

## CPI Lobbies MPs



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On 18th November 2008 the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI), together with the Sheet Plant Association, invited members of parliament to meet representatives of the corrugated industry in the House of Commons. Jo Swinson, Liberal Democrat member for East Dunbartonshire, opened the event by acknowledging the importance of the industry and accepting that corrugated is playing a major role in the move towards more sustainable packaging. As President of the CPI, Bob McLellan spoke of the way in which corrugated packaging supports business and society in general.

Andrew Barnetson, Corrugated Sector Manager of CPI, said: "This is the first time that the Confederation of Paper Industries and the Sheet Plant Association have hosted an event at the House of Commons. Our aim is to speak with one voice for the good of the industry and its customers. We are making progress in establishing the mechanisms by which we can discuss with MPs and Ministers issues important to the industry as they arise."

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### Associated Imagery

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### Notes to Editors

- CPI is the voice of the paper industry in the UK, representing papermakers, tissue manufacturers, corrugated packaging producers and recovered paper merchants.
- In 2005, 84% of all corrugated cardboard boxes were recycled, giving the corrugated industry the best UK recycling rate of all packaging materials.
- This impressive recycling rate saves an area of board the size of Greater London from landfill every four months.
- For additional information on the UK paper industry, in the first instance, please contact Catherine Waterfield, External Affairs Coordinator, on 01793 889612 or email [cwaterfield@paper.org.uk](mailto:cwaterfield@paper.org.uk). Alternatively, please visit: <http://www.paper.org.uk>.