

Extended producer responsibility and Bulky household waste

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- 1.** Extended Producer Responsibility – quick overview
- 2.** Why carpets and why now?
- 3.** Timeline and considerations

Extended

Beyond the warranty period,
through to End of Life

Producer

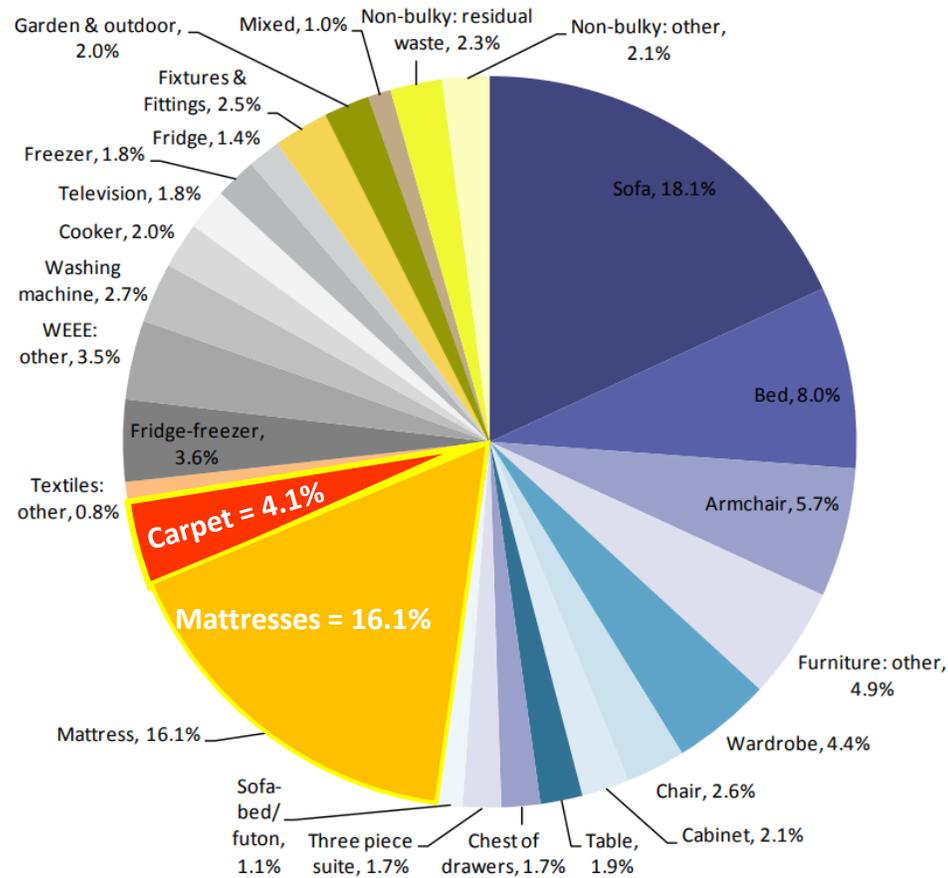
Obligation usually split across supply chain
(e.g. raw material, import, production, and retail)

Responsibility

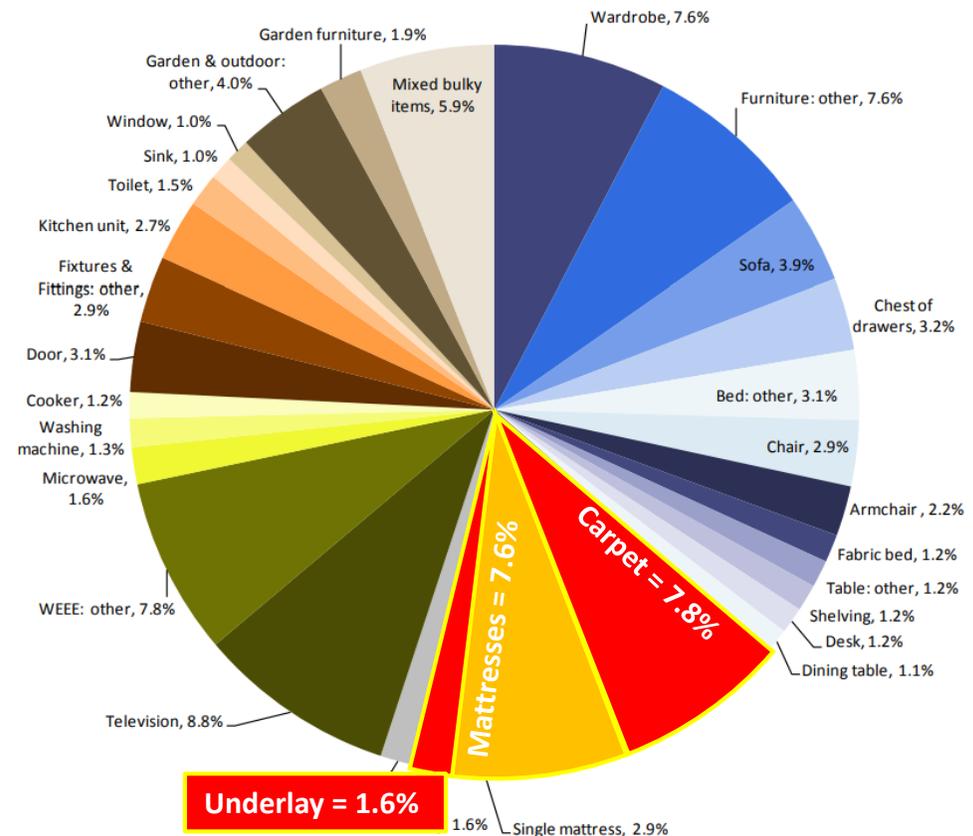
Financial or physical, and can
include communication as well
as data and reporting requirements

Carpets are a significant proportion of bulky municipal waste

Kerbside bulky waste arisings



HWRC bulky waste arisings



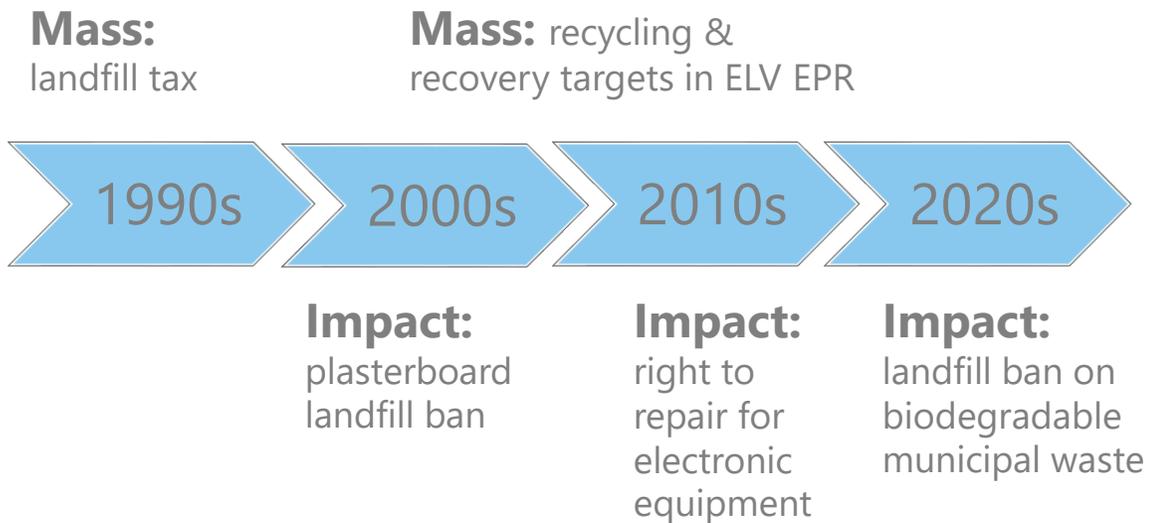
What can EPR be used for?

1. Reducing the **environmental impact** of products, especially at their End of Life
2. Generating **socio-economic benefits** through product value retention and job creation
3. Reducing the financial responsibility on **local or central government**

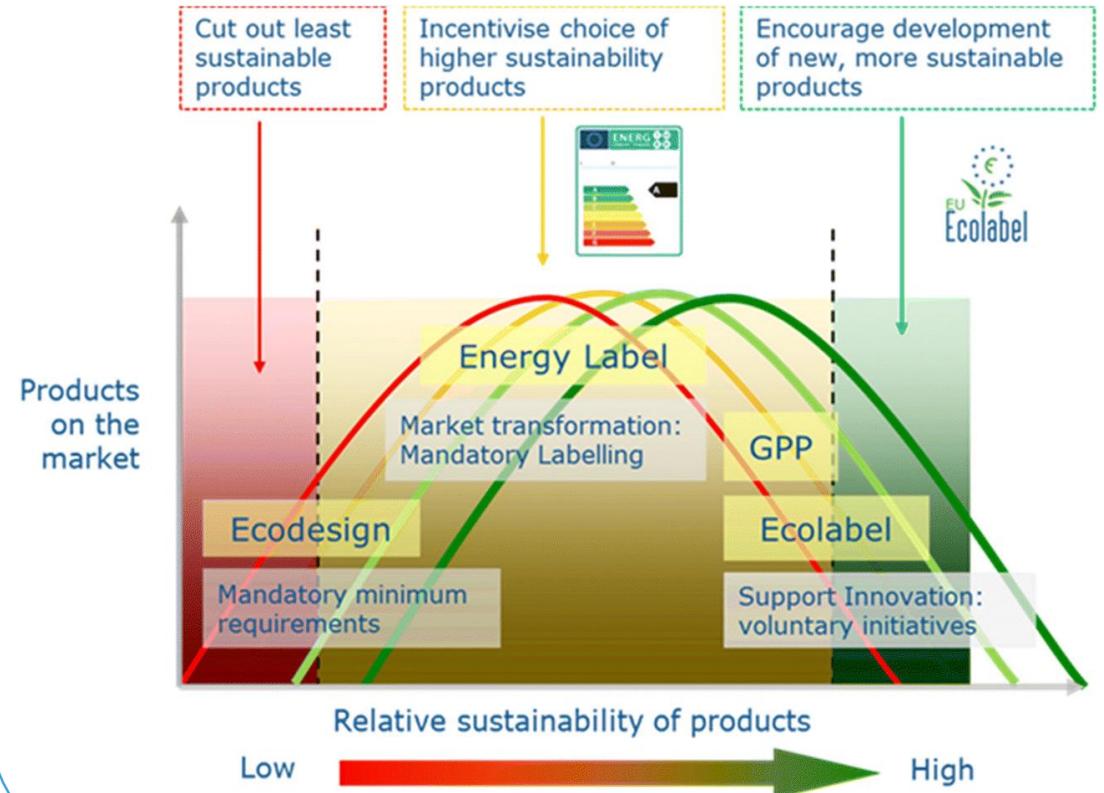
What does the UK Government want to use it for?

To ensure that: *“Producers [, not Local Authorities,] bear the full net cost of managing their products at the end of their life”*

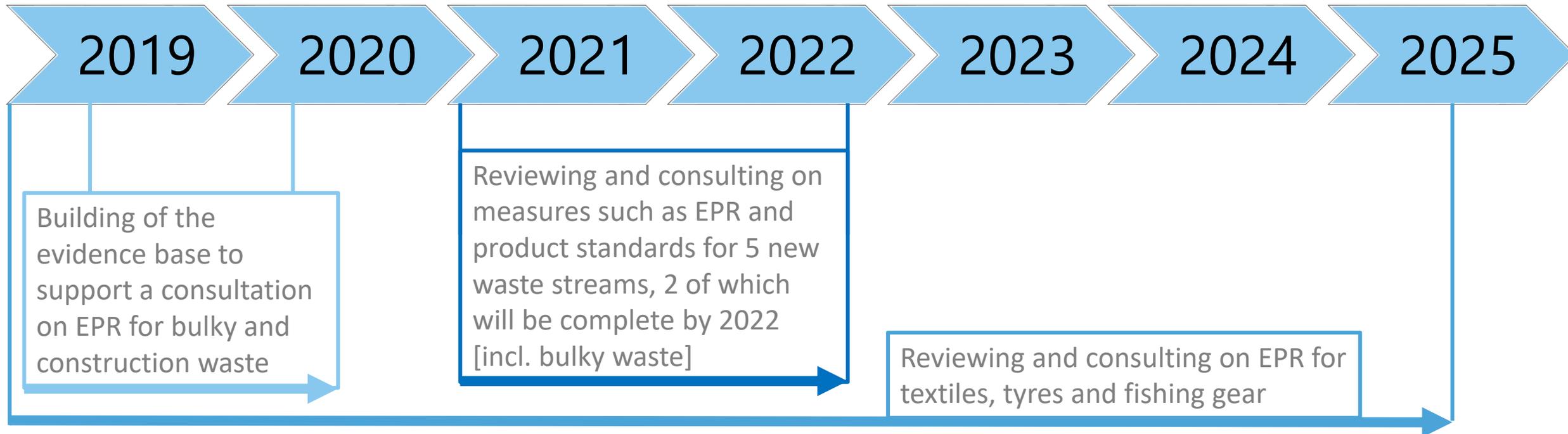
Waste policy evolving from mass to impact based interventions



Improving coherence across policy instruments: incl. mixture of carrot and stick



“By the end of 2025, the UK Government will have reviewed and consulted on measures such as EPR for five new waste streams, two of which we plan to complete by 2022 [and one of which is bulky waste, including carpets.]”



We will be working for DEFRA on building the evidence base for EPR schemes on bulky and construction wastes over the next 6 months.

10 construction
waste products

10 bulky waste
products

Scope:

- Market data
- In-use profiles
- Current EoL situation
- Trends in EoL treatment
- Financial and 'other' costs of status-quo

Assessment of
the suitability of
products to be
tackled through
different policy
instruments

Identify 'kindred' products, i.e. products that could be tackled together within a single EPR scheme or other policy intervention

1. Engage with our evidence building efforts to ensure that the outputs reflects the realities of the sector:
 - building a strong foundation for the public consultations that are to follow
2. Proactively demonstrate transparency, collaboration and product stewardship:
 - EPR is a way augment, not replace, voluntary industry led efforts
3. Prepare for the future state:
 - Shift in policy environment could present opportunities as well as challenges

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