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Your ref 134024 Peter Jones

Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 3 September regarding the complaint from Peter Jones about our article of August 17.

Our article reported a speech from Lord de Mauley which said: 'The outcome of legal proceedings does not however change the obligation on local authorities separately to collect the four dry recycle materials where this is necessary to facilitate recycling and recovery and where this is practicable'.

The meaning of the words 'separately to collect' seems clear enough, viz that householders would be required (where necessary and practicable) to separate the four recyclates and would therefore require five bins.

Mr Jones says that the meaning of separate collection does in fact allow for commingled waste so only two bins would be required.

He also accepts however that there is a current 'lack of clarity' and that it will ultimately be up to councils to consider 'how best to reduce cross contamination' of the recyclable materials.

With that in mind, I note that Lord de Mauley has said in his speech that he has asked his Department to work with the LGA and others to develop guidance, the aim of which will be to 'help local authorities decide what the requirements mean, and how to assess what is technically, environmentally and economically practicable.'

I would therefore propose that we wait for this updated guidance at which point we can take a more informed decision about what if any action is required including, if necessary, and subject to the Editor's approval, the publication of a clarification in the newspaper.

I hope you will agree that this is a constructive way forward.

In the meantime, do let me know if you require any more information or would like to discuss this matter further with me.

Yours sincerely


Group Managing Editor