

Plastic recycling gets on track: recycled plastic could extend railway sleeper lifetime from a...

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Sleepers made from recycled bumper scrap and old computer cases could soon be putting in an appearance on our railway tracks.

UK company Micron uses licensed technology to convert waste plastic into a strong, durable material, which is then used to make railway sleepers. The company has already approached

UK rail track operator Network Rail in the hope of forming a partnership to produce composite sleepers for the UK. Network Rail has to hit a target of using 23% recycled material by 2012.

Deepak Aggarwal, president of Micron, said: 'Plastic won't replace every sleeper

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