

10th December 2013

Dear PCC,

Complaint 134024

Thank you for your e-mail passing on the *Daily Mail's* letter of 29th November. It appears that we have reached an impasse over the wording of the clarification that is required.

My position is that no wording can be satisfactory that makes reference (as the *Mail's* suggested correction does) to "the need for five separate rubbish bins and the scrapping of traditional weekly rubbish collections". The whole point of my complaint is that these measures are not requirements of the law; and nor are they likely reactions of local authorities seeking to interpret the law. They are not measures that are "necessary" and as I have explained, there will be numerous more "practicable" options for councils, and their local residents. Therefore any reference to "five bins" or "scrapping weekly collections" only compounds the confusion to which the article gives rise.

The *Mail's* revised wording does not improve in this respect on its earlier offer. I stand by the wording I previously proposed:

"We reported on 17 August and again on 16 October that under the EU Waste Framework Directive, local authorities would be required to issue all householders with four separate recycling bins. In our 17 August story, we also stated that the law would require weekly collections of residual waste to end. We are happy to clarify that these claims were not correct. Local authorities can comply with the law without requiring householders to place material in several different bins; and they are not barred from collecting residual waste weekly."

Combined with the deletion of text not compatible with this statement, I believe the *Daily Mail* will have put right its breaches of Clause 1.

I hope that the matter can now be referred to the Commission for a decision to bring this matter to a resolution without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PRL Jones'.

Peter Jones