



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## Agenda Item 10 Full Council – 22 February 2018

### Member Question

Questions from Councillor Nick Hurst	Question to Councillor Simon Pickering, Chair of Environment Committee
<p>1. Can the chairman please confirm the route taken by Stroud District's plastics recycling, after it leaves the kerbside, so that the ratepayers can have the assurance that their waste is not ending up in the oceans? In asking for this I recognise that the matter is in the hands of Ubico, and our control may be limited. It would be helpful to know the basis for the contracts Ubico have established with their processors.</p>	<p>Firstly it is worth pointing out the majority of plastic that ends up in the sea is plastic waste that is throw away into rivers or directly into the sea rather than being collected as part of a recycling system. It is estimated that between 88-95% of the 4 million metric tonnes of plastic that enters the seas each year comes from ten rivers Yangtze, Yellow, Hai He, Pearl, Amur, Mekong, Indus, Ganges, Niger and Nile.</p> <p>Dry recyclates collected by SDC are taken to our depot at Breadstone before being collected by our MRF contractor (Pure) where it is sorted and plastic sent on to plastic reprocesses. Stroud District Council has limited control over the final destination. The most recent information is that mixed plastics are sent to two reprocesses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Monoworld Ltd, Monoworld Business Park, Rushden Road, Sharnbrook MK44 1NB .</li> <li>2) Total Communities Limited Cervre PET Akpinar Mah. Ismet Atilla Bulvaria. No 58 Sinanpasa Afoyonkarahisa .</li> </ol> <p>Both companies separate mixed plastic creating plastic beads or liquid esters to sell on the plastic manufacturers.</p> <p>It is worth noting that Officers are currently investigating how to eliminate all single use plastic within SDC buildings.</p>