

PLASTIC POLLUTION IN GREENSEA COVE

ROLE PLAY CARDS



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Manager of the Greensea Cove tourist office

Tourism brings much-needed money into your quiet seaside town. But the beaches are full of litter and most of it comes from food packaging and plastic bags that people leave behind. You are worried that unsightly rubbish on the beach will keep tourists away. Hotels, shops and other local businesses will lose customers.

You believe the council should do more to clean up the beaches and provide better rubbish disposal and recycling services.



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Environmentalist

You are worried because the plastic left on the beaches is polluting the seas and affecting wildlife. For you, the problem is not how to dispose of plastic waste, but how to make sure that there is less of it in the first place. You believe that more than half the plastic rubbish that homes throw away comes from supermarket packaging.

You think that supermarkets should pay a tax on all plastic packaging, just as they do on plastic bags.



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Resident of Greensea Cove

You moved to Greensea Cove to live near its beautiful beaches. But you have noticed that it's becoming more littered with plastic. You help to organise a beach clean-up every year, but the rubbish keeps piling up. Visitors enjoy picnics on the beach, but they often leave their litter behind. The rubbish bins are always full, and litter blows into the sea.

You know that this pollutes the seas and can kill wildlife.



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Supermarket manager

You are the manager of the supermarket in Greensea Cove. You know that your customers expect the best food at low prices. Plastic packaging keeps your food fresh and clean. It's also strong, which means that less food is damaged when it is transported. This means that less food is wasted.

You want to keep your customers happy and keep prices down – after all, you don't want them to shop at a different supermarket!



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Local councillor

Plastic rubbish is a big problem in Greensea Cove. You want visitors to keep coming to the beach (they bring in money), but it costs the council a lot to provide rubbish bins and recycling services. The council does not have a lot of money to spare and you have many services to pay for including local transport, care for the elderly, education services, libraries and parks. Who should pay for rubbish disposal?

You are going to be chairing this meeting and inviting people to present their views. Make sure that everyone has the chance to be heard and ask them what can be done to solve the problem.