The business case for food waste recycling

This section provides key points that could help inform your thinking if you need to put together a ‘business case’ for starting food waste recycling.

Business benefits

- **Costs**
  - Potential reduction in waste management costs
    Use the cost calculator tool to estimate cost and environmental impacts for your business
  - Possible reduction in the amount of food waste generated (through improved staff awareness and stock control)

- **Environmental benefits**
  Recycling your food waste **benefits the environment**: less waste goes to landfill and food waste is turned into useful product(s).

- **Business reputation**
  This can be enhanced by recycling your food waste and can be used as a positive PR tool to promote to customers.

- **Operational**
  Helps to identify where and when most of the food waste occurs. Weight information provided back by the collection company can be a valuable tool in improving menu-planning and stock control. Steps can be put in place to reduce the amount of food wasted and measure financial savings.

What happens if we don’t recycle our food waste?

- Total waste management costs will rise over time due to landfill tax increasing.
- We will not see clearly how much food waste is being thrown away and **how we might be able** to reduce it.
- Food waste from our business will continue to contribute to harmful greenhouse gas emissions in landfill.
- As customers and staff become increasingly conscientious about waste and recycling at home and at work, we may be perceived as out of touch.