

Hi Nikita

This is very topical at the moment and as such over the past few months we have worked hard to achieve a huge reduction in our plastic use. With all the items we make and pack ourselves we are almost there (probably over 80% now) mainly by starting to use a product called Bio Ware, which although looks and acts like a plastic is actually a plant based product and is fully compostable. There are a few bits and pieces we need to change and we are currently working with our suppliers to find suitable alternatives. The areas we will continue to have the greatest difficulty are those out of our control, the products we buy in to re-sell. Bottled drinks, products delivered into our kitchens etc.. are our biggest use of plastic, and we cannot control this. I believe local businesses are all to aware of the need for change but the pressure needs to be put on the larger producers and suppliers on a national level as this is beyond our control but clearly the biggest use...You can need to look on a supermarket shelf to see this !

We shall continue to source alternative products and hopefully will be plastic free with what we can have control over, and our own packaging, very shortly. I would also note that we are the only coffee/sandwich shop that have started and continue to have a 5p bag scheme (where this money goes to charity) to try and reduce waste wherever possible and encourage people to make an educated decision and decide if they really need a bag.

Hope this helps

Many thanks

Darren