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Dear DECC,

I wish to make the following short submission to your consultation on the circular economy:

- Please put pressure on Apple, Samsung etc. to produce mobile phones, tablets, laptops etc. that last longer and that can be repaired by repair-people with decent access to affordable spare parts. Please advocate to eliminate planned obsolescence in manufacturing.
- Can a Deposit Return Scheme (currently planned for plastic bottles and cans) be engineered for IT equipment? Is WEEE working effectively at present to remove all electrical equipment from landfill, incineration etc.?
- Can VAT be tweaked to encourage consumers to buy second-hand goods over new stuff?
- Can packaging be simplified to maximise recycling of materials and to minimise plastic, which is more difficult to recycle economically?
- Do we need an advertising campaign to wean people off buying new gear? We need to dispel the notion that buying 2nd. hand is mean and uncool.
- Lots of household furniture gets rubbished long before its time. How can we incentivise homeowners to keep furniture for longer or get it repaired? How can we insure that really old items are recycled properly?

Good luck with the consultation, regards, [Redacted]

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