

# Bearder - Don't Rubbish Our Recycling!

Local Lib Dem Euro MP Catherine Bearder has demanded answers from the Commission on how Europe plans to stop the illegal trade in Europe's toxic waste.

It is well documented that European companies have exported their toxic waste to developing countries to avoid the high costs of its disposal in Europe.

Under European law it is illegal to export toxic waste to non-EU countries with weaker standards for disposal.

Catherine said: *"If any of us woke up one morning to find our rich neighbour had dumped its toxic rubbish in our front yard we would be furious, and yet that is what the EU is doing every day.*

*"Sometimes it is toxic waste produced by big European companies, other times its electronic items from our local recycling dumps that was meant to have been reused.*

*"I have made a freedom of information request to all the local authorities in the South East to find where our waste is being sent. It's wrong that the rubbish we all make an effort to recycle can end up dumped on Africa's doorstep. Africa is not our Dustbin!"*



**Catherine Bearder is finding out where our recycling really ends up**