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Dear Sir

MP Riggles is absolutely correct in focussing upon one of the advantages of the TwinBin Scheme (SFP 28/8). The separation of recyclable materials from other waste means that it is both easier for households to maximise the amounts they recycle and for the recyclable materials to be processed at the depot. And this means that we will not be filling up the few remaining landfill sites as quickly as we would otherwise be doing.

In those areas of Babergh where the TwinBin Scheme has been in operation, recycling rates have shot up from 16% to nearly 30%! A big thank-you is owed to all participating residents for this remarkable achievement.

The TwinBin Scheme, which is being introduced by many other councils in the UK, represents a workable balance between the collection of recyclable and other waste on the one hand and costs to Council Taxpayers on the other. Investigations by Babergh District Council last year showed that a scheme that involved a weekly collection of other waste and a fortnightly collection of recyclable matter would cost an extra £14 per year on the Council Tax for a Band D household, yet would not significantly improve upon recycling rates compared to the TwinBin Scheme.

Yours faithfully

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