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Dear Sir/Madam,

The large volume of documents presented prevents me from giving a really considered answer I shall confine my self to few points

1. There are 100 Million Tonnes of Polyethylene produced every year. This is a single plastic
    While the amount of plastic waste that goes to landfill is huge and problematic the amount that  winds up in the environment is the real problem

2. The problem with the voluntary options is that many organisations and people will just ignore them.  There are ample examples of companies not doing things that would both be a public benefit and save them money.

  As Neal Stephenson put it in 1988 " The big lie of American capitalism is that corporations work in their own best interests.
In fact they are constantly doing things that will bring them to their knees "
Still relevant today

3. A Mandatory scheme seems like best and fairest way. The problem with many things in modern life is that they are way more complex than any reasonable person would desire.

4. A CDL scheme has the advantage that it's easy to understand and familiar to large proportion of the population.

5. The CDL scheme option 4A looks like a good choice

6. In making predictions on costs no allowance seems to be make for technological change reducing cost.
As an example -  online shopping now means home delivery is making a come back -but there is no return cargo. This may be a conduit for packaging to be reclaimed.

7. I am sure that ways will be found to reduce costs, and improve results. The design of legislation will hopefully allow for this.

Regards

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