



Plastic (in construction) matters!

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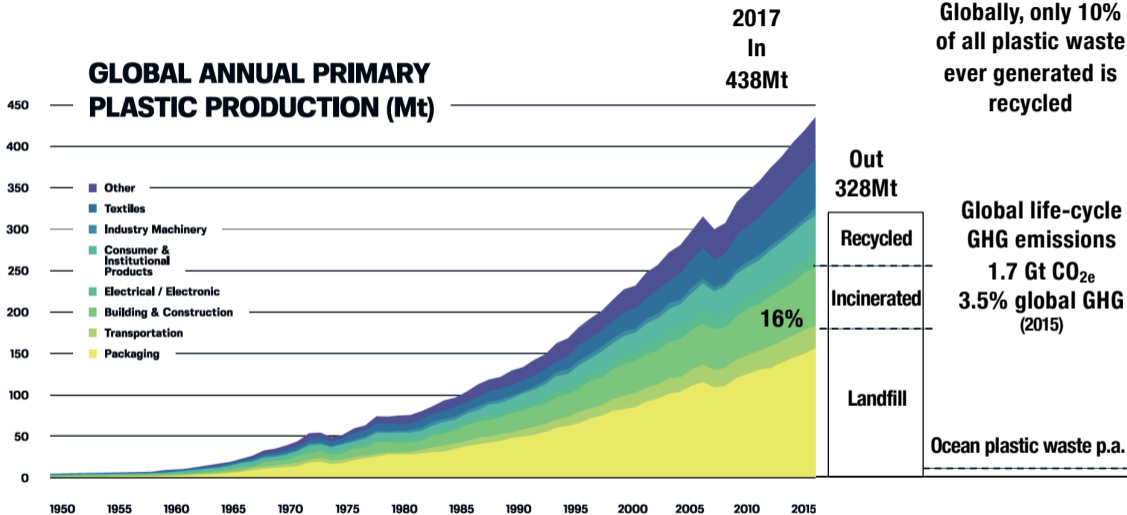
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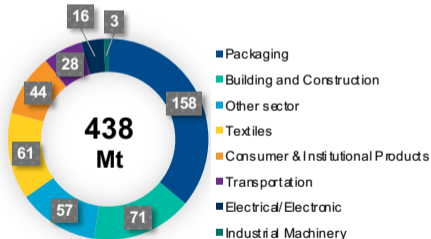
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Global plastic production

100%



Building & Construction 16%

Building & Construction waste 4%

EU-28 plastics converters demand

12%



20%

UK plastic consumption

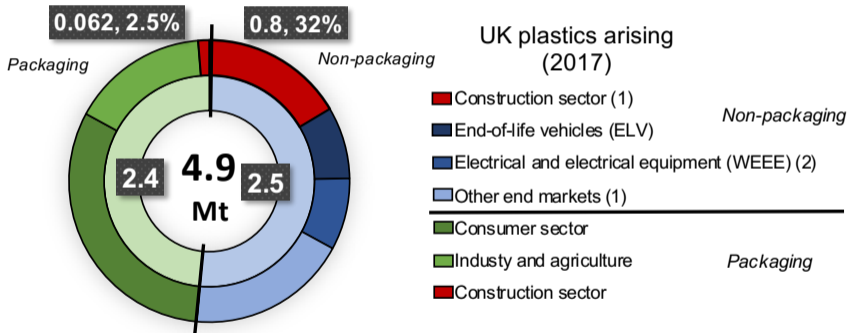
1.5%

23%

17%

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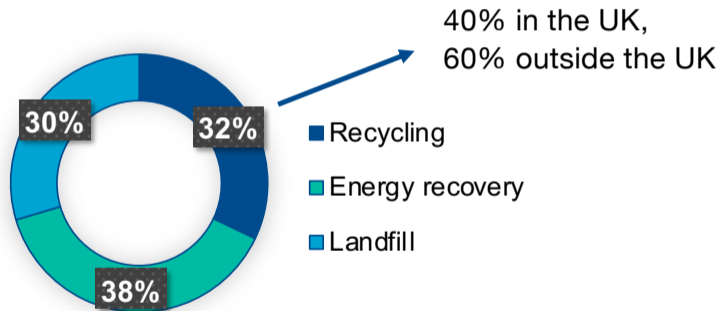
UK plastic waste arising (WRAP)



3.8 – 5.2 Mt

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UK plastic EoL (PlasticEurope)



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Plastics...

... what we should to minimise environmental impact of plastics

... what strategies should we introduce

... what matters the most

...

How does this relates to how much and what types of plastics we use?

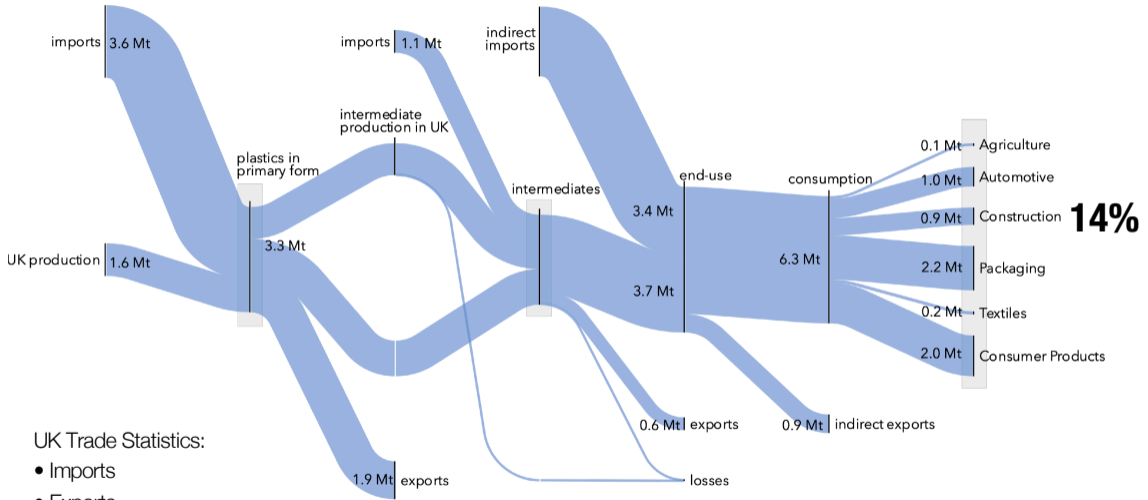
How much plastics do we use for each type of application?

How long plastic products are in service?

What happens to them afterwards?



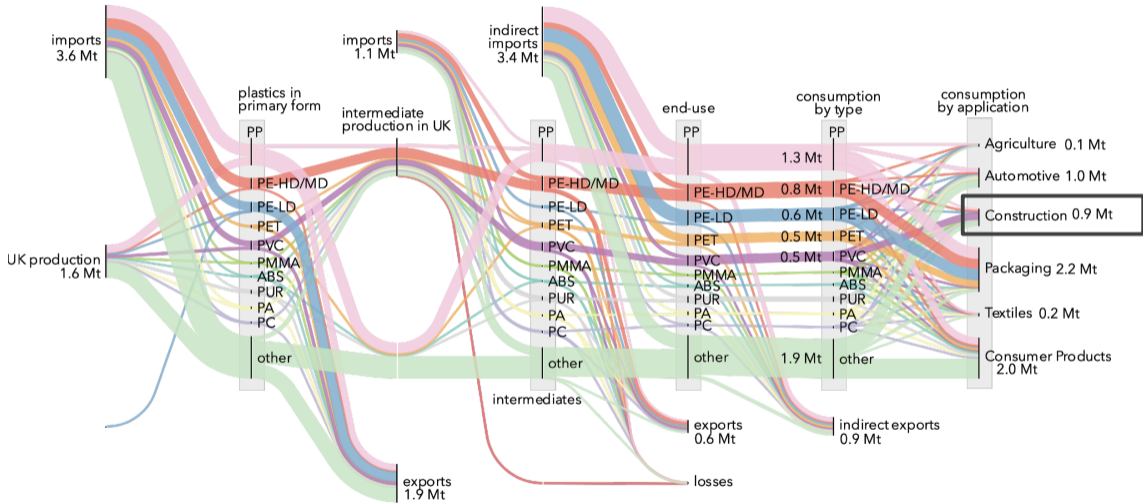
Plastic flows in the UK (2017)



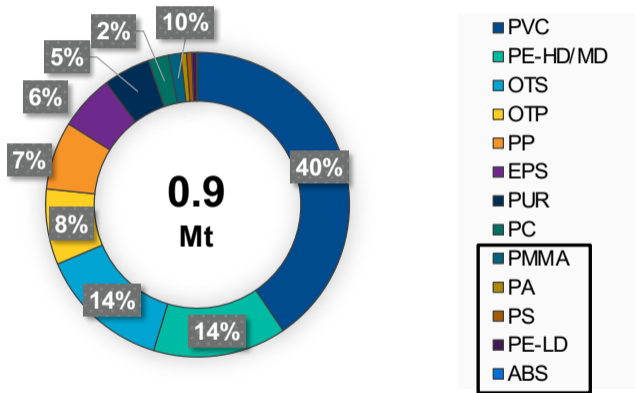
UK Trade Statistics:

- Imports
- Exports
- Production

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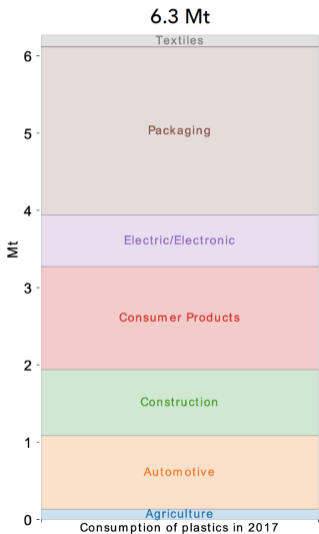


Plastic in the UK construction by polymer (2017)

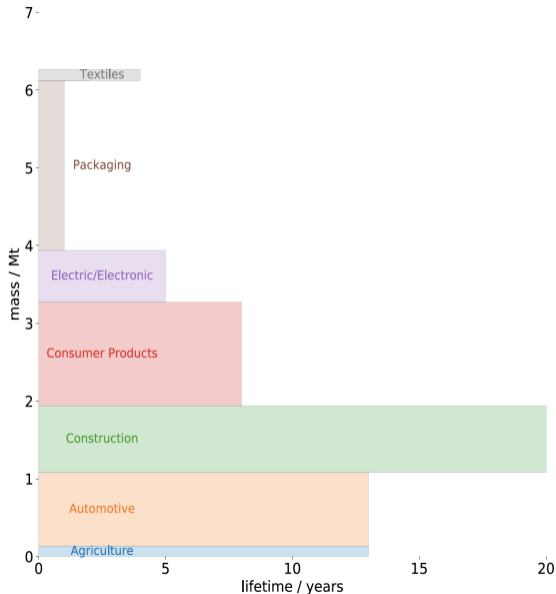


PVC in construction – 76% PVC consumption

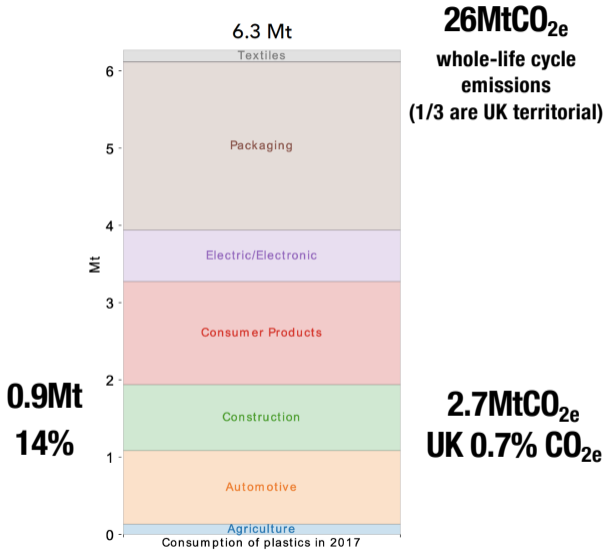
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whole-life cycle
emissions
(1/3 are UK territorial)

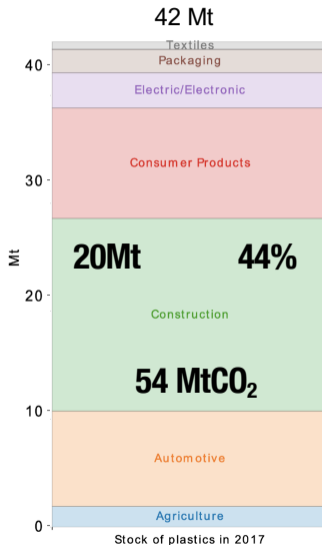


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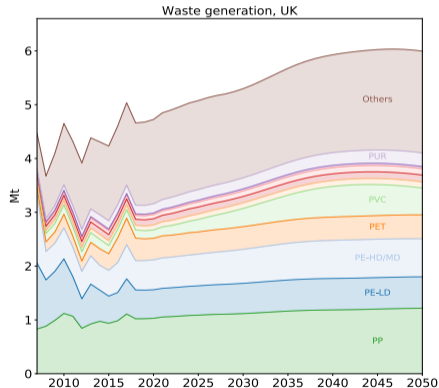
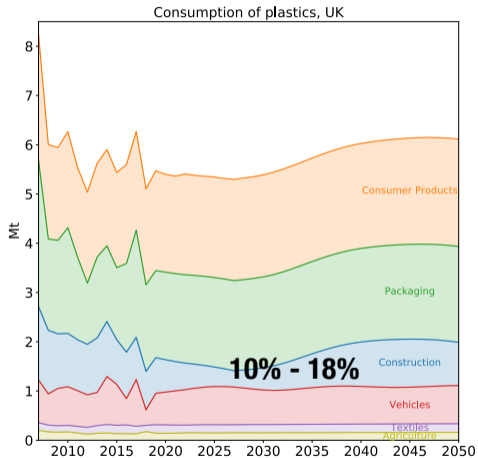


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2.7MtCO_{2e}
UK 0.7% CO_{2e}



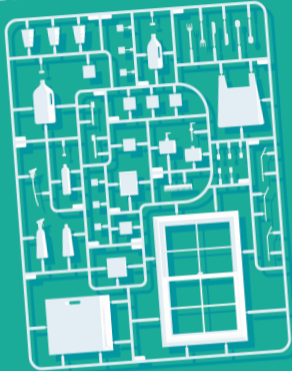
Why plastics in construction are important?



PVC only
3.5% - 10%

Construction
15 - 20%

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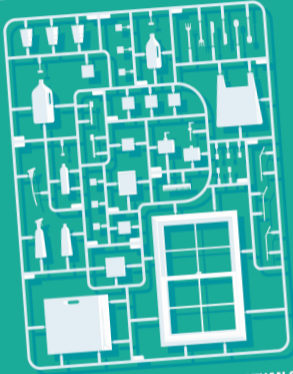


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Action is **urgently** required to reduce the impacts of plastics. We must address the **excess use** of packaging, the **variety of polymers** used in similar products, **practice** in polymer production, and promoting **reuse** and **recycling** of plastics.

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