



**Derry City & Strabane**  
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Ref: EIR / 2108

31 October 2018

Ms  
Relative Limited  
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Email: @relativelimited.com

Dear Ms

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Misuse of public recycling centres for commercial purposes**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

1. What means, if any, does the council use to detect and prevent misuse of recycling centres by non-residential visitors?

Can you please provide clarity in terms of ' non-residential visitors', does this only relate to commercial users or to those who use the site but may not be resident in the area?

2. How much has the misuse of public recycling facilities cost the council in the last complete accounting year, and over the last 5 accounting years? Please break down the cost of disposing of the waste, as well as the lost fees that should have been collected from any commercial entities who disposed of their waste fraudulently, and if possible, any remedial or preventative costs associated with this activity.

Council does not possess this information.

3. What percentage of waste disposed of at public recycling centres does the council estimate is associated with commercial misuse of the facilities?

Council does not possess this information

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4. What other information can the council provide about the scale and nature of the issue, and the council's previous and current approach to tackling the issue?

Site supervisors and recycling attendants monitor the commercial usage at the sites. They regularly approach commercial users and advise them of the proper procedure that should be followed.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN  
Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Head of Environment**