

# Ashdown 2

## Manufacturers' agreement on Plasterboard Waste

### Target 1

To engage with all stakeholders (via the PSP, interfacing with other voluntary agreements and activities) to reduce the amount of plasterboard waste to landfill and increase recovery of all plasterboard waste with a long term objective of zero plasterboard waste sent to landfill by 2025.

In order to deliver on this target and, in the context of moves for sustainable use of natural resources it is seen as key to improve and increase the effective separation of gypsum for recycling.

To monitor developments from the EU/Eurogypsum study as a way to make progress on this issue.

### Target 2

To reduce the amount of plasterboard waste being sent to landfill from UK plasterboard manufacturing operations to zero tonnes per year by 2015.

### Target 3

To increase the recycling of new construction plasterboard waste to the best environmentally beneficial applications as defined in the Quality Protocol<sup>1</sup> to 50% by 2015.

Key to this is seen as the manufacturers working with other recyclers to ensure it is diverted to be used as an environmentally acceptable use <sup>(1)</sup>; a raw material in the manufacture of new gypsum-based products; as a soil treatment agent for agricultural benefit; and as a raw material in the manufacture of cement

In order to monitor progress towards this target, tonnages will be reported on each recycling option annually.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in the Quality Protocol for Gypsum from Waste Plasterboard  
<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/114435.aspx>