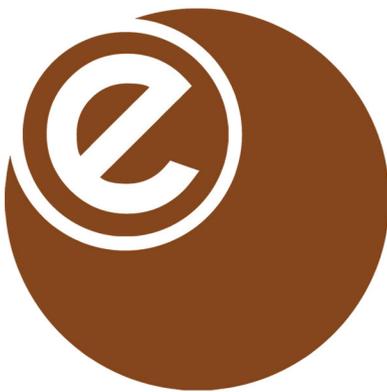


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## Drinks containers – reducing litter and increasing recycling: call for evidence

DEFRA has launched a Call for Evidence on the advantages and disadvantages of different types of reward and return schemes for plastic, metal and glass drinks containers.



### *What does this mean to the end user?*

The focus of this Call for Evidence is on rigid and flexible plastic, glass or metal drinks containers that are sold sealed, and used for the sale of alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages, often for consumption 'on-the-go'.

Any organisation that operates catering facilities, vending machines or that provides disposable receptacles for staff and visitor drinks may be interested in responding to this consultation.

It is estimated that only around 57% of plastic bottles sold in the UK during 2016 were collected for recycling. This is a problem because more than eight million tonnes of plastic are discarded into the world's oceans each year, putting marine wildlife under serious threat.

To improve recycling rates in the UK, DEFRA is seeking views on the operation of different types of reward and return schemes for plastic, metal and glass drinks containers.

The Call for Evidence looks at:

- Deposit return schemes – i.e. where consumers pay an up-front deposit at point of purchase, which is redeemed on return of the empty drink container.
- Reward and return schemes – these are similar but broader to deposit schemes where consumers are rewarded for return of the empty container but not necessarily charged an up-front deposit. Rewards could be monetary, but could also include vouchers, loyalty points, prize draws, credits, and so on.

The call for evidence is part of the wider [Litter Strategy for England](#).

For further information or to participate in the consultation, please use the [online consultation portal](#).

The consultation closes on 30th October 2017.

## Big Energy Saving Network 2017 to 2018: apply for funding

The latest round of applications for funding has opened for organisations working to deliver help and advice to vulnerable consumers on energy related issues. This funding is provided under The Big Energy Saving Network.



### *What does this mean to the end user?*

This is relevant to third sector organisations and those that work with third sector or community groups to assist with local energy efficiency and education.

The Big Energy Network is a funded outreach programme run jointly by BEIS and National Energy Action (NEA).

Funding has been provided to support activities throughout winter 2017/18.

Applications for funding close at 5pm on Friday 27 October 2017.

For further details, please [click here](#).

## Clarifying the regulatory framework for electricity storage: Licensing

Ofgem is consulting on proposals to introduce licensing for storage operators by classing the technology as a subset of generation.

### *What does this mean to the end user?*

This should only directly impact organisations considering the installation of a storage project with capacity of 50MW or greater. Under the proposed changes, storage will be classified as a subset of generation and as such will be subject to licencing. Generation assets below 50MW are exempt from requiring a licence.



For further information or to download the documents, please [click here](#).

## Enabling the competitive deployment of storage in a flexible energy system: Changes to the electricity distribution licence

Ofgem is consulting on proposals to introduce licensing for storage operators by classing the technology as a subset of generation.



For further information or to download the consultation documents, please [click here](#).

### *What does this mean to the end user?*

This may impact Local Authorities that are involved in trials of storage in collaboration with the regional DNO. This minded to position by Ofgem will preclude District Network Operators from owning or operating storage, except under very restricted circumstances. DNOs would only be able to own storage if it could be evidenced that the competitive market was failing to deliver the assets required. Under the proposals, storage can be owned by a company within the DNO Group, provided that company is kept entirely separate from the network operation business.

## Regulatory sandbox 2: Calling for expressions of interest

Ofgem are seeking expressions of interest from energy innovators who aim to trial innovative products, services and business models

### *What does this mean to the end user?*

If any organisation has an idea or product that would benefit from supported trials or guidance on regulation. If the concept would be unable to run under existing regulations, the 'Regulatory Sandbox' provides an opportunity to demonstrate to Ofgem the value it would offer and to discuss adaptation of codes and regulations to support wider adoption.

For more information, please [click here](#).



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