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| **TITLE** | **Beyond Recycling – Making the circular economy a reality in Wales** |
| **DATE** | **20 December 2019** |
| **BY** | **Hannah Blythyn AM – Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government** |

Today, we are publishing the consultation document Beyond Recycling – Making the circular economy a reality in Wales. It will run until 3 April 2020.

Our aim is to build on the globally recognised achievements we have made in terms of recycling. This success has involved the participation of the whole of Wales. In undertaking the consultation, we want to build on and harness the interest and momentum in communities across Wales and work with citizens and stakeholders to shape how we make the step change to a circular economy. Delivering on our journey towards zero waste by 2050, reducing emissions and taking new economic opportunities to create a Wales where we keep resources in use for as long as possible.

The consultation has been designed to be accessible and we are working to engage as many people as possible across Wales in this exciting discussion. We are openly inviting respondents to not only comment but also suggest, challenge and put forward alternative proposals for action. There will be a range of events, with communities, stakeholders and online and I would encourage you to raise awareness of the consultation.

The consultation document and other supporting information can be found here:

[https://gov.wales/circular-economy-strategy](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fcircular-economy-strategy&data=02%7C01%7CSophie.Jones057%40gov.wales%7Ceacb0cb2cc714aa43aea08d784a8d74d%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C637123733008170789&sdata=TXOAU8iV%2FSkoXcwJTMLdHIar%2Fgn%2FAqE39YsMKBTVo4I%3D&reserved=0)

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