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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to home computer recycling data security.

You have requested the following information:

1. Are computers taken to the tip for recycling kept securely?

The computers placed in the Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment (WEEE) skip are not accessible to Members of the public. The site is fully monitored by staff during the day and by security in the evening.

2. What happens to them, what company are they collected by and what do they do with them?

Items placed into the container are treated as waste for recycling, there is no reuse for items through this service.

The small mixed electrical items (Small WEEE) container is transported from Bar Road to Simms Smethwick <https://www.simsmm.co.uk/services/weee/> under our contract with Repic. The skip is emptied, and the waste items are recycled by large scale machinery, splitting and extracting metals and circuitry. The process is highly technical and human contact of individual items is not part of any process.

3. Are they wiped at any point?

They are not wiped as this does not form part of the recycling process. It is the responsibility of members of the public to do this prior to disposing of their computers if they have any concerns over data.

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Yours faithfully

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