We wish to make a submission in relation to the household waste collection survey being carried out by your department. I attach herewith a copy of submission which we agree with in its entirety.

We would like to add the following;

Our firm became involved in waste collection by wining a tender from Donegal County Council in the early 80's. We tendered successfully for the work in this area up until the waste collection was privatized in 1994. Under the contract terms issued we were directed to collect the waste within the town boundaries (i.e. the 30mph speed limit zones) only. The contract terms did not direct us or pay us to collect waste outside the designated areas. The council contract directed us to collect all waste stream i.e. recycle, residual and organic fraction together in the one truck.

As a result of privatisation, the waste collection service was rolled out to include all other areas which weren't included or serviced by the council contract. We also modernized the service by providing wheelie bins of various sizes and colours for collection of segregated waste streams. Due to these changes, the uptake in the service more than doubled and huge amounts of waste was segregated and diverted from landfill.

Regards,

Shaun Molloy

Donegal Waste & Recycle