



## The UK Plastics Pact Eliminating Problem Plastics: Consultation Survey 2024

### Introduction

In June 2019 WRAP published the first 'Eliminating Problem Plastics' report following consultation with members. Members were consulted again in 2020 and an updated report and revised list of problem plastics for removal was published in February 2022 ['Eliminating Problem Plastics'](#).

Delivery of the Pact Targets 2 (recyclability) and 3 (effectively recycled) is contingent on the removal or redesign of plastic packaging which is not recyclable and which will not be included within Simpler Recycling.

The Target 1 list therefore provides an important framework for renewed focus and effort on materials that hinder progress towards Targets 2 and 3 and, although the end date of 2025 is fast approaching, it is important for the credibility of the Pact to maintain momentum and ambition whilst also reflecting developments.

It is for this reason that WRAP is consulting on a wider list of materials which will not be effectively recycled at scale and therefore defined as recyclable within the duration of the Pact nor when household film collections are implemented through Simpler Recycling, along with items designated red in the Polymer Choices best practice design for recyclability.

The accompanying [consultation document](#), developed with The UK Plastics Pact Eliminating Problem Plastics Sprint Group and presented to The UK Plastics Pact Advisory Group, has been circulated to all members and published on the WRAP website (the member consultation document). A webinar has been scheduled for members on 24 July to run through the proposed changes and answer any queries.

Please read through the member consultation document and then submit feedback using this survey by **5pm on 12 September 2024**.

Feedback will be treated confidentially, collated and used to inform the updates to the Eliminating Problem Plastics report. The final report will be shared with members prior to publication.

The survey asks your opinion on the Proposed Additions/Changes to the existing Elimination list and on the Proposed Additions/Changes to the existing Investigation List. In the survey you will be asked if you agree with the proposed amendments. Please note that we are not consulting on items where there is no change proposed, however there is space to add comments on these items. Please refer to the current [Eliminating Problem Plastics](#) report for further detail and rationale behind the two lists.

If you have any queries please email [ukplasticspact@wrap.ngo](mailto:ukplasticspact@wrap.ngo)

**Thank you for your input.**

\* 1. First Name

\* 2. Surname

\* 3. Organisation

\* 4. Email Address

\* 5. Are you a current member of The UK Plastics Pact (please select one answer)

Yes

No

\* 6. Sector

Retailer/Brand

Waste management/recycling

Industry body/trade association

Packaging manufacturer/convertor

HaFS

Research/Uni/NGO

Other (please specify)

\* 7. I agree to be contacted if you have any queries on the responses

Yes

No



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### Proposed Additions to the Elimination List

The following questions relate to items / materials that are proposed to be added to the existing elimination list with a possible timeline for removal as far as possible by the end of 2025.

In the first instance we are asking specifically about multi-material non-recyclable flexible and rigid packaging to explore the extent to which this material could be redesigned by the end of 2025, and the more problematic areas where it is likely to take longer to find alternatives or recycling pathways for the material.

We are then asking for feedback on additional items/materials which have been identified as being hard to recycle or detrimental to the recycling process.

Please advise whether you have these materials/items in your portfolio, the extent to which you agree or disagree with their addition to the Elimination List and whether you agree with the end of 2025 as a proposed deadline for their removal.

#### 8. Proposed Additions to the Elimination List: Multi-material non-recyclable rigid or flexible plastics for **certain categories**

	Do you have this material in your portfolio?	Do you agree or disagree that for certain categories this material is moved to the Elimination List?	Do you agree or disagree with the proposed date of end 2025 for those categories?
Flexible multi-material non-recyclable plastics	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Rigid multi-material non-recyclable plastics	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Comments

9. Please list the categories where you have already moved out of non-recyclable multi-material packaging or where you have identified recyclable alternatives? e.g. Pet food, baby food, cheese packaging. This will help understand the categories within scope.

10. Please list the categories where you cannot move out of non-recyclable multi-material packaging by the end of 2025, due to performance requirements and lack of recyclable alternatives? e.g. Boned meat joints.

11. Proposed Additions to the Elimination List: Additional non-recyclable items

	Do you have this material in your portfolio?	Do you agree or disagree with the move to the Elimination List?	Do you agree or disagree with the proposed date of end 2025?
Natural and clear PET trays with PE coating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-recyclable, non-NIR detectable plastics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silicone components	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging with glass or metal components e.g. springs, ball bearings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wet wipes with plastic content	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disposable Vapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments (please add the material you are commenting on)



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### Proposed Changes and Amendments to the Investigation List

The Investigation List is a longer list of items and materials that have problems associated with them. Further details and rationale can be found in the current [Eliminating Problem Plastics Report](#).

The following are items or materials which have been identified as problematic to the recycling process and have been designated as RED in [polymer choices](#).

Please identify whether you have these items and materials in your portfolio and whether you agree to their addition to the longer Investigation List.

#### 12. Proposed Additions/Changes to the Investigation List

	Do you have this item/material in your portfolio	Do you agree or disagree with the move to the Investigation list
Non-tethered drinks tops/caps (except milk) - this is a change to the existing wording	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Plastic hotel miniatures – toiletries and drinks miniatures	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Any inks (used for decoration and/or instructions etc.) which are detrimental to recycling, e.g. for food grade materials, through chemical changes during thermal cycles during recycling.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bottles, pots/tubs/trays or films with non-recyclable barrier layers, such as PA, PVdC etc	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Water soluble plastic packaging, where the material isn't an inherent part of the product	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Comments



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### Further changes

Other than the proposed additions to the Elimination List and Investigation List, please advise whether there are other items or materials missing and whether they should be considered for Elimination or Investigation, or whether there are items or materials on the current list that should be removed, with the rationale behind their removal.

13. Are there any items that should be considered for inclusion in the Elimination and Investigation Lists?

If you answered 'yes' above please add the item and rationale below

14. Are there any existing items that should be removed from the existing Elimination or Investigation Lists?

If you answered 'yes' above then please add the item/material, the list to add it to and your rationale