

DO YOU WANT TO PUT 23,000 EXTRA LORRIES ON SCOTLAND'S ROADS?



Taxing plastic carrier bags will mean a major switch by retailers and consumers to paper bags - and independent research shows that paper carriers create more pollution in manufacture, transportation and landfill.

So a Plastic Bag Tax could put at least 23,000 extra heavy vehicle loads onto Scotland's roads, burning tens of thousands of gallons of extra diesel fuel and creating immeasurable carcinogenic exhaust emissions. This will happen day after day, year after year. In fact it will go on long after those who voted for the tax leave their lethal legacy to the next generation.

The mass pollution of Scotland's precious air won't even stop at extra manufacturing pollution and road vehicles. Unlike plastic, paper bags are hardly ever re-used. Even worse, paper bags take up 35 times more volume than plastic when they turn up in landfill and, again, unlike plastic, have the seriously dangerous potential to degrade to CO₂ and methane - our biggest global environmental problem. Plastic doesn't degrade to emit toxic gases.

At every stage of the life cycle, plastic is our best environmental choice. By all means let's reduce, re-use and recycle but let's not lose sight of the science.

The bag tax is based on junk science. Let's bin it!



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