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Dear Cllr Price,

Thank you for your email of 14 October to the Secretary of State about the outcomes of the recycling and food waste collection consultation. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

In terms of funding the reforms, we are working to assess costs to local authorities and will engage with local authorities on the cost estimates, as well as the appropriate timing for funding to be provided to authorities, to enable sufficient lead-in time ahead of introduction of recycling consistency reforms.

As announced in the publication of our Net Zero Strategy we are bringing forward £295 million of capital funding which will allow local authorities in England to prepare to implement free weekly separate food waste collections for all households from 2025. We will be working with local authorities to develop how that funding will be allocated to local authorities to implement separate food waste collections. We are currently drafting the Government response to our recent consultation on consistency in recycling and the associated final impact assessment, where we plan to confirm the end dates for separate food waste collections to be included in regulations. We expect to publish this response in early 2022.

The development of these reforms is ongoing, and we recognise the key role that local authorities have in helping to achieve the successful implementation of these reforms. We will continue to engage and work closely with the sector of policy delivery across the packaging and collection reforms.

I hope this reply is helpful. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance with this or any other matters in the future.

Kind regards,

JO CHURCHILL MP