

EfW in the UK: Good News or Bad News?

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Good News:

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Good News:

- EU Circular Economy Package & Plastics Strategy
- UK Governments 25 Year Environment Plan
- Clean Growth Strategy
- Industrial Strategy & Sector Plan
- National Infrastructure Assessment
- 2018 Resources & Waste Strategy



Good News:

Strong Performance
from UK EfW Plants

Construction of
essential capacity
continues

Growing
understanding of vital
role and benefits



Bad News?

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UKWIN calls for halt on new incineration facilities



- UK Capacity gap for residual waste treatment (EfW) = 6Mt p.a.
- Lack of heat sector plan or incentives and mechanisms to utilise heat and improve efficiency of >90% UK fleet.
- On-going disruptive and high-profile opposition at national and local levels.

Fake news example...



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