-lift-request/>

**Please quote the reference number EIR/016/2425 in any related correspondence.**

Under Regulation 11 of the EIR, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you are entitled to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within forty working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original email/letter, and should be sent by email to [FOI@midandeantrim.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@midandeantrim.gov.uk) or by post to:

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The Braid,  
1-29 Bridge Street,  
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If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. You must make your complaint to the ICO within 6 weeks of you receiving your response or the date of your last contact with the Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

Alternatively, a complaint may be made via the ICO website at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>

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<https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk>

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