

**National Assembly for Wales**  
**Environment and Sustainability Committee**  
**RW 24**  
**Inquiry into recycling in Wales**  
**Response from: Ian Powe**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing following an article that I recently read in the South Wales Argus regarding a possible change to the way that recycling is carried out in the Caerphilly County Borough. Changes to the current system, by reverting to the household sorting system with various boxes would be a serious step backwards. I would go as far as to say that the system that is currently employed in the County should be rolled out across Wales as the standard.

With the household sort system, householders have to find storage for various boxes which is usually outdoors, resulting in rubbish blowing around the streets from the boxes. This is further reinforced on Recycling Day when the slightest breeze results in paper waste being blown everywhere.

I for one, have recycled more material with the single mix bin recycling than previously. Everyone I have spoken to has said how much easier the current system is with the net result being recycling levels rising.

So I implore you. Do not enforce a reversal of the system with the Caerphilly County Borough and please give serious consideration to rolling this system out across Wales as I am convinced that this would result in recycling levels increasing dramatically.

Sincerely

Ian Powe