

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 26673

Freedom of Information request: County Council Procedures for Ammunition Disposal and Regulation

This FOI is intended to clarify the processes, points of contact, and public information provided by the County Council regarding the safe and legal disposal of ammunition within its jurisdiction.

- 1. What legislation is used to regulate and enforce the disposal of ammunition?*
- 2. Which specific body is responsible for the actual disposal of live ammunition?*
- 3. What methods are available for the disposal of live, out of date or misfired ammunition?*
- 4. What methods are available for the disposal of spent ammunition? (Such as metal casings and shotgun cartridges)*

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, it has been established that the information you requested is not held by Suffolk County Council.

If you have not already done so, then you may wish to contact Suffolk Constabulary:

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- 5. Have there been any incidents in the last 5 years where live, out of date or misfired ammunition have been found or taken to waste facilities for disposal?*

There have been 5 occasions of live shotgun cartridges being found in 5 years:

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| 1. Lowestoft | 02/02/2020 |
| 2. Sudbury | 19/09/2023 |
| 3. Foxhall | 15/07/2024 |
| 4. Leiston | 25/11/2024 |
| 5. Felixstowe | 26/09/2025 |

- 6. Have there been any incidents in the last 5 years where spent shotgun cartridges have been found or taken to waste facilities for disposal?*

Spent shotgun cartridges would not be recorded as they are just waste.

- 7. Do you have capacity to dispose of live ammunition?*

No. A firearms certificate is required to hold live ammunition for firearms.

- 8. If not and it was brought to a waste facility you manage, how would you arrange its disposal?*

Live ammunition would be quarantined in a locked box and the Police informed.

- 9. Do you have capacity to dispose of spent and fired ammunition?*

Yes, spent ammunition would just be classed as non-ferrous metals and recycled as such.

- 10. If not and it was brought to a waste facility you manage, how would you arrange its disposal?*

See answer provided in 9 above.

11. *Do you have capacity to dispose of spent shotgun cartridges?*

See answer provided in 9 above.

12. *If not and it was brought to a waste facility you manage, how would you arrange its disposal?*

See answer provided in 9 above.

13. *Can members of the public recycle spent shotgun cartridges at your recycling facilities?*

See answer provided in 9 above.

14. *Can members of the public recycle spent ammunition at your waste and recycling facilities – such as lead or brass shell casings?*

See answer provided in 9 above.

15. *Are there designated drop-off points where small quantities of ammunition can be safely surrendered in your area?*

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16. *Have you received any complaints or enquiries in the last 5 years regarding ammunition disposal?*

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17. *Are you aware the Environment Agency advises that small quantities of shotgun cartridges can be disposed of via domestic general waste? Do you know what these quantities are?*

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If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to the Borough and District Councils of Suffolk:

- Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council

[Freedom of Information - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk) / midsuffolk.gov.uk

- East Suffolk

https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/home/SearchForm/?url=/home/SearchForm&Search=freedom+of+information&fo=8&action_results=Go

- West Suffolk

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Data-and-information/freedom-of-information.cfm>

- Ipswich Borough Council

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/search?s=freedom+of+information>

18. *Any other comments on ammunition disposal and potential impact on waste in your area*

No.