

## PL5: Plastic solutions cards Ways to reduce plastic waste



Introduce a 'polluter pays' scheme to force companies to pay for the costs to clean up the plastic waste they produce.

Introduce bans on single use plastics for example, plastic straws and cotton buds.

Introduce a ban on disposable/single-use vapes.

Purchase food, like cereal, pasta, and rice from bulk bins and fill a reusable bag or container.

Bring your own re-useable bottles or cups when ordering takeaway drinks.

Use cloth nappies (washable) for babies instead of disposables.

Introduce a bottle refund scheme where people can return their plastic bottles in for a cash refund.

Introduce a penalty for the littering of disposable vapes. *(similar to the £80 penalty for cigarette ends)*

Add sand traps to waste water treatment.

*(Sand filters, capture fibres before they get into the ocean. Fitting these to waste water treatment plants would tackle a further nine per cent of plastic pollution)*

Increase the number of public recycling points to encourage people to recycle more.

Require disposable/single-use products to be biodegradable or recyclable.

Harsher penalties for littering and illegal dumping.

Research more biodegradable alternatives to plastic products.

Offer shoppers discounts for bringing their own reusable bags, cups and containers.

Penalties for putting plastics into 'general waste' and not recycling them.

Get a milk delivery service  
*(Instead of buying a plastic pint, have a glass, reusable bottle delivered straight to your door)*