



Reference: EIR4191

**Request:**

I noticed during this weeks household recycling collection, not for the first time, that the glass was thrown in with the rest of the recycling, suggesting to me that none of the collected waste would be recycled.

On this subject, please can you answer the following questions.

1. Why would the collections choose to take the action of mixing the glass with the other materials ?

This may be the case when a recycling vehicle has had a breakdown and an alternate vehicle is used that doesn't have the facility to hold a separate glass load. However, glass can still be sorted and separated by our recycling contractor at their facility from mixed loads.

2. How many recycling collections have there been in the last 12 months in the NE30 area, and how many of these have been sent to landfill ? (relative proportions are OK if this is too difficult to answer)

Information not held. We cannot breakdown collections by postcode. All our recycling collections operate fortnightly throughout the year. Circa 2.6 million collections at individual households are carried out each across the borough

0 recycling collections are sent directly to landfill. All recycling collections are processed by a third-party contractor. Please refer to EIR3630 (published here: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/foi-related-files/EIR3630.pdf>) for information on the percentages of each material recycled in the last year. As detailed, there is a percentage for "residue" which is predominantly processed as Energy from Waste.

3. When recycling collections are sent direct to landfill, what are the most common reasons for this ? (i.e. staff shortages in sorting, broken machinery etc)

Information not held.