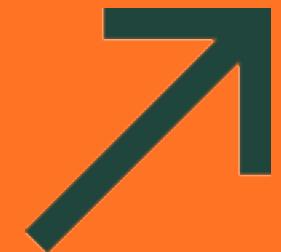




# Fighting Back Against Waste Crime

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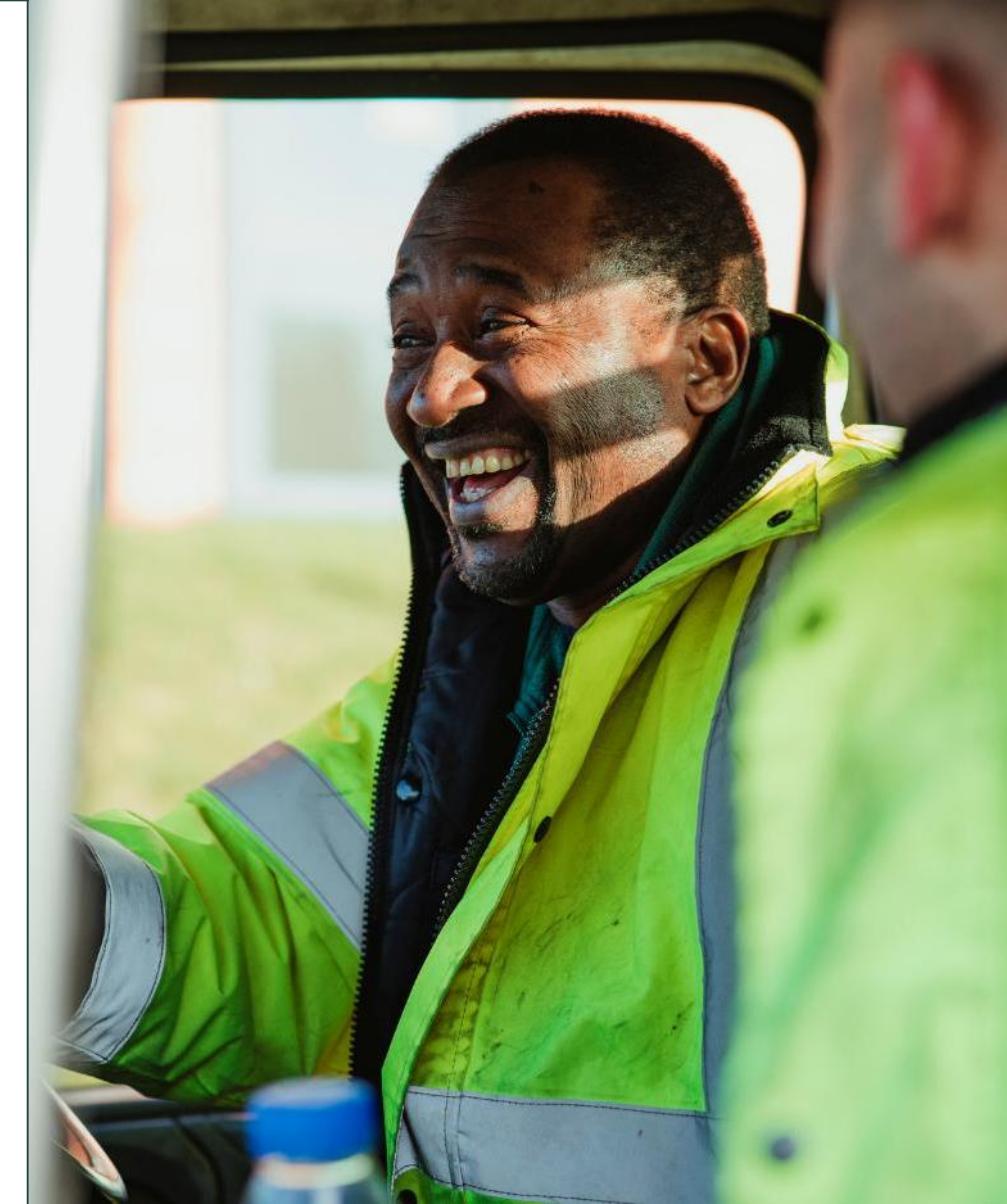


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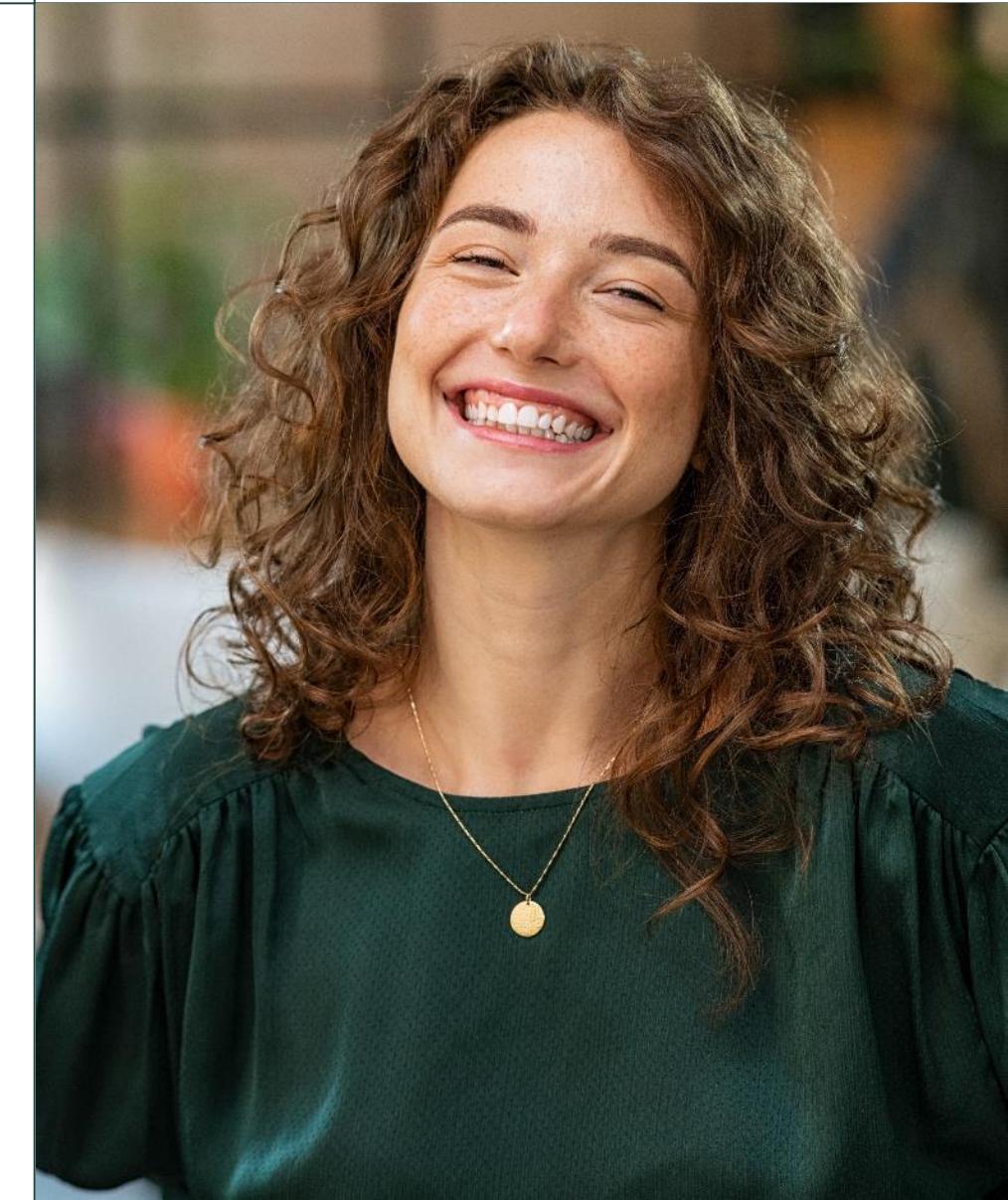
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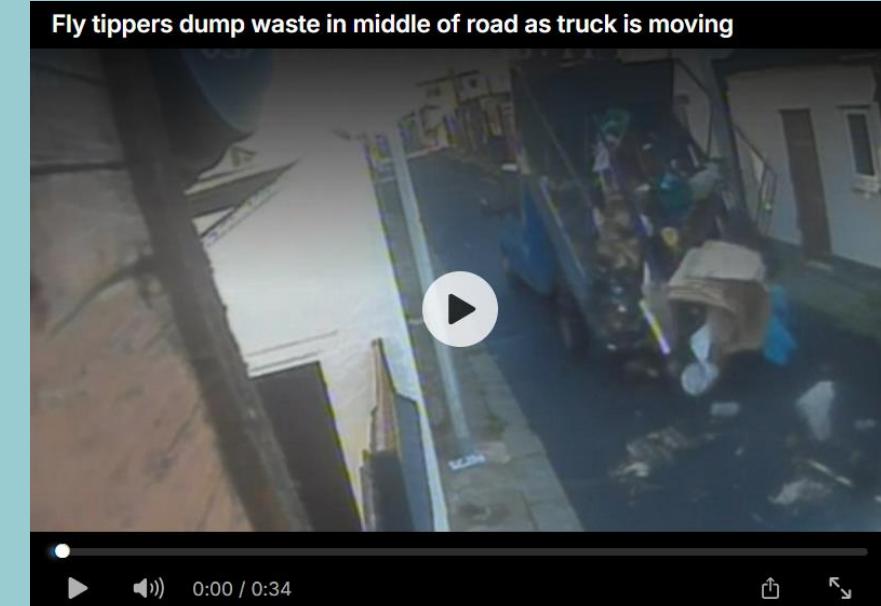




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Fly tippers dump waste in middle of road as truck is moving





**Only 27% of Waste Crime is Reported**

**Waste Crime Clean Up Costs England:  
>£150 million p.a**

**Waste Crime is a £1 billion Drag on the  
UK Economy - Year-In, Year-Out**



# Our Regulatory Framework Aims to Balance Value for Money vs Environmental Protection, and Drive Resource Efficiency

EIP & RWS 2018 (& Equivalents)

Forthcoming CEGP

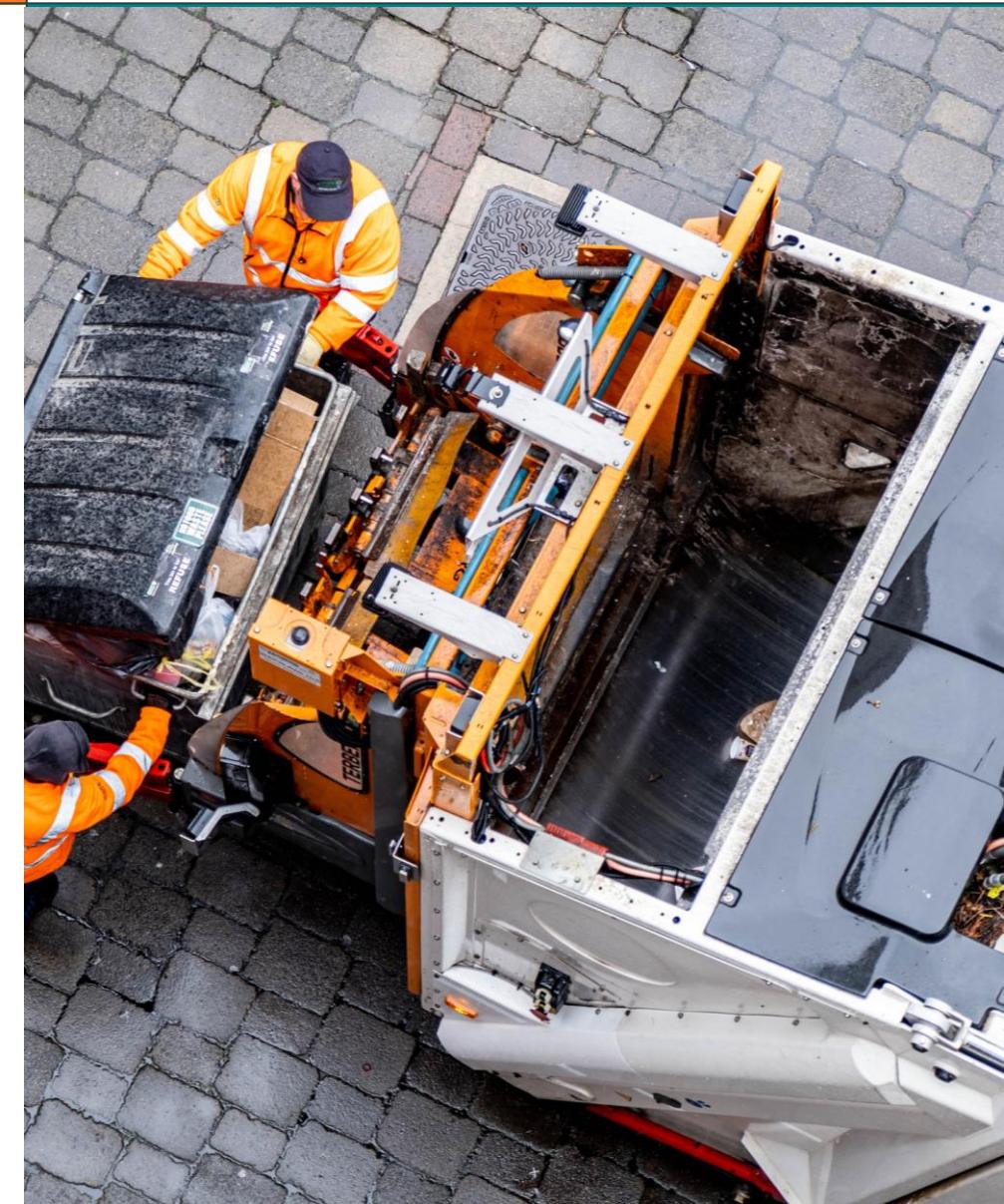
DoC (inc. Households)

Simpler Recycling

pEPR

PPT/LFT

ETS?





# Our Regulatory Framework Also Provides Enforcement Powers to Sector Regulators

EPA 1990

Environment Act  
2021

HMRC Powers





Enabling smart and effective regulation and enforcement should be a priority for our sector and for government at all levels



Three men have been arrested as part of an investigation into the 20,000-tonne illegal waste dump in Kidlington, Oxfordshire.



## What's wrong with broken windows..?

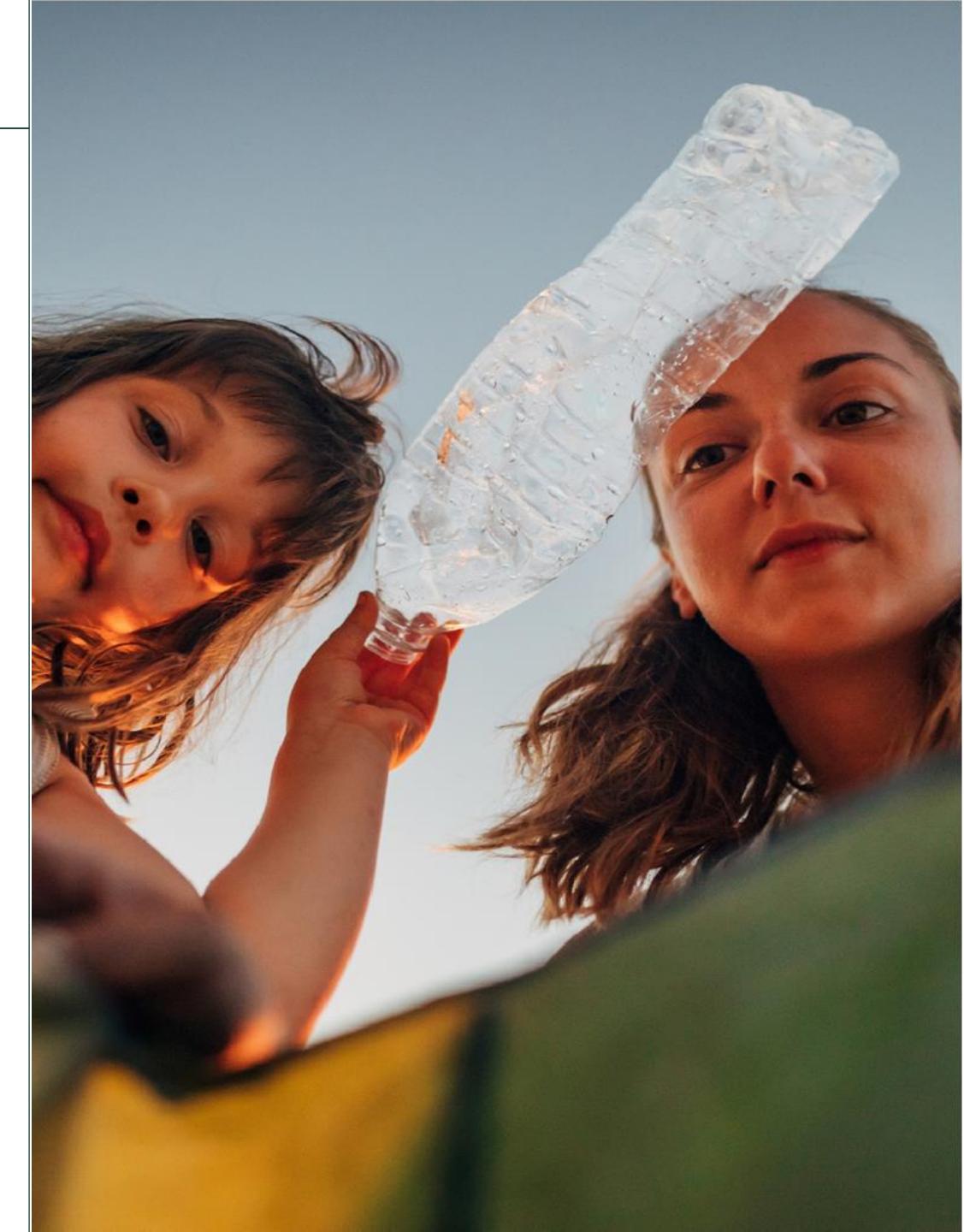
Waste crime causes misery, anxiety and significant harm to people, communities, the economy and the environment.

CIWM calls for systematic and full review via a Waste Crime Task Force



What do we want the future to look like?

Sector priorities for the circular economy – and your role in tackling waste crime





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