FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 516/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

1. Are electrical appliances recycled or re-sold by your local authority when collected from households or deposited at your recycling facility? (please specify)

   Answer:
   In Rutland, we only handle electrical waste items brought into our Household Waste Recycling Centres. From here they are collected by a third party contractor, who will allocate suitable items for reuse and others for recycling, based primarily on the condition.

2. How are they processed?

   Answer:
   The items are allocated for reuse or recycling, based primarily on the condition.

3. Who processes them? (E.g. local authority, contractor, re-manufacturer, second hands retail store)

   Answer:
   A contractor

4. If re-sold, are the items checked

   a. for electrical hazards and/or

      Answer:
      Yes. Extensive testing is carried out by the contractor to PAS141 standards to ensure electrical safety as well as functionality.

   b. if they are subject to a product recall prior to their sale? If so, who undertakes this task?

      Answer:
      The contractor
5. Do you know where the electrical items are re-sold?

Answer:
Directly from the contractor or through their charity and social enterprise partners.

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)

Answer:
Customers are advised to take their electrical goods to one of our Household Waste Recycling Centres.

b. resale of electrical goods (e.g. where they are sold)

Answer:
None

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