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Polymer vs cotton: Measuring the environmental footprint of the new £5 and £10 with the Bank of England

The Bank of England is taking steps to reduce the environmental impact of banknotes, including recycling the vast majority of banknotes that are no longer fit to use. The Bank's decision to move to polymer banknotes will have lasting

environmental benefits. In 2017, we helped the Bank obtain independent certification from the Carbon Trust on the carbon reduction delivered by switching £5 and £10 banknotes from paper to polymer. We continue to work in partnership with the Bank on other responsible business activities.