

Social Value/Corporate Social Responsibility Guide 2024

A guide to aid businesses to shape their Social Value offers when tendering for contracts offered by Solihull MBC, and to help direct Corporate Social Responsibility activity. See our Social Value webpage and policy for further information - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/business/social-value>.

TOM(s) (Themes, Outcomes and Measures):

NT_72	Hard to recycle waste diverted from landfill or incineration through specific recycling partnerships (e.g. Terracycle or equivalent)
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Summary of delivery area:

The primary aims of the service provider should be to prevent or reduce the amount of waste produced as a result of delivering the service or activity. And particularly to prevent and reduce the amount of hard to recycle wastes and substituting with sustainable alternatives.

Hard to recycle waste tends to consist of multiple components which are hard to separate and/or contain hazardous or difficult to extract materials. The list below provides an example of some hard to recycle wastes – note that this is not an exhaustive list. Where this is not possible, options should be sought to recycle these materials through specific schemes.

- **Card and Paper**
 - Tissues
 - Wax coated card
 - Kitchen roll
 - Beverage cartons
 - Cardboard coffee cups
 - Laminated card
- **Hazardous waste**
 - Light bulbs
 - Menstrual pads
 - Batteries
 - Tampons
 - Clinical waste
 - Liquid chemicals
 - Disposable nappies
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Wood/Metal furniture
 - Mattresses
 - Carpets/Underlay
 - Ceramics/crockery
 - Fines
- **Glass**
 - Sheet
 - Mirrored
 - Coloured
 - Drinking/cooking vessels
 - Pyrex
- **Organic**
 - Animal faeces
 - Animal litter
- **Plastics**
 - Film
 - Cotton buds/toothbrushes
 - Medicine bottles
 - Disposable razors/pens/floss
 - Pots/tubs and trays
 - Videos/CDs/cassettes
 - Toothpaste tubes
 - Toys/garden furniture
 - Black plastics
 - Bio-based plastics
- **Textiles**
 - Soiled/stained clothing
 - Shoes
 - Curtains
 - Belts
 - Bedding/towels
 - Handbags
 - Toys (stuffed)
 - Accessories
 - Cushions

For further information, see <https://wrap.org.uk/resources/report/difficult-recycle-products-and-materials>.



What can we do for you?

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Case studies/examples:

https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/about-terracycle/partner_with_us

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