

Environmental Information Regulations Request No. 5523

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Request/Response

- 1) How many recycling bins have been rejected by your council over the past 12 months due to contamination?

1654 CONTAMINATED BINS REPORTED. This is since 01/07/2019 when Rother started a new waste contract with Biffa. Rother no longer have access to the waste management system where contamination logs were recorded for our previous waste contract with Kier Environmental Services which ended end of June 2019. The waste management system was owned by Kier. For reference we have just over 45500 properties in our district the majority receiving fortnightly waste, recycling collections. Just over 18000 of those households are signed up to a fortnightly garden waste collection as well.

- 2) How many fines have been given out over the past 12 months, and the total monetary amount of fines set in past 12 months for contaminated recycling bins?

Rother do not fine residents for contamination, The bin is logged as contaminated by the crew and left uncollected until the next scheduled collection providing the resident removes the contamination.

- 3) How much have rejected recycling bins cost the council over the past 12 months?

There is no extra costs to Rother for contaminated bins as no additional return is made until the next collection that is due.

Would you have figures for questions 1, 2 and 3 for the years from 2014 – 2019?

No as we have only just started this new waste contract with BIFFA and under our previous waste contract the waste management system was owned and hosted by Kier Environmental Services so our access to that system ended with the contract at the end of June 2019. As stated above all the crew logs were captured within that system.