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Thank you for your enquiry regarding recycling of polythene.

I can confirm that we will gladly recycle both printed and unprinted polythene wrappers and bags from whatever source, provided all **paper labels, sellotape, sticky residue, food remnants and foreign objects have been removed.**

The only exception to this is polythene marked as 'biodegradable' or 'compostable'. Unfortunately, the material acts as a pollutant to the recycling process. If any of this material is known to be present in a batch destined for recycling, then the whole batch is likely to be rejected and sent to a landfill site.

I must stress that our facilities purely cover the handling of polythene rather than cellophane, PVC, nylon, PET etc. These materials can normally be differentiated from polythene because they are usually glass clear in appearance and sound "crinkly" when touched. Polythene will also stretch fairly easily whereas the other products do not. The recycling codes that apply to our process are numbers 2 and 4.

It takes approximately 200,000 polythene mailing wrappers to make one tonne of recyclable waste, all of which have to be hand-sorted by our staff. After being recycled, the polythene can be used in various ways, often being turned into black plastic bin liners and fertiliser sacks. Due to the low commercial value of waste polythene we operate this service at a loss and are therefore unable to assist with carriage costs. We continue with the project as a service to the community and to help protect the environment.

Experience has shown that the best way of forwarding material to us is by 2nd class or parcel post, in which case, please ensure the correct postage is rate is used as the Post Office have advised us that they are removing several packages a day from our local delivery office and sending them to landfill due to insufficient postal rates.

The best way to ensure that your package is delivered safely is to either use a box or pack the wrappers flat / rolled.

Please include your contact details and clearly mark the outside of the package:

For Recycling.

Thank you again for contacting us, we hope this information will be useful.

Jonathan Neville