



Information Resilience and Transparency

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Dear Mr Banks

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to waste. Please see the response below.

1. Records available from 2015 are as follows and are reported throughout the year:

65 Carcasses have been sent for deep burial to Viridor Shelford Landfill site.

20 Carcasses were sent for cremation at Cherry Tree Animal Crematorium, Ashford for disposal, rather than to landfill. This is dependent on the size and deterioration of the carcass.

Reports have been received from the following coastal/estuary Districts/Boroughs: Thanet, Dover, Canterbury, Folkestone & Hythe.

2. There is currently no other disposal method for asbestos other than being sent to landfill and, as such, there is no further treatment the material before being sent for deep burial.
3. The District/Borough Council notifies KCC that they have a carcass for disposal. KCC Waste Management make arrangements via our Providers for disposal of the carcass. The load is assigned a reference number and arrangements for the date the carcass can be taken to the landfill site is made.
4. Species are usually dolphins/seals/porpoises/shark, 1 x Minke whale in 2015 - the precise genus is not known unless specifically stated.

Note: Carcasses have been reported to KCC Waste Management but removed prior to the burial for examination by UK Cetaceans or by the Natural History Museum to establish the cause of death. This is organised by the District/borough Councils.

Carcasses are reported at being found at one location but can be washed out to sea and end up at another location.

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Yours sincerely

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