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ESA PRESS STATEMENT

Code of Practice will help to keep waste out of the hands of waste Criminals

LONDON, 11 March 2016: The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, welcomed the publication of Defra's revised Duty of Care Code of Practice which provides useful basic information how to meet duty of care requirements. The revision helpfully incorporates changes to duty of care legal requirements which have arisen since the previous version of the Code of Practice was published.

ESA's Head of Regulation Sam Corp said:

"Defra's Code of Practice is understandably constrained by the Government's drive to streamline environmental guidance and to this extent has not been able to provide practical case studies and examples relating to Duty of Care requirements.

We hope that the Right Waste, Right Place campaign and website to be launched during the week beginning 11 April will help to plug this gap by both raising awareness of Duty of Care but also providing real practical case studies of the business benefits of following Duty of Care as well as highlighting the consequences of failing to comply.

Getting the message out about 'Duty of Care' is vital in the drive to keep waste out of the hands of waste criminals"

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Notes to editors:

1. Defra's Duty of Care Code of Practice can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/waste-duty-of-care-code-of-practice>
2. The Summary of Responses and Government Response can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/waste-duty-of-care-revising-the-code-of-practice>
3. Right Waste Right Place holding page: <http://www.rightwasterightplace.com>
4. The **Environmental Services Association** (ESA) is the trade association for the UK's resource and waste management sector. We work with our members to transform waste and resource management across the country. This work helps enable our members to turn Britain's waste into valuable resources, whilst continually protecting the environment.
5. We work with all levels of government, regulators and the public to deliver a more sustainable waste and resource management solution for the UK. ESA's recent Circular Economy report '*Going for Growth – A practical route to a circular economy*', which outlines how a Circular rather than a linear economy can help manage resources sustainably, can be downloaded [here](#).
6. ESA's Members manage waste on behalf of the whole of society and we are recovering more than ever before. For example, the industry has helped quadruple the UK's household recycling rates over the last 10 years.
7. **The sector at a glance**
 - Total turnover: **£11 billion**
 - Direct Employment: **95,000 people**
 - Municipal waste handled each year: **over 26 million tonnes**
 - Energy generated (from waste combustion and landfill gas) each year: **approximately 6,700 GWh**, 1.5% of the UK's total electricity supply and around 20% of our renewable electricity.
 - Greenhouse **gas emissions down by 70% since 1990**.
 - The **top seven companies account for approximately 40% of turnover**. Many hundreds of SMEs provide either localised or more specialised services

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