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## **ESA PRESS STATEMENT**

# **ESA SEEKS VIEWS ON PRN ALTERNATIVES**

**LONDON, 7 November 2016:** The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, is seeking views on alternatives to the PRN system.

The trade association has organised a Consultation Day to allow representatives from the wider waste management sector and the packaging and food and drink industries, to discuss their views following the recent release of its report on PRN alternatives.

Titled: *"A Discussion of the UK PRN/PERN System for Packaging Waste and Possible Alternatives"*, the report says developing a new packaging waste regime for the UK would present a unique challenge, and the best way the UK can benefit from European experience is to mix and match individual elements of different systems.

Commenting on the Consultation Day, ESA executive director Jacob Hayler said:

***"It is important for all stakeholders to address the urgent issues that need to be resolved to create a long-term strategy for our industry."***

***"The report outlines four possible options for the PRN system in response to our changing world. Whilst the report has received widespread comment, we want to know more about what all stakeholders think about the different alternatives."***

The Consultation Day will take place on 17 November in London at Central Hall, Westminster. Places are limited and those wishing to attend should contact Toni Waters, ESA communications and membership officer at [t-waters@esauk.org](mailto:t-waters@esauk.org).

A copy of the report can be downloaded from the ESA website ([www.esauk.org](http://www.esauk.org)), and is attached to this release.

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## Notes to editors:

1. The **Environmental Services Association** (ESA) is the trade association representing the UK's resource and waste management industry, which is leading the transformation of how the UK's waste is managed.
2. 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](#).
3. 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 quintuple the UK's household recycling rates over the last decade.
4. **The sector at a glance**
  - Total turnover: **£11 billion**
  - Direct Employment: **80,000 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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