

Single Use Plastics

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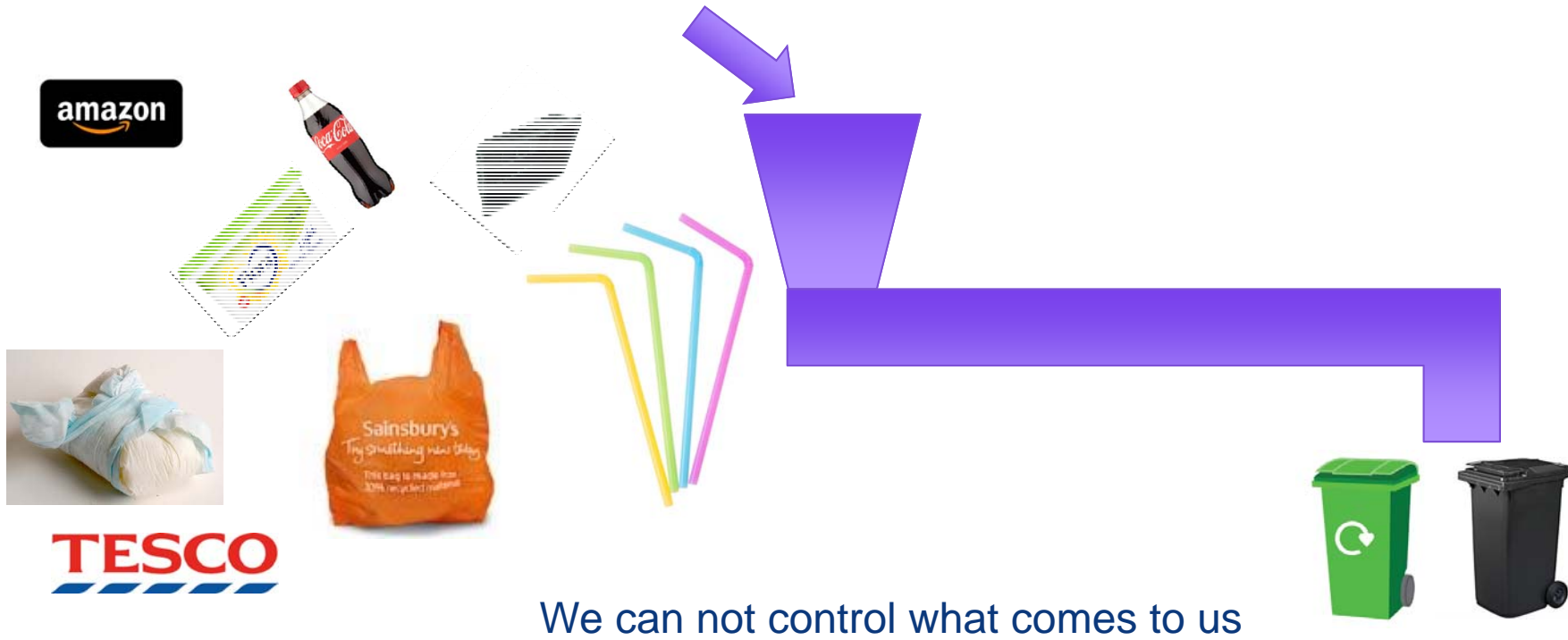
Plastics are highly useful



Plastics are not all bad



We are at the end of waste pipe



We prevent plastic harm

- We provide people with bins
- We collect in dust carts
- We store inside
- We move in sheeted lorries
- We wrap or bale all of our plastics
- We know where they all go
- They remain in Europe



We have to deal with it

- Recycle the widest range of materials
- Recycled materials must be marketable
 - Biodegradable plastics can not be recycled
 - There is no market for some of the proposed alternatives
- The Environmental Impacts of some alternatives are worse than plastic



Environmental Costs

- Life cycle analysis
 - The total environmental cost of any item
 - 90% is created in the making of a product
 - Greatest benefit is to make an additional use of any single use product, if you can't avoid its first use.
 - If you cant avoid or reuse then remanufacture or recycle
 - Finally dispose of responsibly



