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Dear Consultee

PROPOSALS FOR A CHARGE ON SINGLE USE CARRIER BAGS

The Department of the Environment has published a consultation paper seeking views on proposals for a charge (also known as a levy) on single use carrier bags.

The consultation paper:

- (i) outlines the existing legislative framework for the development of a charge on single use carrier bags;
- (ii) summarises the position in other jurisdictions; and
- (iii) considers the issues to be addressed through subordinate legislation and poses a number of related questions.

In relation to (iii) above, the consultation document concentrates on a number of key issues and seeks views on:

- The types of sellers who should be subject to the charge;
- What the minimum charge should be;
- The types of bags that should be subject to the charge;

- The information sellers should have to keep in relation to the charge and whether they should have to publish their records;
- The arrangements for administration and enforcement of the carrier bag charging scheme

The consultation paper outlines the Department's initial proposals in relation to these issues, however Minister Attwood will consider the views of respondents before making any final decisions.

A copy of the consultation paper can be downloaded from the following website address:

http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/waste.htm

You can also request a copy by telephone (028 9025 4917), by textphone (028 9054 0642), by fax (028 9025 4732) or in writing from the address at the top of this letter.

The consultation document can be made available in alternative formats and, if appropriate, consultees are asked to contact the Department to discuss their needs.

Comments in relation to the consultation paper should be sent to arrive by 12 October 2011 to Ian Troy -

either by post:

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Yours faithfully

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