

[National Statistics: Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics report: January to March 2017](#)

This report presents provisional information on the quantities of local authority collected municipal waste managed in Northern Ireland. It provides information on the quantities and rates of local authority collected waste arisings, sent for preparing for reuse, for dry recycling, composting, energy recovery and sent to landfill. Some of these measurements are key performance indicators. These are used to assess progress towards achieving waste strategy targets and where appropriate this is highlighted in the tables and charts.

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Press release: Applications to re-permit Bletchingley oilfield

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News story: DVLA gives a shout out on

Alexa

From today motorists across the UK can access up-to-the-minute information from the DVLA on their vehicle tax through Amazon's Alexa.

DVLA is trialling an Alexa product, known as a 'skill' which allows customers to check their vehicle tax and MOT status.

Free to download on the Alexa Skill Store, it works by customers reading out the vehicle registration to an Alexa-enabled device such as an Echo. 'Alexa' then reads the information back, letting the customer know when their vehicle tax is due.

This information, which is also available on gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax, helps customers to check the date their vehicle tax is due, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Oliver Morley, DVLA's Chief Executive said,

We're really excited about trialling an innovative skill that gives customers access to information about their vehicles.

Providing choice in how people use our services is important to DVLA and by trialling this skill we are giving customers another way to get information quickly and easily – helping them to keep on top of their vehicle tax.

This is another example of how we are always looking to test new ways of providing digital services to make things simpler and better for the UK's motorists.

The DVLA skill is available to download via amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Dalexa-skills&field-keywords=DVLA

Notice: RH3 7AU, Angus Energy Weald Basin No3 Limited: environmental permit application advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and

groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- where you can visit to see the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)