

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Powys County Council have ceased collections of soft plastics from the kerb side. Some communities were working in partnership with Cae Post on soft plastic collection points within their local area that residents could use. Sadly following the Cae Post announcement that it has ended its trade recycling and waste collections, communities no longer have a company to work with on this type of material. Can the council consider providing communities with this service along the lines Cae Post did?

Response

One of the main reasons that Cae Post have ceased operating is that they were unable to find viable outlets for the material that they collected, particularly the plastic film. It is for this same reason that the Council has not collected this material for some time now and hence we would not be in a position to take on this service.

Due to recent coverage of plastic waste on prime time television, the large supermarkets are now making efforts to reduce the plastic packaging that they use. This, along with increased investment in recycling infrastructure, should mean that Councils are able to recycle more of the plastic waste that is produced in the future.