

MEDIA STATEMENT
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BCA welcomes the UK Government's decision not to introduce a tax on disposable cups and highlights industry commitment to solving the issue

The British Coffee Association (BCA) supports the Government's decision not to implement a tax on paper cups and supported the Chancellor's comments that currently such a tax, in isolation, would not bring about any further shift from disposable cups to reusable cups. It is important to note that disposable paper cups are fully recyclable and contribute to just 0.7% of total paper packaging waste therefore the Government's priority must instead be on expanding and investing in infrastructure, as well as improving consistency in material recycling across UK local authorities, to support consumers in being able to recycle plastic waste. The UK coffee industry is working hard to create a circular economy and remains committed to achieving its own sustainability goals, which include zero waste packaging by 2025 with 100% recyclable or re-usable packaging across all products and 0% of waste going to landfill.

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