



To mark **International Plastic Bag Free Day** we are asking people to contact some or all of the chain-stores represented on Gloucester Road, and to challenge them over their provision of plastic bags.

Below you will find a sample letter. Please feel free to personalise it, or if pressed for time, copy as is. You can download a copy of the letter and the contact details at: www.LoveGloucesterRoad.org.uk Remember to add the store name and your own contact details at the top and bottom of your letters.

Whether you decide to email or post the letters, the companies are obliged to send you a reply, and we'd love to see them! Please forward any email responses that you receive to: grab.campaign@gmail.com (Please let us know if you don't want to be added to our email list.)

CHAINSTORE NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS	POSTAL ADDRESS
Boots Boots.customer_care_team@boots.co.uk	Boots Central Customer Care Team PO box 5300 Nottingham NG90 1AA
Bottoms Up AND Threshers Norman.pipe@firstquench.co.uk	Norman Pipe, Customer Care First Quench Retailing Bessmore rd Welwyn Garden City Herts AL7 1BL
Greggs Paul.rhodes@greggs.co.uk	Paul Rhodes Greggs Plc Fernwood House Clayton Rd Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 1TL
Oddbins customer_services@oddbins.com	Oddbins Customer Services 31-33 Weir Road London SW19 8UG
Peacocks Carol.raines@peacocks.co.uk	Retail Department, Peacocks Stores, Atlantic House, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4PS
Sainsbury's customerservice@sainsburys.co.uk	Customer Service Sainsburys support centre 33 Holburn London EC1N 2HT
Somerfield Being taken over by The Co-op (who are likely to be sympathetic with the cause) Customer.service@somerfield.co.uk customer.relations@co-op.co.uk	Somerfield Stores Ltd Somerfield House Whitchurch lane Bristol BS14 0TJ Customer Relations The cooperative group Freepost MR9473 Manchester M4 8BA
Tesco customer.services@tesco.co.uk	Tesco Customer Service PO Box 73 Baird Avenue Dryburgh Industrial Estate Dundee DD1 9NF

Dear

As one of your customers I am writing to register my concern over the millions of free plastic carrier bags that are still given away at your stores every year.

I recognise that there has already been a considerable recent reduction in bag use by supermarket customers, which I applaud. But, far too many 'disposable' plastic bags are still taken, used for 12 minutes (on average) and then thrown 'away'. I think your store should be charging customers for these bags to discourage people from taking them.

I regularly shop on Gloucester Road in North Bristol, which is endeavouring to become Bristol's first Plastic Bag Free area. Over 60 independent stores signed up to the Gloucester Road Alternative Bag (GRAB) campaign when it launched last September, and hundreds of thousands of bags have already been 'saved' since then.

Like the majority of shoppers on Gloucester Road, I back the local move to go plastic bag free, and I understand and support those outlets that are charging 5p for the compostable carrier bag alternatives.

Crucially, your support is needed for the GRAB initiative to be really effective, since your store is one of the most prolific bag providers along the entire street. Several major chains have recently started charging for bags, and I urge you to follow suit.

Please would you let me know about your company's plans for further reducing plastic bag (and other disposable packaging) usage, as I am very keen to greatly reduce the amount of plastic I currently throw away.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,