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Dear Kate,

During the Oral Question on 15 July on the Litter Strategy, you asked whether any deposit return scheme (DRS) introduced in England would include all sizes and materials, including glass.

The Government's consultation on DRS opened on 18 February and closed on 13 May. The consultation sought views on the materials for inclusion, proposing these should be plastic (PET), metal and glass. It also looked at two operational models – an 'all-in DRS' (all in scope drinks containers) and an 'on-the-go' DRS (to target drinks mainly consumed away from home – i.e. drinks containers with capacity < 750ml). No government preference was stated.

The Secretary of State outlined his vision for the environment at Kew Gardens on 16 July. He expressed his personal preference for an all-in system.

The Government's summary of responses to the consultation was published on 23 July. This set out next steps for how we will seek to take forward the proposals to introduce a DRS from 2023, subject to further evidence and analysis.

A copy of this letter has been deposited in the library and sent to all Peers who spoke. Please do get in touch if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours truly,  
John