

## Environmental Information Regulations Request No. 4783

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### Request

1. The amount of waste local authorities collected in tonnes, broken down by recycling and non-recycling.
  2. If the local authority exported waste to China during the years listed, how many tonnes of waste was exported to China and how much of the waste in tonnes was recycling and non-recycling?
  3. The distance in miles collected waste is transported to recycling centre, landfill, incinerators etc. and what proportion of waste is transported to those different places.
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### Response

1. This information is published for each of the years requested at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/env18-local-authority-collected-waste-annual-results-tables>
2. The local authority is not responsible for the disposal of waste or recycling. Waste/Recycling disposal is a function of East Sussex County Council. Rother District Council has not exported waste to China during the years listed.
3. Rother District Council is responsible for domestic waste and recycling collections from 44,700 households spread across 51,500 hectares and the collection operation utilises three disposal sites, two of which are located within the district. Collection vehicles are used to collect different types of material from day to day and the use of hire vehicles mean that comprehensive mileage records are not available for analysis by "material carried". While the proportion of waste transported can be estimated using the published statistical data sets multiplied by the total length of roads in the district – this calculation would have to assume that households are equally spread across the district so cannot be considered sufficiently accurate for this FOI response. The total length of highway in the Rother District Council administrative area is 757km.