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The Rt Hon Mary Creagh CBE MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Nature)
By Email

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Dear Mary,

I am writing on behalf of a constituent who has inquired about the introduction of a food waste collection service in North Herefordshire. In response to this query, I reached out to the Waste Services Manager at Herefordshire Council, who informed me that while the service rollout is underway, progress has been hindered due to funding uncertainties. I have included their email correspondence for reference below.

Current Waste Management Plans stipulate that all local authorities in England must provide food waste collection services by 2026. While Herefordshire Council has received some initial funding from the Government to procure collection vehicles and food caddies for residents, there has been no confirmation of the 'new burdens' funding required to effectively plan and launch the service, nor the revenue funding necessary for its ongoing operation.

Providing a food waste collection service to Herefordshire residents remains a top priority for both the Council and myself. The original plan, agreed upon by the Council in 2021, aimed for the roll out to occur by the end of 2023, but this has now been significantly delayed. I strongly urge the Government to provide Herefordshire Council with clarity on long-term funding to enable timely progress on this important initiative.

Thank you for your attention to this matter – I look forward to your response

I should be grateful for your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Ellie Chowns MP, North Herefordshire.