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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for information about recycling and blue bins. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request:**

Under the freedom of information act can you tell me it was announced on television that the government said we can now put ALL recyclable waste in the blue bin I have looked on the DMBC website but can find no information I have emailed the mayor several times to ask this question and got no response is this correct that we can now put all recyclable waste in blue bin and if not why not.

**Response:**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May DEFRA (Department for Food and Rural Affairs) released a statement confirming details regarding the 'Simpler Recycling' reforms.

One of the changes is that all local authorities will be required to collect the same recyclable material from households, this includes items such as plastic packaging (pots, tubs & trays). **This change is required from March 2026** this giving councils the time to amend their collections and contracts with the materials recycling facilities; and to allow the materials recycling facilities to change their equipment to accept the material. The City of Doncaster Council is working with our waste contractors to accept these items for recycling in the future, but for now these items need to be placed in the black bin.

The below materials will be included in the Simpler Recycling Collections in the dry recyclable waste stream from **31 March 2026:**

Glass:

- Glass packaging including bottles and jars

Metal:

- Steel and aluminium tins and cans and aluminium aerosols, foil and food trays, jars and bottle lids
- Aluminium tubes

Plastic:

- Plastic bottles made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET, including amorphous, recycled PET), polypropylene (PP) and high-density polyethylene (HDPE)
- Pots, tubs and trays made of PET (including amorphous, recycled and crystalline PET), PP

- (including expanded PP) and polyethylene (PE)

- PE and PP plastic tubes larger than 50mm x 50mm
- Cartons for food, drink and other liquids, including aseptic and chilled cartons
- Plastic film packaging and plastic bags made of mono-polyethylene (mono-PE), mono-polypropylene (mono-PP) and mixed polyolefins PE and PP, including those metallised through vacuum or vapour deposition (to be included from **31 March 2027**)

Paper and card:

All paper and card except:

- Paper and card that contains glitter or foil, paper that is laminated, stickers and sticky paper, padded lined envelopes, paperback / hardback books and wallpaper
- Cartons for food, drink and other liquids, including aseptic and chilled cartons

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,  
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