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Dear Chris

## INCLUSION OF IBA IN RECYCLING RATES

Thank you for letter regarding the inclusion of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) in recycling rates. Lincolnshire recognises potential benefits of this material being included within recycling targets, as in 2014 Lincolnshire Energy from Waste (EfW) facility produced approximately 35,000 tonnes of IBA. Like in Hampshire, if this was to be added to the material collected and sent for recycling, it would increase the overall recycling performance of Lincolnshire by over 9%.

It might also be interesting to note that the position with the Lincolnshire EfW facility is somewhat different to a lot of other similar plants around the country in that it is only taking municipal solid waste and not extensive amounts of other commercial, industrial and demolition wastes which would clearly be inappropriate to include in any calculation of recycling performance related to domestic arisings.

Therefore, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is expressing its support to Hampshire County Council to make the following points to the relevant Government Ministers:

- The UK should be including all forms of IBA recycling in its calculation of the national recycling rate to ensure our performance is based on the same practice as other EU member States.
- There should be one standardised measure of recycling rate that is reported by the UK, individual countries of the UK, and individual local authorities, to allow for fair comparisons to be made.
- The UK should support the case for IBA recycling to be included in relevant calculations as part of a drive to simplify definitions and standardise waste and recycling performance measures across the EU as part of the recently announced legislative proposals known as the Circular Economy Package.

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership represents a two tier Authority, consisting of Lincolnshire County Council as Disposal Authority and Boston Borough Council; City Of Lincoln Council; East Lindsey District Council; North Kesteven District Council; South

Holland District Council; South Kesteven District Council; West Lindsey District Council as Collection Authorities.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor David Cotton

Chairman of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership

Councillor Reg Shore

Vice-Chairman of the Lincolnshire

Waste Partnership