

The Irish Household Waste Collection Market - Public Consultation

We wish to make a submission in relation to the Public Consultation on The Irish Household Waste Collection Market being carried out by your department.

Please find attached copy of submission made by the IWMA, of which we are members, and which we fully endorse.

We would like to add the following:

Sharkey Waste Recycling Ltd are a small domestic/commercial waste collection company based in Annagry, in West Donegal. We are one of the largest employers in the area employing 16 full and part time employees.

Since the privatisation of the waste collection service in Donegal in 1994 the service has been expanded widely into rural areas. When Donegal County Council were providing the service it was restricted to town and village boundaries. In fact collectors were expressly forbidden from collecting outside of the boundaries.

As a result of privatisation our fleet has been modernised through the introduction of specialised vehicles, compactor trucks, weighing equipment, etc. Our offices are also equipped with high spec computer equipment, and highly trained staff. All customers are supplied with a choice of wheelie bins to suit their individual requirements, and all customers are encouraged and incentivised to recycle to the optimum.

This has come at a high financial cost to the company, and despite massive investment over the past number of years we have endeavoured to ensure that any increase in cost to the customer have been kept to a minimum, and in many cases prices have reduced due to customers properly managing their waste.

We deliver a commercial service to large areas of Donegal. This service is delivered side by side with the domestic service, thus again allowing us to remain profitable. Dividing these services would in our opinion leave neither of these services viable on their own.

We would like you to take the above points into consideration when considering the outcome of your survey.

Yours sincerely

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