

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20190157**
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Department: **Waste and recycling**
Title: **Recycling and re-sale of electrical goods**
Description: **Whether electrical goods are recycled or offered for re-sale, who does this and whether advice is offered to consumers.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Please could we ask a Freedom of Information Request regarding recycling and re-sale of electrical goods?

- 1) Are electrical appliances recycled or re-sold by your local authority when collected from households or deposited at your recycling facility? (please specify)
- 2) How are they processed?
 - a) They are recycled i.e. broken down into recyclable parts on-site or by a contractor off-site (please specify)
 - b) They are recycled for re-use i.e. broken down into parts and re-used in other electrical products
 - c) They are re-sold for re-use as a second hand electrical good for sale without being broken down
 - d) Other – please specify
- 3) Who processes them? (E.g. local authority, contractor, re-manufacturer, second hands retail store)
- 4) If re-sold, are the items checked for a) electrical hazards and / or b) if they are recalled electrical products prior to their sale? If so, who undertakes this task?
- 5) Do you know where the electrical items are re-sold?
 - a) Sold at a goods auction (please specify)
 - b) Sold/given to a charity
 - c) Sold to consumers directly (online/in person/at your recycling site) (please specify)
 - d) Sold at a local market place
 - e) Don't know
 - f) Other – please specify
- 6) What advice is available to consumers from your local authority on:
 - a) recycling of electrical goods and how they are disposed of (e.g. broken down etc)
 - b) resale of electrical goods (e.g. where they are sold)

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Fridges, Fridge/Freezers and Freezers are collected from the Waste Depot by REPIC. For their responses to your questions, please see below:

- 1) Where Electrical Appliances are handed over to REPIC WEEE Compliance Scheme they are sent to a licenced and approved WEEE treatment facility for destruction and recycling in accordance with the WEEE Regulations.
- 2) Where Electrical Appliances are handed over to REPIC WEEE Compliance Scheme they are sent to a licenced and approved WEEE treatment facility for destruction and recycling in accordance with the WEEE Regulations. This does not involve any of the responses provided below, the items are fully recycled using mechanical process and sorting of residues to remove particular hazardous for further processing before being shipped into global market for steel, aluminium,

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copper, plastics etc.

- a) They are recycled i.e. broken down into recyclable parts on-site or by a contractor off-site (please specify)
- b) They are recycled for re-use i.e. broken down into parts and re-used in other electrical products
- c) They are re-sold for re-use as a second hand electrical good for sale without being broken down
- d) Other – please specify

3) Where Electrical Appliances are handed over to REPIC WEEE Compliance Scheme they are sent to a licenced and approved WEEE treatment facility for destruction and recycling in accordance with the WEEE Regulations. They are processed by facilities registered as AATF by the Environment Agencies.

4) Where Electrical Appliances are handed over to REPIC WEEE Compliance Scheme they are sent to a licenced and approved WEEE treatment facility for destruction and recycling in accordance with the WEEE Regulations. Items are not routinely re-sold.

5) Where Electrical Appliances are handed over to REPIC WEEE Compliance Scheme they are sent to a licenced and approved WEEE treatment facility for destruction and recycling in accordance with the WEEE Regulations. Question is N/A

6) REPIC does not provide consumer advice.

- a) Where Electrical Appliances are handed over to REPIC WEEE Compliance Scheme they are sent to a licenced and approved WEEE treatment facility for destruction and recycling in accordance with the WEEE Regulations.
- b) N/A

LDA/SDA/Displays are collected from the Waste Depot by Recycling Lives. For their responses to your questions, please see below:

1)

- Category A (LDA) - This stream is recycled.
- Category E (SDA) - This stream is recycled.
- Category C (CRT/FPD) - This stream is recycled.

2a) They are recycled i.e. broken down into recyclable parts by a contractor off-site

3)

- Category A (LDA) - Contractor (NMR)
- Category E (SDA) - Contractor (SWEEEP)
- Category C (CRT/FPD) - Contractor (Recycling Lives)

4) N/A

5) N/A

6) Recycling Lives does not provide consumer advice

Regarding question 6) please see Hertsmere Borough Council's reply directly below:

6)What advice is available to consumers from your local authority on:

- a) The Council has 7 WEEE banks across the borough that are managed by GRRR Ltd. The Council does not provide any further information other than where they are located but information would easily be available should anyone request it. The only other WEEE that is collected is from bulky waste collections or fly-tips. Again the council does not provide consumers with any advice on 'what happens next' but it would be available on request.
- b) The Council does not resell any electrical goods.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services