

Q&A - responding to the consultation

Rethinking Our Resources



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Introductions

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How this session will run

- Everyone is on mute
- Q&A function is **on** – please add questions not already submitted
- Panellists can see your questions
- This session will be recorded for notetaking only. No recording will be published.
- DAERA will publish (on the website) anonymised responses



Information

- Citizen Space link or use the QR code [Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI - NI Direct - Citizen Space](#)
- Information video [Consultation on Recycling, Rethinking Our Resources \(youtube.com\)](#)
- Consultation document [Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI Consultation | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](#)



The Importance of the Consultation

- Transforming waste collections in Northern Ireland
- Change has to take place –
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Future generations
 - NI Circular Economy



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Engagement leading to this consultation

- Unprecedented engagement
- Initial Discussion Document
- Councils
- Reprocessors
- MRF Operators & Private Sector Collectors
- Wider industry stakeholders



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Overview of consultation

- Underpinning legislation
- Targets including
 - 70% recycling by 2030
 - Net zero by 2050
- Closing the loop
- Creating a circular economy
- 26 proposals on household and non-household municipal waste
- 104 consultation questions



How to respond to the consultation

- If you disagree, tell us
 - WHY you disagree
 - WHAT your alternative would be
 - HOW you have derived your reasons for disagreeing



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What to include in your evidence

- What will be the predicted, measured impact, on you / your organisation if DAERA goes ahead with proposal
- Evidence:
 - Is it published? Is it your own research? Sample sizes? Has it been peer reviewed? Can you provide the methodology and assumptions?
 - Signpost to key supporting references *“A value of 43.9 - in Table 2.2 p 34”* in <https://abcxyz.com>
 - No hyperlinks in Citizen Space unfortunately, but please copy in web addresses
 - Have you considered the environmental and economic costs of the proposal?
- Consider long term impacts

What isn't helpful

The results of a recycling poll

No info provided on poll questions, how the survey was conducted or sample size. No page info or link

I am in total disagreement with this proposal

For what reasons?

I don't think that food and garden waste should be separated

What issues do you see?

Please refer to Evidence document for clear information on ...while ensuring the lowest cost burden

Page info within Evidence document and link?

The introduction of a weekly kerbside collection of food waste is likely to be unaffordable for Councils

What evidence is there to make this statement?

This type of recycling makes the most sense economically

Why? What evidence is there to make this statement?

Key

Comments from live consultation and Discussion Document

What is not addressed by the comment



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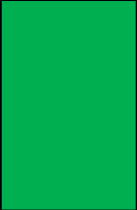
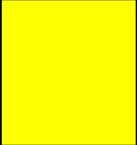
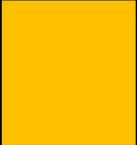
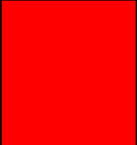
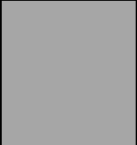
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Analysis of responses

- Undertaken by WRAP
- Analysis will be:
 - Quantitative – *numbers*
 - Qualitative – *themes*
- Published and made publicly available upon completion

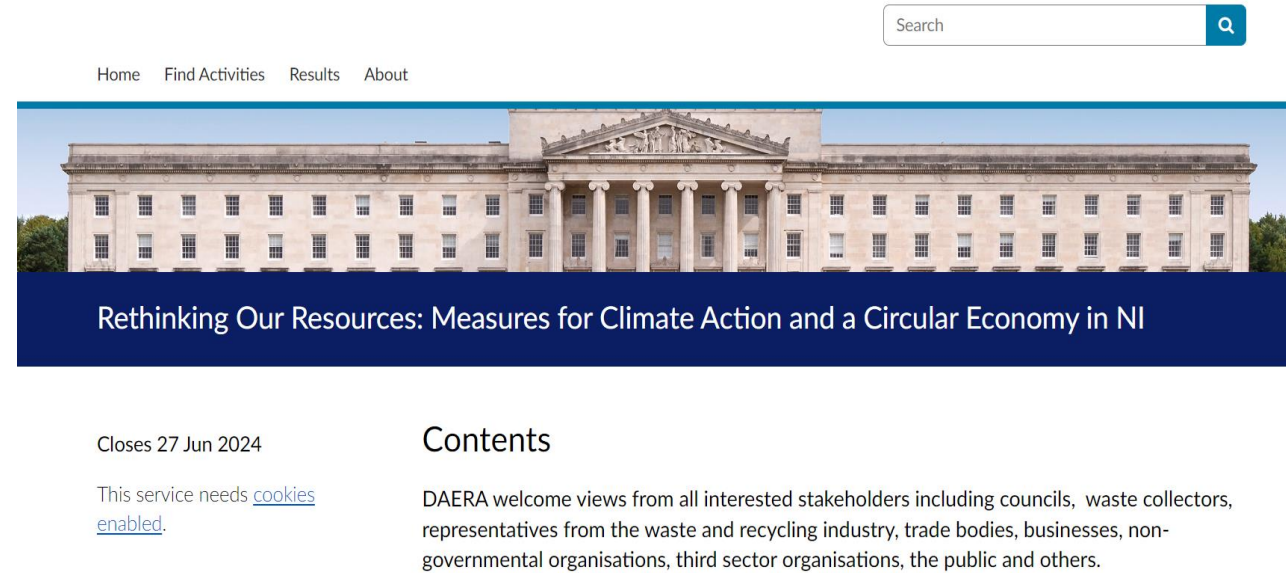
Evidence evaluation – RAG rating

	KEY
	Robust, clear and with quality peer reviewed evidence provided
	Some evidence, not high quality
	No evidence, but interesting points/ perspectives considered
	No evidence, contains hateful speech, opinion based only
	Left blank or 'not answered'



Standard questions -1

1. Why can I only use 1,000 characters to set out my concerns?
2. How do I send supporting evidence?
3. Do I have to complete the boxes if I disagree with any of the proposals for my view to count?
4. Is there an easy explanation of how the calculations were performed for the Impact Assessment?



The screenshot shows the DAERA website interface. At the top right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below it is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'Find Activities', 'Results', and 'About'. The main header features a large image of a classical building with a pediment and columns. Below the image is a dark blue banner with the text 'Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI'. Underneath the banner, there are two columns of text: 'Closes 27 Jun 2024' and 'This service needs [cookies enabled](#).', followed by a 'Contents' section with a paragraph of text: 'DAERA welcome views from all interested stakeholders including councils, waste collectors, representatives from the waste and recycling industry, trade bodies, businesses, non-governmental organisations, third sector organisations, the public and others.'

Standard questions 2

5. How long will it take to review the consultation responses?
6. Where is work on the Waste Strategy up to? That would help with the overall direction of travel.
7. Many NI councils have had mixed food and garden waste collection collections since 2009 – how will residents know what to do so that they put out food waste separately?



Standard questions 3

8. Where do charities sit – are they classified as producers of NHM waste?
9. WRAP gate fees tend not to correlate to the NI position due to a number of factors. What evidence is there of local prices?

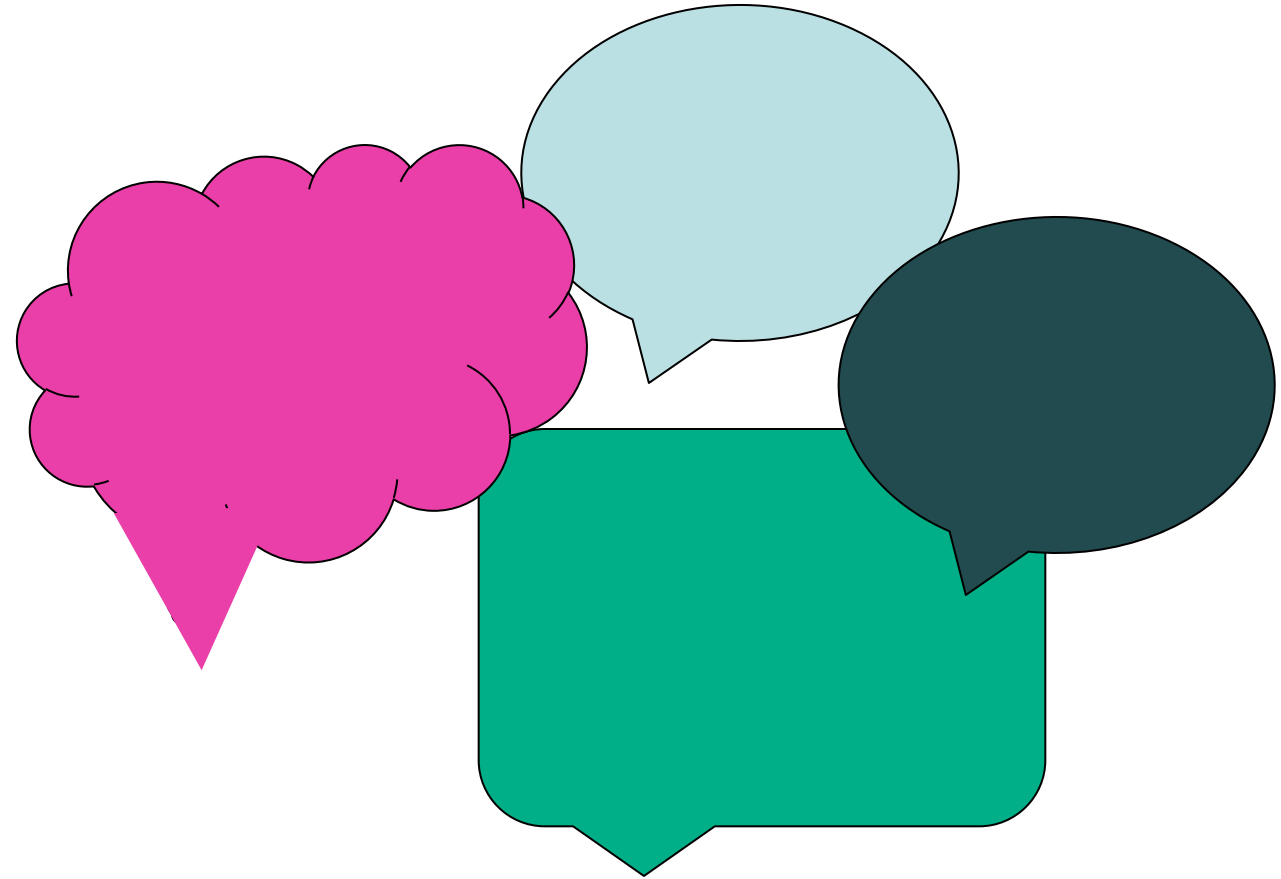


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Q&A – from today



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Next steps

- Questions can be emailed to wastepolicyteam@daera-ni.gov.uk
- Slides and Q&A available later this week
- Consultation closes 5pm Thursday 27 June 2024



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