

Beyond recycling of e-waste



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Investigating local options for reusing products and how we can move beyond recycling.



Summary

Recycling e-waste is not good enough and yet is a main priority of the UK's current waste strategy. Reusing small electrical and electronic devices instead is generally far more resource-efficient and planet-friendly.

By focusing so heavily on recycling, we may be missing opportunities to save energy, reduce waste, lower emissions and save households money.

But to understand the size of these opportunities, we need to understand the current landscape and what policy changes are needed to help us move beyond recycling. We are investigating what reuse options are currently available at household waste and recycling centres (HWRCs) and the challenges of making reuse more widely available.

Together, we will map reuse at HWRCs across the UK and make the information available to all. We'll also develop policy recommendations and campaign for changes that could make reuse accessible to more people.