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Resources and Waste Strategy

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Our ambition

We will become a **world leader** in resource efficiency, resource productivity and increasing competitiveness

Why now?

- Defra's **25 Year Environment Plan** has put in place a long term approach to our environment
- **Leaving the EU** provides a fresh opportunity to reshape our approach
- **Industry** has been calling for a greater sense of policy certainty and co-ordination



25 Year Environment Plan



- Ambition to **leave our environment in a better state than we found it**
- Setting out our **direction of travel** – increasing resource efficiency and reducing waste
- Work towards eliminating **all avoidable waste by 2050** and **all avoidable plastic waste by end of 2042**

What it will set out

- The Strategy will focus on two key areas...

Maximise the value we get from resources

Minimise the impacts associated with disposal at end of life

- These will be underpinned by a **series of ambitious and relevant targets**
- Key outcomes that sit below, including...

Production

Consumption

End of Life

Achieving our objectives

- **Stakeholder insights will be key to the development of these actions and activities**
- The Strategy will **support the ultimate ambitions** of the 25 Year Environment Plan and **align with other government initiatives** like the Clean Growth Strategy, Industrial Strategy as well as the National Infrastructure Assessment.
- **The Strategy will develop policy around EU Exit and beyond.** It will contain a mix of actions we can progress now, current policy activities and new proposals with a longer term focus.
- **Commitment to publish in 2018.**

Your thoughts...

- **Production** – What are the challenges and opportunities involved in the shift towards designing products for re-use, repair, remanufacture and recyclability, and increasing the proportion of secondary material content?
- **Consumption** – How can we reduce waste arisings per capita and ensure they are disposed of responsibly / appropriately and a greater proportion is recycled?
- **End of Life** – How do we ensure waste is treated in the most appropriate way to ensure the environmental impacts are minimised and value extracted is maximised?



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We want to hear from you

Further comments or questions?

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