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**REQUEST**

Can you please tell me what arrangements can be made for the collection of glass, of which there is no provision at present apart from going to the bottle banks.

Our council tax at present is nearly £1500 annually and we have no services, whatsoever, no street lighting, no main drainage, hardly any police protection. So all we receive for this annual payment of £1500 is a weekly collection service and we are told to go to the bottle banks.

I have no intention of travelling 7 miles to the nearest bottle bank when I pay this amount annually, therefore I wish to know what arrangements will be made for collection of same.

I would like to point out that our collection men in Crown Lane South are always very pleasant and helpful and we reward them very handsomely at Christmas for this service, which up now has been excellent.

**RESPONSE**

Further to your email requesting information on the above subject, I am writing in reply to your request for the date that legislation was issued exonerating Councils from collecting glass from the kerbside

The Household Waste and Recycling Act 2003 required waste collection authorities to collect at least two types of recyclable waste from all households in their area by 2010. The material collected can include glass but there is no legislation specifically relating to the kerbside collection of glass.

Tendring District Council is complying with the duty imposed by the act and does not have any plans to introduce a kerbside collection of glass due to the wide provision of recycling bring sites across the District.

Whilst there are benefits to introducing a kerbside glass collection these benefits do not outweigh the significant financial cost of such a service.