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Dear Minister

As you know Bridgend County Borough Council was an early adopter of the Welsh Government's flagship policy "Towards Zero Waste", successfully introducing the separate collection of recyclable materials at the kerbside in 2010. We continue to build on this success with the aim of further improving the opportunity for our residents to recycle, to become one of the top Councils in Wales, recognised for its environmental credentials.

My Council is particularly proud of its recent decision to recycle absorbent hygiene products (AHPs). To date, 9300 homes have signed up to our free AHP kerbside collection service which, since June 2017, has seen 755 tonnes of waste recycled here in Wales in Ammanford, instead of being sent to landfill. We have also teamed up with a small local company "The Bridgend Nappy Guru" to offer heavily discounted, re-usable "real" nappy starter kits to local families.

Further to the last meeting of our full Council, I was asked to write to you to enquire what action Welsh Government is considering taking, to reduce the level of 'single use' plastics in Wales by retailers and producers in their products.

I would be grateful if you can advise this Authority.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Huw David**  
**Leader of Council**

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