



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **Review of market for rigid plastic recycling**

Hills is extremely disappointed that Worldwide Bio-Recyclables are no longer able to accept rigid plastics for recycling.

As a result of this the trial collection of rigid plastics at household recycling centres has been temporarily suspended subject to a market review. This decision was taken in consultation with Wiltshire Council.

Whilst some UK reprocessors do take rigid plastics, they require very specific types and space capacity at household recycling centres means we cannot accommodate facilities for pre-sorting all the different types of plastics. Furthermore the location of existing reprocessors, together with the cost of transporting this bulky material, does not make it economically or environmentally viable.

Hills is committed to securing long term contracts with rigid plastic reprocessors and will continue to look for suitable entrants into this fledgling market.

In the meantime, we would encourage Wiltshire residents to consider recycling usable rigid plastic items in good condition (for example toys, plant pots and trays and garden furniture) through services such as the Freecycle network. This internet-based community service lets people offer items for free for collection. Find out more at [www.freecycle.org.uk](http://www.freecycle.org.uk)

We would also like to remind the public that plastic bottles can still be recycled in Wiltshire.

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