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SOFT-PLASTIC RECYCLING FOR SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Dear Rebecca,

Local Authorities currently can bid to take part in a pilot scheme to roll out soft-plastic recycling facilities and services in their communities.

On behalf of families and residents living in South Gloucestershire, I would greatly appreciate DEFRA's full support, so South Gloucestershire Council can be part of this pilot programme and have access to soft-plastic recycling.

South Gloucestershire continues to be a leader in the region for recycling, with record rates continually being delivered, and with a significantly higher recycling rate than neighbouring areas of Bath and Bristol. However, soft plastics are not currently collected by South Gloucestershire Council and instead often end up being disposed of unsustainably.

Whether it's plastic bags, fruit and vegetable packaging, crisp packets, films on yoghurts, bread bags, pasta packets, cling film, bubble wrap or baby and pet food pouches, we want to be recycling them.

The diverse communities and range of urban, suburban and rural areas within South Gloucestershire means we are an ideal area to properly conduct and run this soft-plastic trial.

Our community has demonstrated a strong desire for soft-plastic recycling. It is vital that South Gloucestershire is included in the soft plastic recycling scheme so we can meet the considerable demand which has been shown.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luke Hall'.

Luke Hall MP
Member of Parliament for Thornbury, Yate, and the surrounding areas