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ESA comments on Defra's provisional quarterly statistics for Local Authority collected waste

The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice of the UK's waste management industry, has today commented on Defra's provisional quarterly statistics for Local Authority collected waste for England. ESA's Director of Policy, Matthew Farrow said:

"We are pleased to see that household recycling has increased to 42% and that the proportion of local authority collected waste disposed of into landfill has been halved over the last 10 years. However, these provisional statistics also remind us that we still send over 11 million tonnes of waste to landfill each year, and suggest that increases in recycling rates may be slowing.

"The UK is still some way away from reaching the EU target of recycling 50% of household waste by 2020 and we all need to do more. ESA's members are keen to work with local authorities to continue driving recycling rates upward."

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Notes to editors:

The Local Authority collected waste for England statistics are available from [Defra's website](#).

Headlines include: Household recycling has increased; Household waste production and Waste generation per person has decreased along with local authority collected waste sent to landfill.

The Environmental Services Association (ESA) is the trade association representing the UK's waste management and secondary resources industry. ESA's Members provide essential waste and secondary resources management services to the public and private sectors.

ESA works with all levels of government and regulators to deliver more sustainable waste management for the UK.

ESA's Members manage waste on behalf of the whole of society and we are recovering more of the materials and energy from waste than ever before: for example, quadrupling the UK's household recycling rates over the last 10 years. For further details please visit www.esauk.org