

Where does the soft plastic go?

We asked Becky Griffiths from the Co-op's Ethics, Sustainability & Policy Team what happens to the soft plastic we all take to their store at Whitemans Green.

This is what she said....

Where is the plastic that we drop off taken to for processing?

Soft plastics are first taken to co-op depots. Then collected by Jayplas, a UK-based recycler. They sort the soft plastics into their respective polymer streams. These are then transported to specialist sites to be recycled into non-food contact products such as secondary packaging, carrier bags and waste sacks

**Is it all processed in the UK?
How do you monitor where it is processed?**

Yes! co-op receive a monthly report from the recycler detailing how much of the different streams are collected and processed. The streams are jazz LDPE, clear LDPE, rigid PET, mixed plastics and fines.

What happens to the plastic after processing?

The soft plastics are recycled into usable plastic pellets. Polyethylene is used to make bags and sacks, polypropylene is used to make rigid items like crates and buckets. Mixed plastics are recycled into plastic wood which is used to make boards for the construction industry.