

Labour amendment to Merton Coalition motion 2

Delete 2nd and 3rd paragraphs from “Taking food waste into account” to “less frequent service” and replace with:

“However, it is DEFRA’s view that the commingled collection of recyclables meets the expectations set out in the Framework in that the materials are collected separately from other waste streams. The Campaign for Real Recycling contested this interpretation and successfully applied for a Judicial Review. However, on 6 March 2013, Mr Justice Hickinbottom gave judgment that whether or not source segregated collection is practicable and necessary will depend on the particular local circumstances attributable to any local authority, the technology used and the methodology of collection.

Any local authority which has co-mingled waste collections should consider the particular circumstances of the locality and whether or not that collection is compliant now that the requirements for the Regulations have been clarified.

There is therefore no need to change the current collection methodology and introduce source segregated collections at the kerbside.

As a result there should be no impact on the frequency of waste collections as a result of the new regulations since Merton Council is able to satisfactorily deal with co-mingled recyclable waste.”

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