

Food Waste Recycling Service and EPR update

**HEP Committee
18 September 2025**



Winchester
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The bigger picture - Pipeline of change to Waste & Recycling

- **Landfill tax** (2025) – Standard rate is now £126 per tonne
- **Extended Producer Responsibility** (starts 2025/26)
- **Simpler Recycling** (April 2026) – food waste and separate collection of paper and card
- **Digital waste tracking** (2026) – fewer waste related crimes, assurance of proper recycling and disposal
- **Deposit Return Scheme** (October 2027) – to capture more of the 35 bn units put onto the UK market each year
- **New MRF** (Early 2028) – flexible and film plastics, pots, tubs, trays and cartons
- **The UK Emissions Trading Scheme** (2028) – increase in costs for use of energy-from-waste facilities. E.G. for plastics = up to £200 per tonne extra. Unknown if Local Authorities will receive some form of protection
- **Landfill ban / reform** (2028) – ban on biodegradable municipal waste
- **UK Circular Economy Taskforce** - £15bn investment, 10m tonnes more recycling, 40,000 jobs (2040) – likely to enable further changes

Why recycle food waste?

- Council's commitment to increase recycling rates and **reduce waste**
- Supports **going greener faster** objectives
- Increasing **sustainable energy production**
- Reducing **carbon emissions**
- **Simpler Recycling** legislation requires food waste recycling collection services to be in place by 1st April 2026



Consultation outcomes

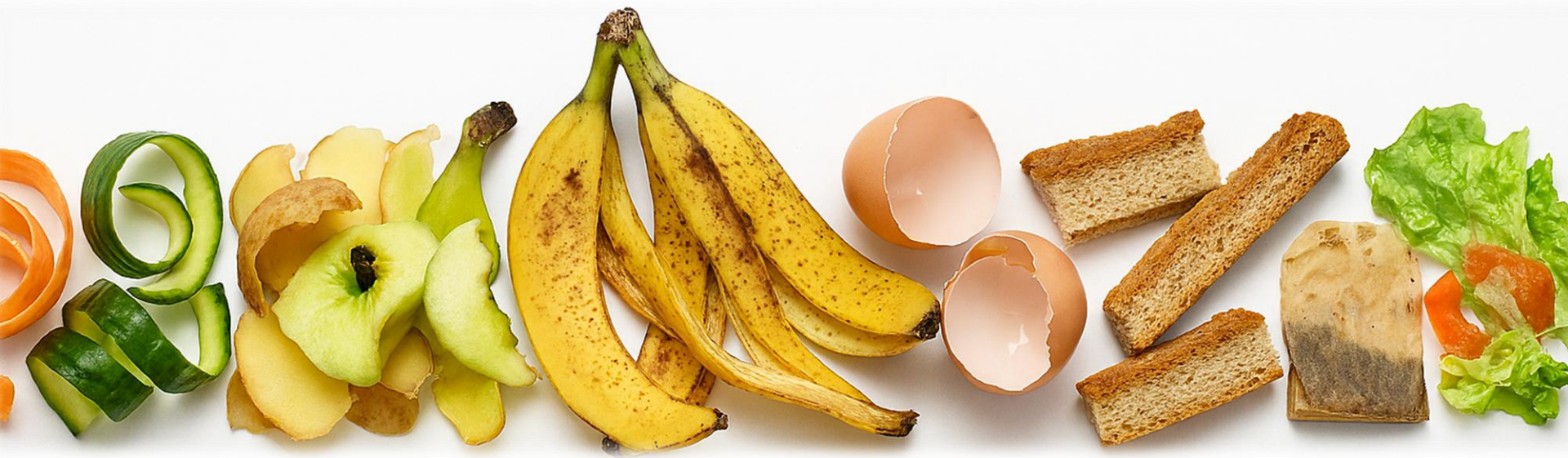
“Rethinking Recycling” in late 2023 had over 8,000 responses –

- ✓ 97% believe it is important to recycle from home
- ✓ 78% want a system that allows them to recycle a wider range of materials from home
- ✓ 52% want a clearer explanation of what they can recycle from home

We are responding to all of these by introducing new food waste collections and reminding residents how to recycle correctly.

Scope of food waste service

- Offered to all residential properties across the District
- Houses of multiple occupation and flats included
- Weekly collections on the usual bin collection day
- Residents can recycle a wide range of food waste



New food waste trucks

- New trucks will take food waste to the transfer station where it will be bulked for delivery to an anaerobic digestion plant. Here it is turned into green gas and nutrient-rich fertiliser. The new trucks are fuelled by HVO (hydro-treated vegetable oil) for lower carbon emissions.



Anaerobic digestion plant - turning food waste into energy



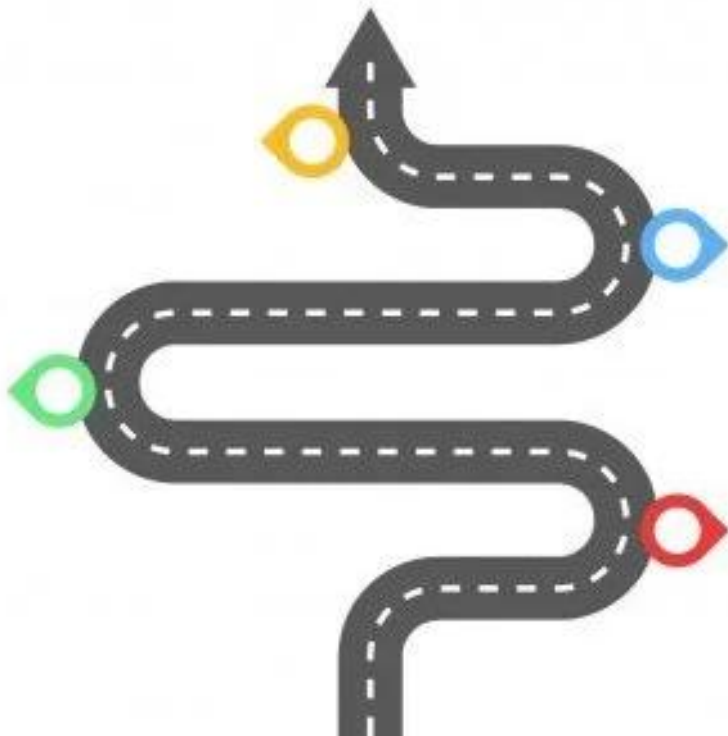
Timeline

Food waste recycling service rollout:
Phased from October 2025 to March 2026

7 new collection rounds to be introduced;

- 4 rounds before Christmas between 06 October and 12 December 2025
- 3 rounds in the new year between 02 February and 20 March 2026.

The phasing schedule is agreed, and details are included in the pack sent to all members.



How we will roll out the service

- Phased rollout from October 2025 to March 2026.
- A letter to all residents has been included with the annual bin calendars in early September 2025.
- Website - including individual property look up facility.
- Social media, Press release, YCN and Parish Connect articles.
- Starter pack containing clear instructions on how to recycle, sample roll of liners, and the new containers needed to do it.
- Members help to promote and encourage participation.
- Recycling Officers to work with residents to encourage participation and improve recycling. Focus on communal properties including flats and HMOs initially.
- Simpler Recycling for Businesses. Council role to promote and make businesses aware.

What residents will receive

- A 23L outdoor/kerbside bin, a 5L kitchen caddy, a sample roll of compostable caddy liners and an information leaflet.
- Communal properties: a 5L kitchen caddy, sample roll of compostable caddy liners, a leaflet with instructions and a 140L communal bin to share with other residents.



Members information pack



- Long list of FAQs
- Copy of communications to residents, such as the information leaflet, letter and calendars
- Map packs - by day and by round
- URL for website look up – food waste start dates for all properties
- Spreadsheet with A – Z of properties by street or area

Phasing schedule start dates and locations – before Christmas 2025

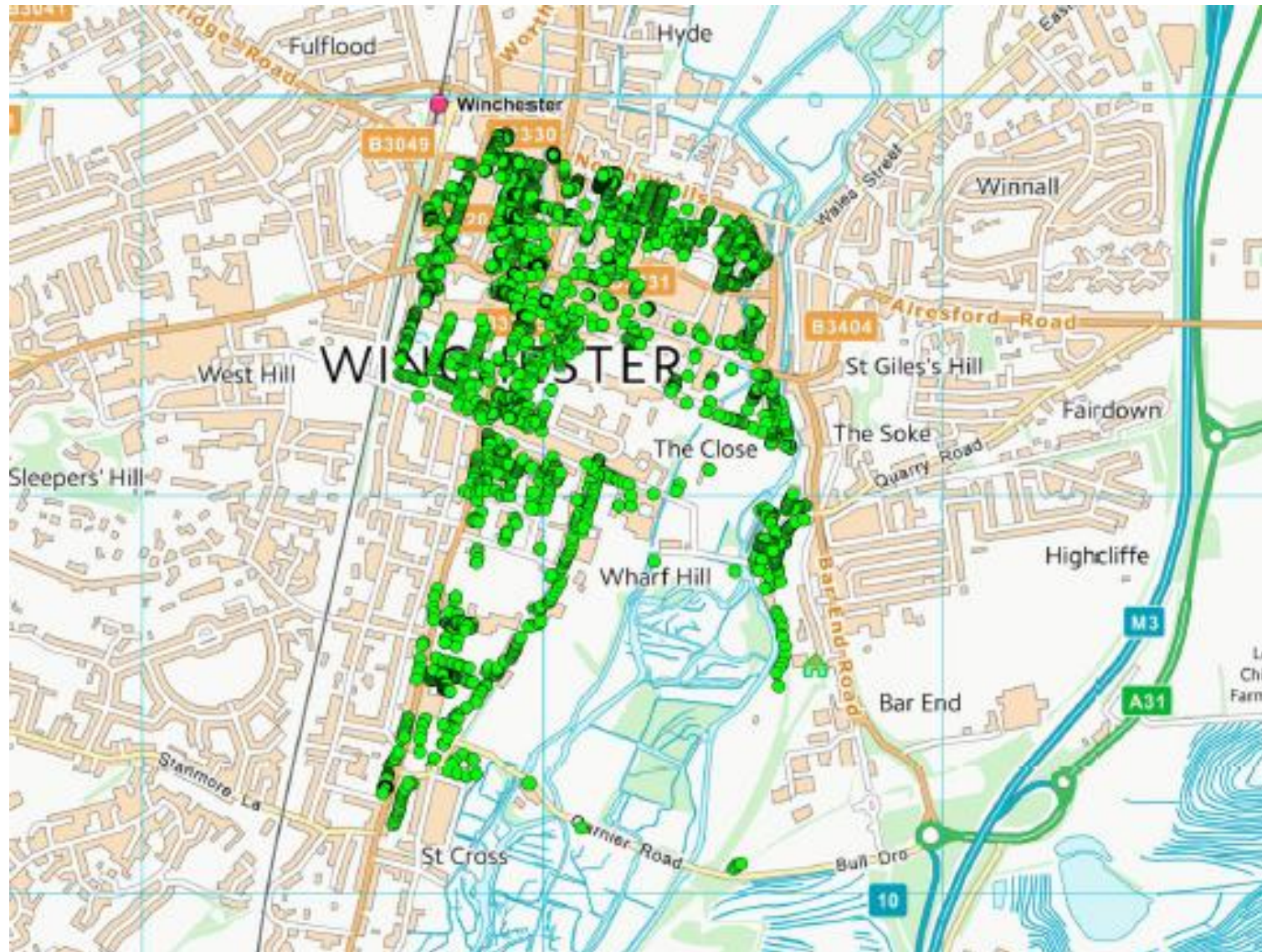
	6 th Oct: FW01	27 th Oct: FW02	17 th Nov: FW03	8 th Dec: FW04
Monday	Denmead, Lovedean & Waterlooville	Denmead, North Boarhunt, Purbrook, Purbrook Heath, South Boarhunt, Southwick & Waterlooville	Denmead, Hambledon, Newtown, Soberton & Southwick	Clanfield, Corhampton, Denmead, Droxford, Exton, Hambledon, Meonstoke, Petersfield, Warnford & West Meon
Tuesday	Winchester (central)	Winchester (Bar End, Chesil, Highcliffe)	Crawley, Kings Worthy, Littleton, Micheldever, South Wonston, Sparsholt, Sutton Scotney, Weston Colley, Winchester, Wonston & Worthy Down	Avington, Chilcomb, Easton, Headbourne Worthy, Itchen Abbas, Kings Worthy, Martyr Worthy, Micheldever, Northington, Ovington, West Stratton & Winchester
Wednesday	Abbots Worthy, Headbourne Worthy, Kings Worthy, Martyr Worthy, Winchester & Worthy Down	Brambridge, Colden Common, Compton, Fishers Pond, Highbridge, Morestead, Olivers Battery, Owslebury, Shawford, Twyford & Winchester	Abbots Worthy, Alresford, Avington, Bishops Sutton, Cheriton, Itchen Abbas, Itchen Stoke, Martyr Worthy, Ovington, Tichborne & Winchester	Alresford, Bighton, Bishops Sutton, Gundleton, Medstead, Old Alresford & Ropley
Thursday	Winchester (West, Romsey Road)	Winchester (Fulfood, Weeke, Stockbridge Road)	Harestock & Winchester	Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt & Winchester
Friday	Bishops Waltham, Durley, Fishers Pond, Lower Upham, Owslebury & Upham	Bishops Waltham	Bishops Waltham, Curdridge, Swanmore & Waltham Chase	Curdridge, Mislingford, Shedfield, Shirrell Heath, Swanmore, Waltham Chase & Wickham

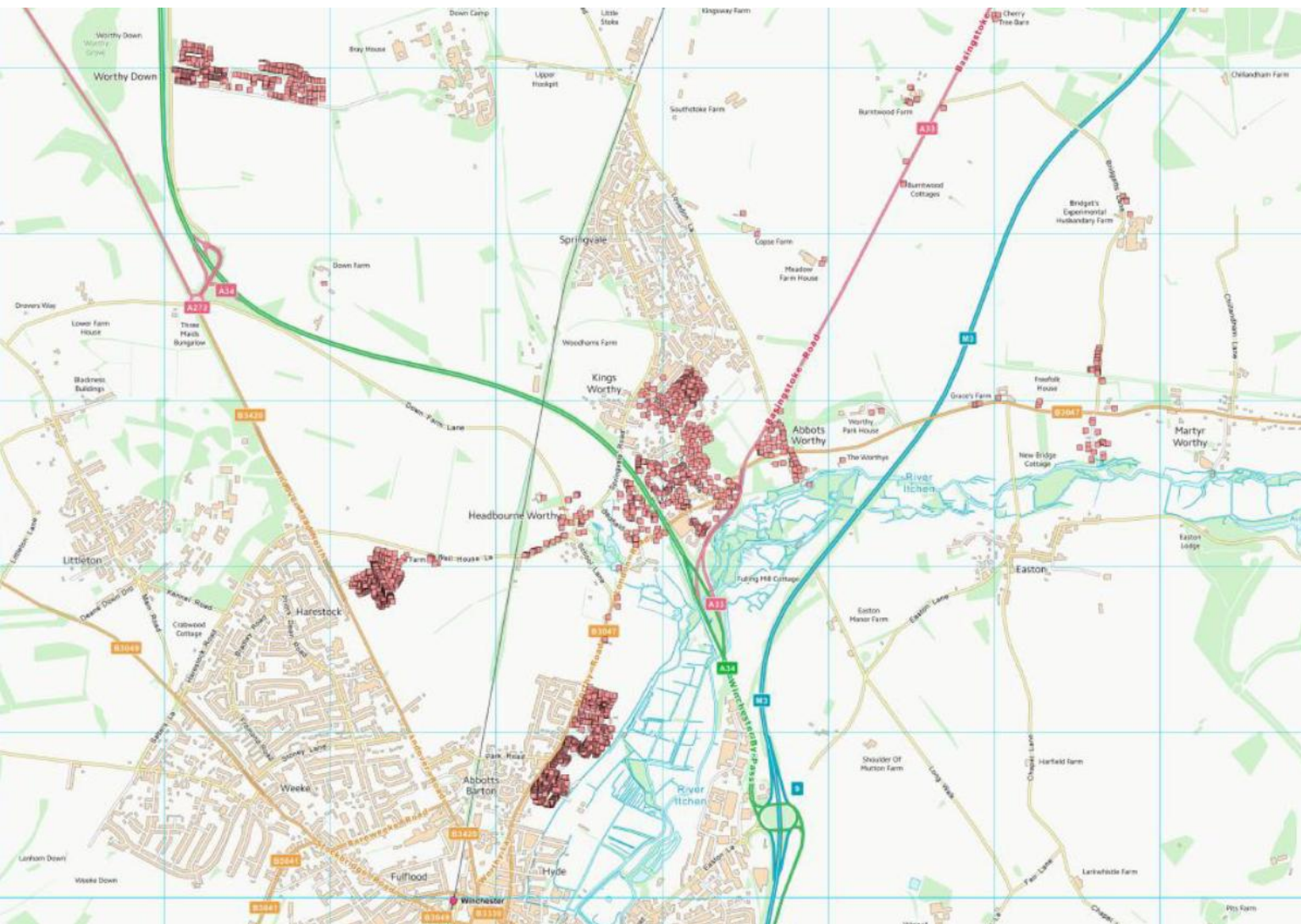
Phasing schedule start dates and locations – Early 2026

	2 nd Feb: FW05	23 rd Feb: FW06	16 th Mar: FW07
Monday	Droxford, Mislingford, Newtown, North Boarhunt, Soberton, Soberton Heath, Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester & Wood End	Bishops Waltham, Corhampton, Droxord, Exton, Mislingford, Swanmore & Waltham Chase	Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Bramdean, Bramdean Common, Cheriton, Hinton Ampner, Old Alresford, Warnford & West Meon
Tuesday	Colden Common, Fishers Pond, Morestead, Owslebury, Shawford, Twyford, Twyford Moors & Winchester	Brambridge, Chandlers Ford, Colden Common, Eastleigh, Highbridge, Otterbourne & Twyford Moors	Alresford, Beauworth, Bishops Sutton, Bramdean, Bramdean Common, Cheriton, Hinton Ampner, Kilmeston, Morestead, Owslebury, Upham, Warnford, West Meon & West Tisted
Wednesday	Abbotstone, Alresford, Bighton, East Stratton, Fobdown, Itchen Abbas, Itchen Stoke, Micheldever, Micheldever Station, New Alresford, Northington, Northington Down, Old Alresford, Swarraton, Upper Wield, West Stratton & Woodmancott	Micheldever, South Wonston, Stoke Charity, Sutton Scotney & Wonston	Kings Worthy & Headbourne Worthy
Thursday	Olivers Battery & Winchester	Olivers Battery, Badger Farm, Pitt & Winchester	Braishfield, Compton, Compton Down, Hursley, Otterbourne & Shawford
Friday	Botley, Curbridge, Curdrige & Southampton	Burridge, Curbridge, Fareham & Whiteley	Knowle, Shedfield, Tichfield, Whiteley & Wickham

The map displays the coastal region of East Yorkshire, centered on Hornsea. Major roads shown include the A1 running north-south, the A103 running east-west, and the A163 running north-south. The coastline is marked by the Humber estuary. Numerous green markers are scattered across the map, indicating the locations of various farms and estates. Key locations labeled include Hornsea, Anlaby, Wistow, Soke, and Anthill Common. The map also shows various smaller roads, rivers, and green spaces.

Tuesday 7th October - Winchester - 2,331 properties

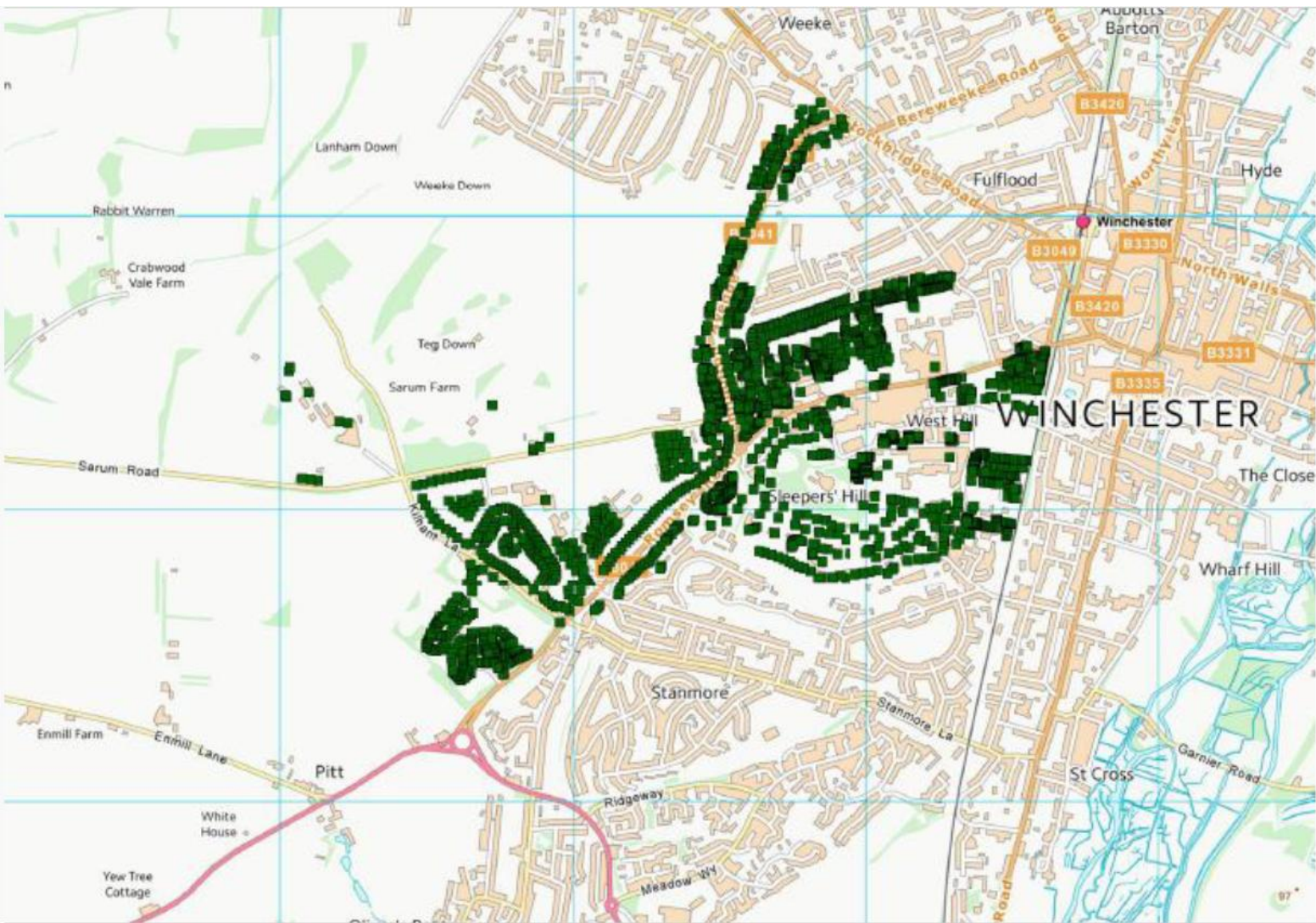




Wednesday
8th October

Abbots
Worthy,
Headbourne
Worthy, Kings
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Martyn
Worthy,
Winchester &
Worthy Down

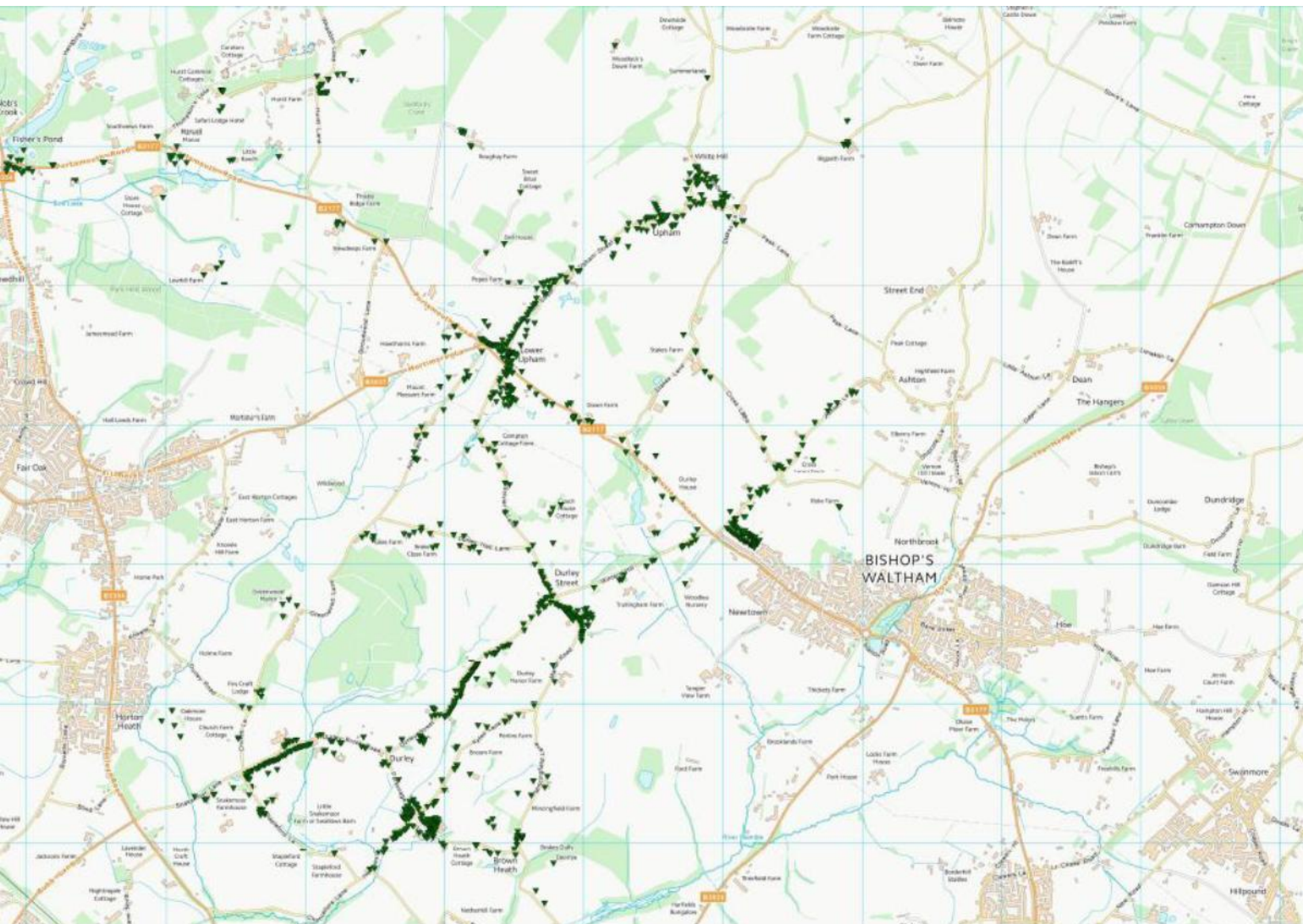
1,643
properties



Thursday
9th October

Winchester

2,249
properties



Friday
10th October

Bishops
Waltham,
Durley,
Fishers Pond,
Lower
Upton,
Owslebury &
Upton

890
properties

Questions on Food Waste?

Contact

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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)



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EPR – Background

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a UK government policy that makes producers financially responsible for the full net cost of managing the packaging waste they place on the market. This includes the costs of:

- Collection
- Sorting
- Recycling or disposal



The aim is to incentivise producers to design packaging that is easier to recycle and reduce overall waste.

Payments are assessed and passed to relevant local Authorities to help cover the costs of managing this waste.

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News story

PackUK senior team update

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We are delighted to announce the appointment of the permanent Chief Executive and Chief Strategy Officers for PackUK.

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Jeremy Blake, Chief Executive Officer and
Esther Carter, Chief Strategy Officer

Latest announcements from Pack UK

- 2025–26 base fees published (27 June).
- Fee cuts for most materials due to updated costs.
- 3-year recyclability-based fee policy starts 2026–27.
- Recyclability ratings (green/amber/red) impact fees
- Escalating fee multipliers for red-rated packaging:
 - 2026–27: 1.2×
 - 2027–28: 1.6×
 - 2028–29: 2.0×

Packaging base fees for 2025 to 2026:

Material	Rate (in £ per tonne)
Aluminium	266
Fibre-based composite	461
Glass	192
Paper and card	196
Plastic	423
Steel	259
Wood	280
Other	259

Packaging will fall into one of 3 categories:

- **red** packaging has specifications that make it difficult to recycle at scale
- **amber** packaging may experience challenges during collection and sortation, requires specialist infrastructure for reprocessing, the efficiency and output quality of reprocessing is affected, or there is some secondary material loss
- **green** packaging is widely recyclable in the current UK infrastructure

Example of material classification

Plastic (flexibles): items that change shape when filled.

Common examples;

Plastic bags, pouches, sachets, sleeves, wrappers, lidding film or liners, crisp packets, fruit nets.

Classification:

- To meet the widely collected at kerbside criteria for **green** rating, an item of packaging or component must be collected by 75% of local authorities. At present, no plastic (flexibles) exceeds a 14% collection rate and therefore fail to meet this criterion, or the criteria for the limited collection route.
- Flexible plastic packaging types may progress via the take back route if a valid scheme is available but are capped at **amber**. It is the responsibility of the producer to prove they meet the criteria set out in the take back protocol.
- If neither kerbside collections or the take back protocol apply, then the item of packaging or component is classified as **red**.

Anticipated EPR payment for Financial Year 2025/26
is **£1,680,439.52**



Comparison

guaranteed payment	potential payment
£834,000	£1,680,439



Caveats to funding



- The additional funding is not guaranteed and will be subject to PackUK recovering sufficient funds from producers.
- The legal purpose of this funding is to cover your “chargeable disposal costs” i.e. net efficient costs incurred in the efficient management of household packaging waste.
- Recalculations may be applied if PackUK receives evidence that this funding has been allocated for other purposes.
- Recalculation notices can be sent up to four years after the end of the assessment year and may result in a reduction in funding in a future year.

M&S makes major change to food packaging

M&S have made a change to its food packaging, however shoppers are unlikely to notice the difference



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WHAT'S ON By [Emily Parker](#)

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The supermarket will roll-out new invisible UV tags across a selection of its products. While the tags will not be visible to shoppers, they are expected to play an important role in surveying customer's recycling habits.

UV labels have been printed onto the labels of M&S's four-pint, milk bottles, giving the retailer the opportunity to track its single-use, plastic packaging once it has been recycled.

The addition of the tags to M&S packaging will therefore look to reduce the retailer's costs under these extended producer responsibility (EPR) rules by providing more precise reporting of recycling data.

Sainsbury's switches to pulp and cardboard packs for own-brand fish and chicken

Sainsbury's is introducing a number of packaging changes across its own-brand chicken and fish lines, set to save 694 tonnes of plastic annually.



Sainsburys Less Plastic

All own-brand salmon fillet trays are switching to pulp cardboard instead of plastic, a UK retailer first, which will result in 70% less plastic, saving 346 tonnes of plastic a year.

The supermarket giant said the pulp trays are made from sugarcane pulp, and are lined with polyethylene film.

Questions?

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