



PAPER CUP

Recovery & Recycling Group

STATEMENT FOLLOWING WELSH GOVERNMENT REPORT ON EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IN WALES May 2018

Comments attributable to PCRRG Chairman Neil Whittall

“We’re disappointed to note that the Welsh Government continues to consider introducing a tax or levy on paper cups, amongst a raft of other measures, despite the work the PCRRG and its members have been undertaking. We have been working with various consultation groups in Wales to highlight the positive work across the supply chain to increase the recovery and recycling of paper cups. In Wales this includes collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy on the Cardiff Cup Recovery Project and advising the Welsh Government on the progress we are making.

“It’s important to highlight that paper cups can and are being recycled in the UK and with the addition of the DS Smith paper mill capability announced in March, coupled with the ACE UK facility that went live in January and existing facilities such as James Cropper, capacity now exists to recycle ALL the UK’s used paper cups, so the industry is making real progress. We’ve also increased the number of waste collection partners who recover used paper cups and directed them to the cup reprocessing plants in the UK. This circular economy model benefits both the consumer and industry as a whole.

“The PCRRG believes that a Welsh tax or levy will not only hit consumers but also ultimately affect business on the High Street - at a time when retail is already facing great challenges as recently reported in Walesonline*

“The PCRRG believes that circular solutions which focus on the collection, recovery and recycling of paper cups is a far better and more sustainable approach and we continue to champion this.”

*[16 hugely famous high street names that have gone bust or are ...](#) 29 March 2018

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Note to editors:

The Paper Cup Recovery and Recycling Group (PCRRG) is a voluntary body dedicated to increasing the recovery and recycling of paper cups. It has more than 40 members from across the supply chain including paper board manufacturers, paper cup manufacturers, distributors, coffee retail brands, waste, recycling and reprocessing companies, local authorities and NGO bodies including litter organisations.

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