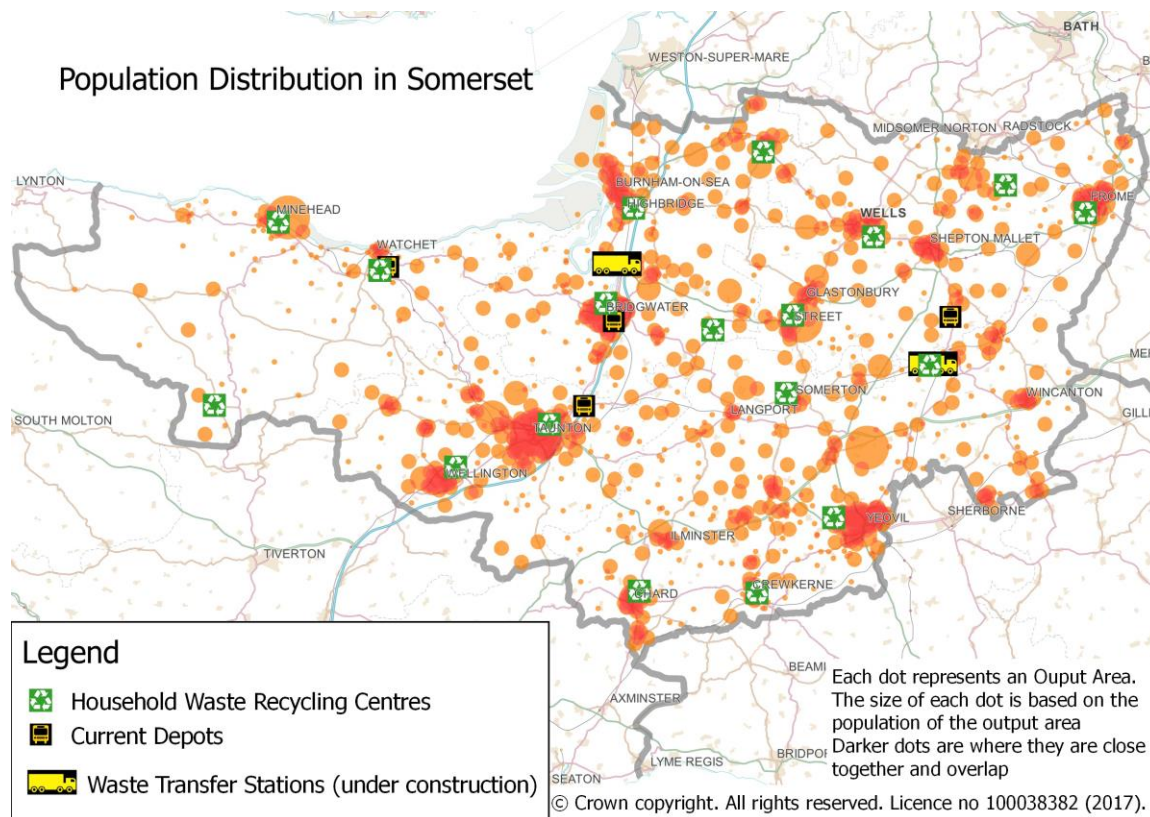




Waste production and management: how Somerset are approaching increasing demands

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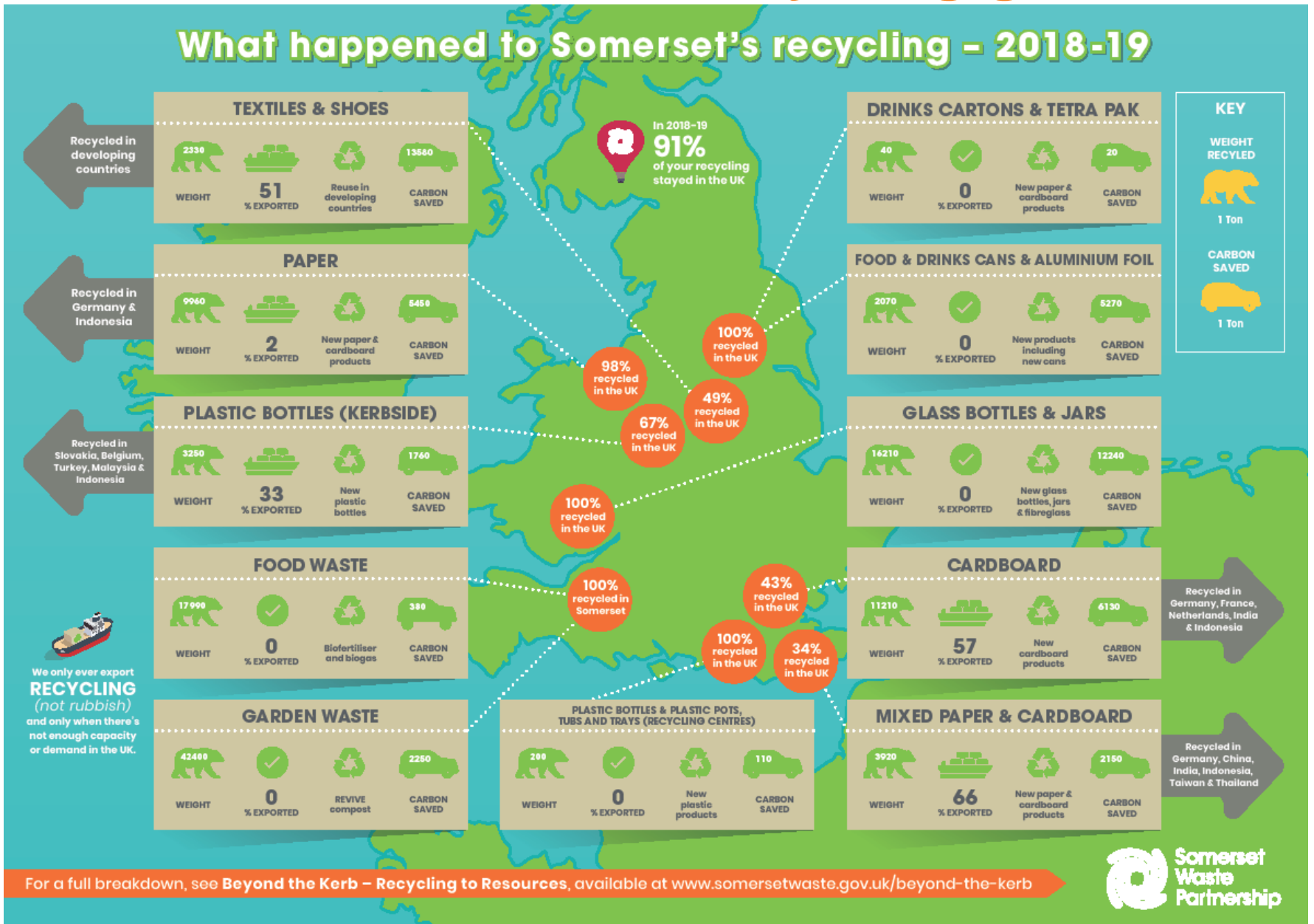
Who we are & what we do



- Recycling rate of 52.4% in 2018/19 (aiming for 60% by 2023)
- In 2018/19 SWP reused and recycled 133,734 tonnes of waste.
- Independently ranked as the seventh-best area in England for carbon saving
- Close working with SCC as Waste Planning Authority
- Climate Emergency declared

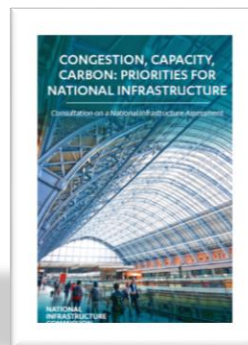
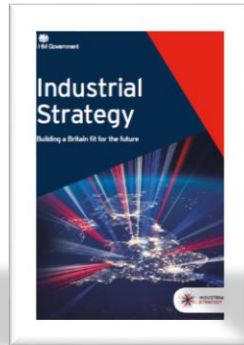
Where does our recycling go?

What happened to Somerset's recycling - 2018-19



Drivers for change

Nationally



Locally

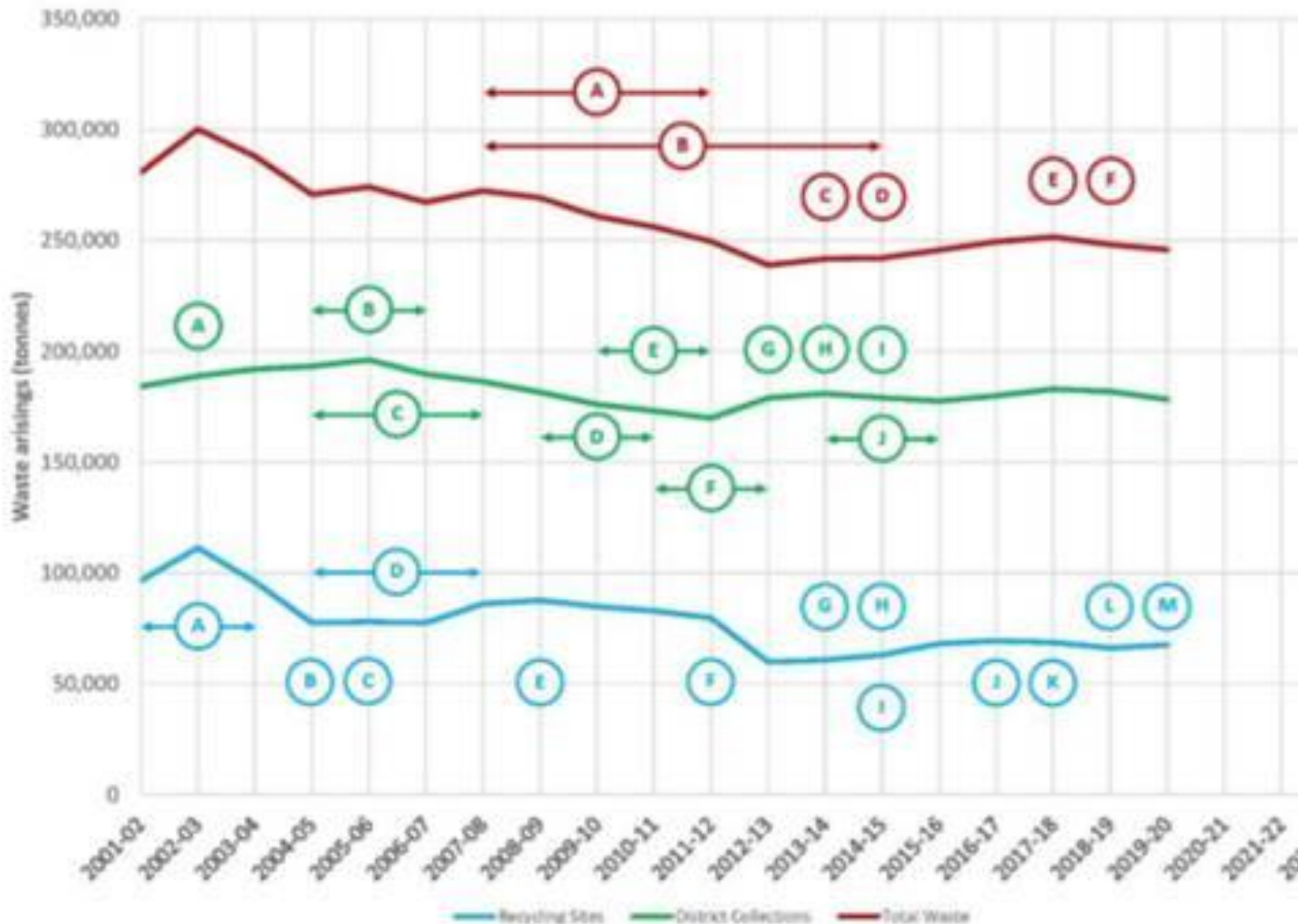


What makes up the average 180L bin in Somerset?



Changes over time in Somerset

Tracking total annual waste arisings (tonnes), policy and service changes by Somerset Waste Partnership

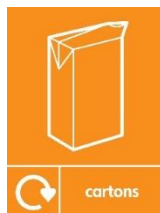


New collections contract: SUEZ

- 11 month mobilisation: £25m investment in vehicles/depots
- SUEZ commence service on 28 March 2020
- Expected to deliver c£2m savings every year, 15% reduction in rubbish and increase recycling rate to c60%
- Not just about Recycle More but a service fit for the Somerset's future
- In-cab technology and online: better customer service
- Garden waste service changes on day 1

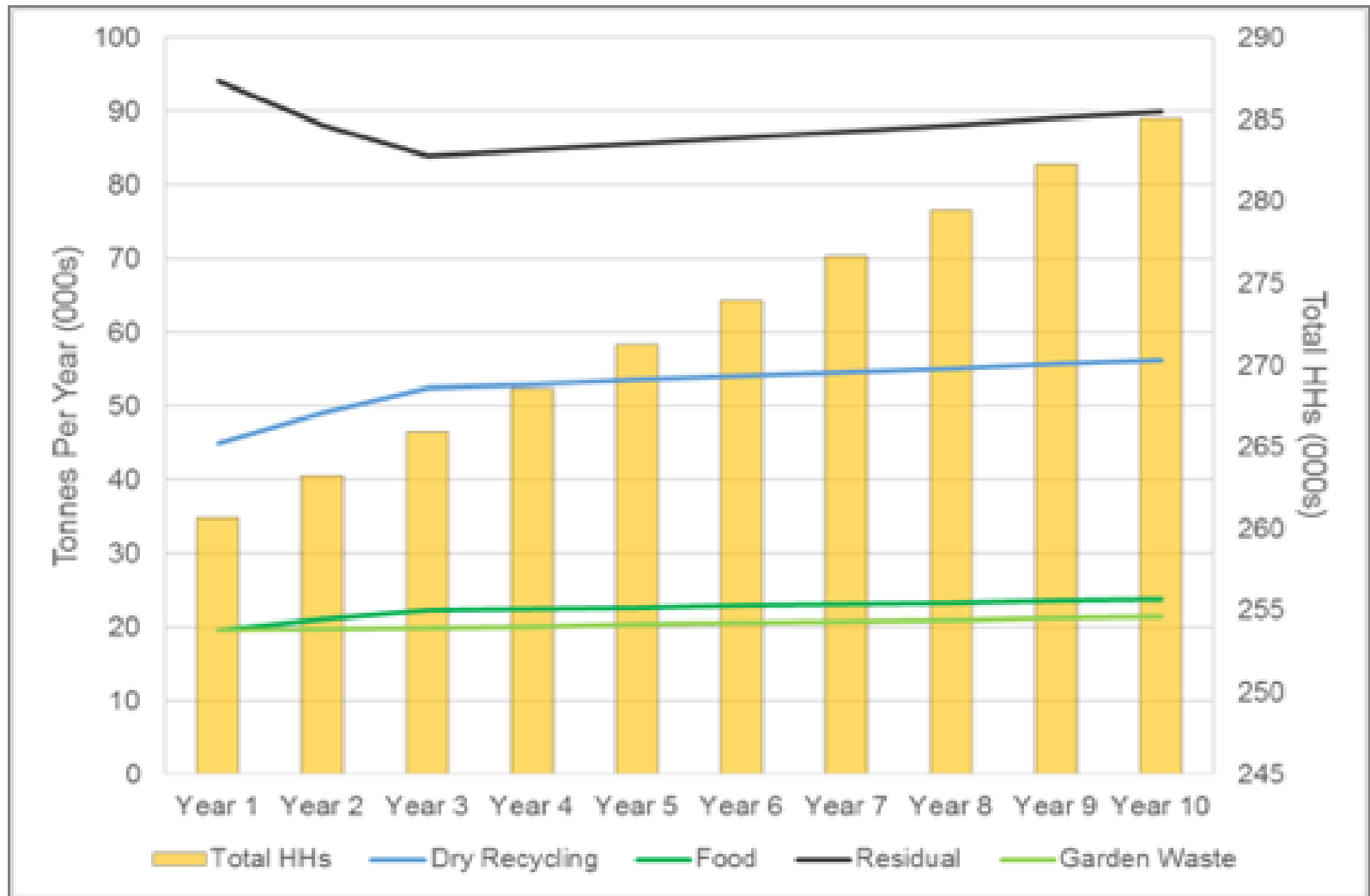


Recycle More at the kerbside

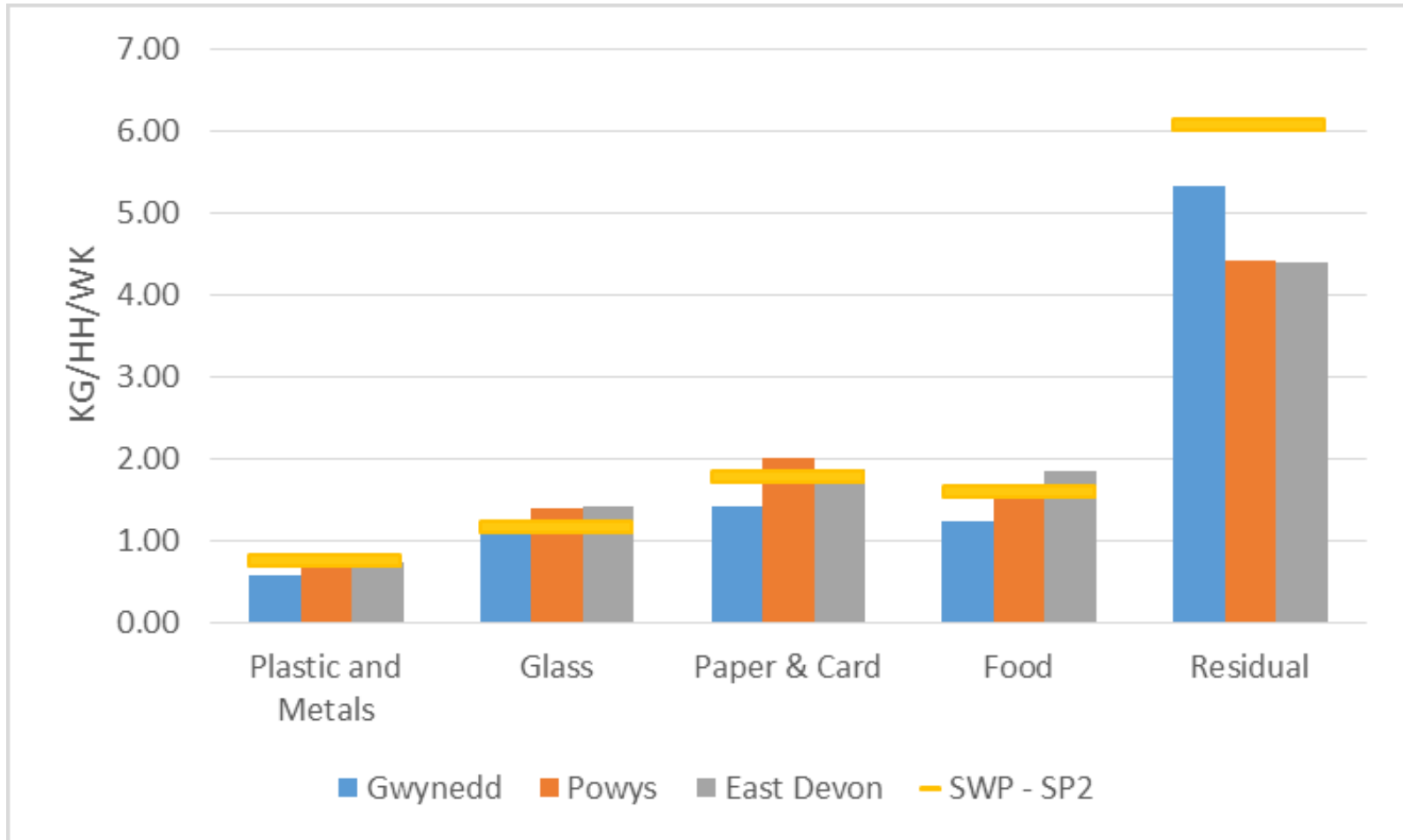


- Reduce the **frequency of refuse collections** to every three weeks.
- Expect Recycle More to:
 - Increase food waste recycling by c.20%
 - Increase dry recycling by c.30%
 - Reduce residual waste by c.15%

Recycle More: over time



Recycle More: By material



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Changing Behaviours...



My Pledge Against Preventable Plastic

- ✓ **Remember your things to bring:**
bag for life; reusable water bottle; coffee cup.
- ✓ **Ignore the straw:**
sip from the glass.
- ✓ **Choose to re-use:**
no plastic cutlery; take condiments from a bottle or pot—never a sachet!
- ✓ **Be a local litter hero:**
organise a beach, street or park litter pick in your community; if you see litter on the road proudly pick it up and bin it.
- ✓ **Say yes to less:**
only pick the packaging you really need; buy loose fruit/veg; avoid unrecyclable black plastic.
- ✓ **Lobby locally:**
let local shops and businesses know what's important to you, ask them what they can do to help.

Do what you can. Every little helps!

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SLIM MY WASTE

Recycle your food waste



Responding to national policy

- **Commitment to Quality:** kerbside sort and UK reprocessing
- **Consistency:** yes...plus small WEEE and batteries (unless soft plastic included)
- **Minimum standards:** strongly against restrictions on refuse frequency
- **Garden waste:** made more efficient (decoupled from refuse collection day)
- **EPR:** strongly supportive
- **DRS:** lobbying for a delay (god knows what infrastructure this will need...)

Climate Emergency

- All Somerset Authorities declared: joined up action
 - Public sector waste/shaping the commercial waste market (inc. collaborative procurements)
 - Ensuring homes built with recycling in mind
 - Business recycling
 - Behavioural change
 - Circular economy
 - Climate change in minerals and waste plan: a topic paper
 - Opportunity for regional collaboration on infrastructure?
- Already building on: move away from landfill and existing use of AD for food

Looking forward

- Even stronger preference for UK recycling, and desire for more local infrastructure across SW: need for suitable sites
- Circular economy: link to clean growth agenda
- Planning: developer guidance in local plans, climate change topic paper (waste) in Somerset Waste Local Plan process
- Building on our strengths (Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, North Somerset & SWP are already carbon-saving high flyers)