

Dear Scrutiny,

In an Island 9 miles by 5 miles, surely now is the time for an Island wide recycling operation. Twelve Parishes all implementing separate systems does not make any sense, nor can be efficient from an Island perspective. St Helier, to their credit and with the exception of glass recycling (a kerbside collection is not offered to all parishioners, only some whom are part of the 'trial' that has now been going on for years) have a very good kerbside collection service. This could be expanded to by Island wide with the assistance of Growth, Housing and Environment to create a joined up, efficient service for all.

Is is disappointing that the 'recycling' of glass is actually that it is tipped in the ground to form a 'filtration layer' at La Collette. I'm sure if most of the Public were asked whether they believed this to be true recycling, they would not agree. It is accepted that we do not want glass going in the incinerator, but surely we can actually crush and make available the collected glass for proper recycling by somebody somewhere by now.

Milk cartons - made of mixed plastic/cardboard. Probably the most widely used packaging on the Island with each person on the Island using milk. Millions of cartons, that currently cannot be recycled. We must go back in time and change back to glass bottles that can be re-used and/or recycled (see above) or ensure that an alternative packaging material is used by Jersey Dairy that can actually be separated for recycling.

Single use plastics seem to be at the forefront of the Public's mind at present; which is fantastic. The pressure from the consumer will drive change. Legislation will only bolster that. Why not now ban plastic bags altogether. Cardboard boxes and/or paper bags, both which can be recycled, being the alternative option. Fruit and vegetables must now be presented loose, without packaging that is then placed in another plastic carrier bag to take home. Legislation on both fronts would eradicate this immediately.

It is the prevention of the importation of such packaging and materials onto the Island in the first instance that needs to be reduced/removed and then this cannot make its way out to the consumer in any event.

I offer the above for consideration within your review.

regards

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