Consultation Response from **KC Waste Strategy (Refuse & Cleansing)**		
PA no. & address: 2021/90304 off, Low Westwood Lane, Wellhouse, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4EW		
Proposal: Erection of 7 dwellings, car parking and associated works (within a Conservation Area)		
Date Responded: 05/03/2021	**Responding Officer:** Carol Oakden	**Responding Ref:** WPS-21-003

NOTES/COMMENTS:

The following comments are made without prejudice and purely from the point of view of the Waste Collection Authority.

To meet the operational requirements of the Authority the following issues need to be addressed or further information supplied. Solving these will help create an environment that functions safely and efficiently for waste management; and reduce the negative impacts of bin blight on the neighbourhood. This will also enable the proposal to better meet the policy requirements of LP24 part d (vi), LP43 and the Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD in respect of refuse collection. Ultimately this will be to the benefit both residents and the Authority for the life of the development.

The application proposes the conversion of existing arches on the land of a former warehouse to 7 townhouse apartments.

Waste storage and presentation:

- Bin storage space is identified for each plot in private garden space. However, this only shows 2 x 240ltr bins per property and space is required for 3 of these bins. This will enable households to take advantage of increased recycling services such as garden waste, glass or additional green recycling bins in the future, in line with the Authority's strategic direction towards increasing the district recycling rate.
- The narrow road/parking area to the front of the properties will likely not be suitable for bins to be collected from. Therefore, a communal presentation space must be identified for bins to be brought to on collection day. This must be as close as possible to the nearest adopted highway. The distance from the proposed dwellings to Low Westwood Lane itself is in excess of 70m – considerably more than the suggested maximum of 25m that residents should be expected to pull bins. However, it may be necessary for residents to accept a longer drag distance in order to receive a safe and efficient waste collection service from Low Westwood Lane (subject to the RCV comments below).

Refuse Collection Vehicle access:

- Suitable site access and manoeuvrability space for a Refuse Collection Vehicle is vital to the Council's ability to discharge its obligation to collect waste from domestic properties. This obligation will exist in perpetuity on any residential development and as such should be a critical consideration in the layout of the site if approval is granted. It is not clear from the submitted plans if an RCV will

be required to enter the site given the gated access is set to remain. It must be demonstrated that an RCV can safely serve the site without causing obstruction or endangering waste operatives, particularly given the situation of the site at the bend in the road. If an RCV is expected to enter the site, will there be provision to turn around and exit the site in a forward gear? Further information should be required on this for consideration by Highways colleagues from a technical/safety perspective.

Policy context:

1. Local Plan Policy LP24 (part d.vi) and National Planning Policy for Waste (para 8) by –"incorporating adequate facilities to allow occupiers to separate and store waste for recycling and recovery that are well designed and visually unobtrusive and allows for the convenient collection of waste"
2. Local Plan Policy LP43 Waste Management Hierarchy "The council will encourage and support the minimisation of waste production and support the re-use and recovery of waste materials including, for example, recycling, composting and Energy from Waste recovery".
3. Local plan Policy LP15 – residential use in town centres part h: provision of refuse storage and collection.
4. Scheme design should conform to Building for a Healthy Life (2020); Building Regulations 2010 part H6; and British Standard 5906:2005 Waste Management in Buildings Code of Practice.
5. Further advice and full guidance is contained in the Kirklees Waste Management Design Guide 2020 (found at https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/guidance-and-advice-notes.aspx) and the Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD found at https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/adopted-supplementary-planning-documents.aspx