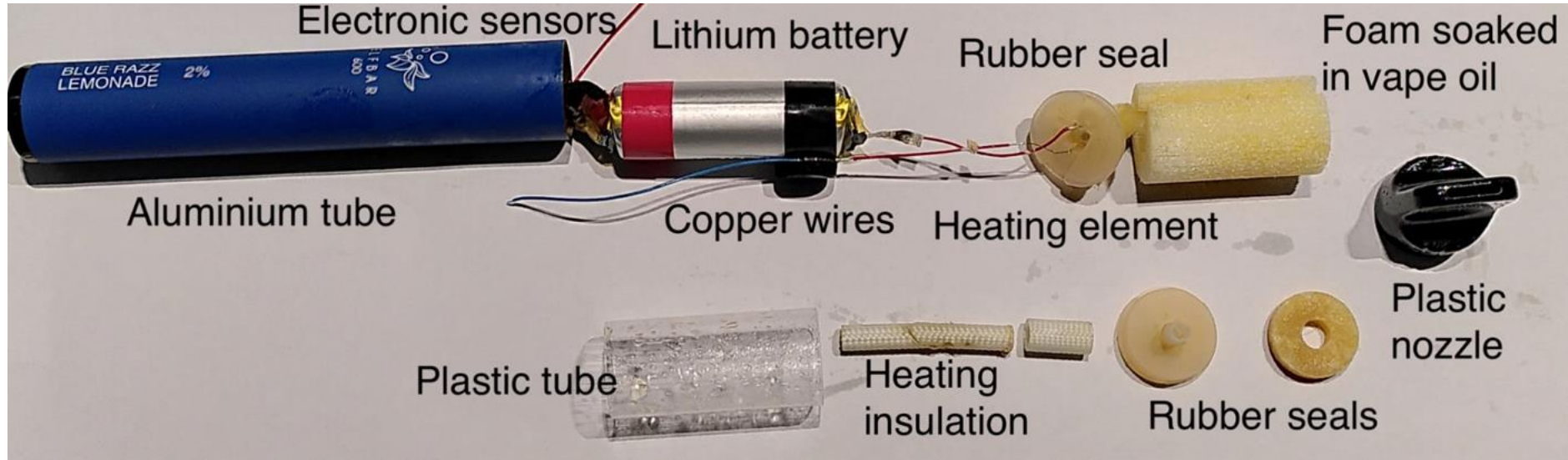

Campaigning for a circular economy; ban disposable vapes

— Laura Young
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What is a disposable vape?



Mark Miodownik

Materials scientist & engineer; Director of the UCL Institute of Making

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Children's doctors call for single-use vape ban in Scotland

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Rise in number of children treated in hospital for vaping 'worrying' – NHS chief

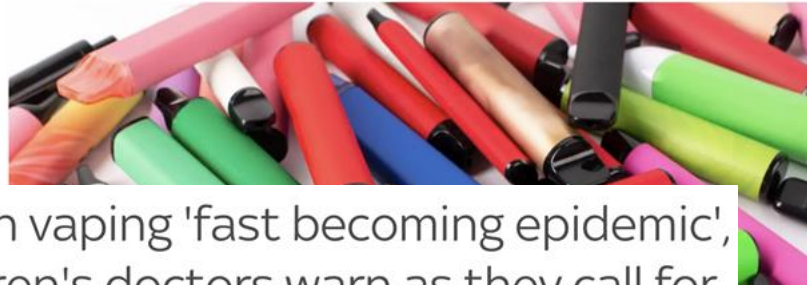
The NHS said 40 children and young people were admitted to hospital in England last year due to 'vaping-related disorders'.

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Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health calls for disposable vapes ban

7 June 2023



Youth vaping 'fast becoming epidemic', children's doctors warn as they call for ban on disposable vapes

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health warned e-cigarettes "are not a risk-free product and can be just as addictive, if not more so than traditional cigarettes".



Samuel Osborne
News reporter @samuelosborne93

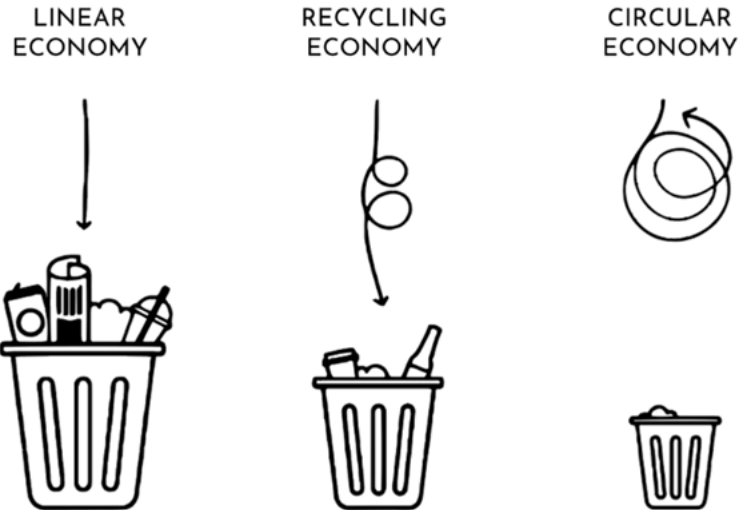
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MATERIAL FOCUS

Number of disposable single-use vapes thrown away have in a year quadrupled to 5 million per week

Media Release, 8th September 2023



Litter



Vape

Found by Victoria Park
Primary School on
Carnoustie Beach

Popped tyres



Harm to wildlife



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A young gull trying to eat a disposable vape.. A standard gull feeding method is dropping shellfish from height to crack them open. Having failed to eat it whole, this young gull in Langstone Harbour was trying to split open a vape it had found 1/ mcsuk.org/what-you-can-d...



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At first I thought this young gull was trying to split open a razorfish, it was only after a few minutes I realised why it was having no success.

... Disposable vapes on the sea & beaches are part of seabird life now, sadly this is a lesson that will be useful if it's to prosper 2/2



Why don't we just recycle vapes?

We struggle to get above **50% recycling rates**...so we aren't very good at it!

Electrical recycling is **not very accessible**. You have to recycle vapes as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE waste) which is only available at recycling centres or in some stores.

Many shops are **failing to provide WEEE waste bins** for consumers.

A product that is disposable and convenient will not be **easy to persuade** people to recycle.



Fire hazard

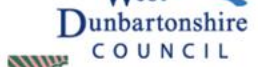
Angus council tipped out **8 tonnes of recycling** into a nearby car park after a **fire started in the bin lorry due to a battery** being incorrectly disposed of, and disposable vapes highlighted in their report.

More than **700 fires in bin lorries and recycling centres** were caused by batteries that had been dumped into general waste last year in the UK.





Scottish councils who support the ban on disposable vapes!



How can you help?

1. Take a **picture of any disposable vapes** you find and share it on social media, including how many you found and where; tagging @LessWasteLaura and with the hashtag **#BanDisposableVapes**
2. **Respond to the consultation!**




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CREATING A SMOKEFREE GENERATION AND TACKLING YOUTH VAPING

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Summary

A consultation on the proposed actions the UK Government and devolved administrations will take to tackle smoking and youth vaping.

This consultation closes at
11:59pm on 6 December 2023