

**Consultation Response from Mike Hibbert,  
KC Waste Strategy( Refuse & Recycling)**

**2021/93621 Land off, Fullwood Drive, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4JH**

**Erection of 12 dwellings and associated works (Within a Conservation Area)**

**Date Responded: 14/3/2023.**

**Responding Officer: Mike Hibbert**

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### **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. 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.

#### **Waste storage and presentation:**

The application in the section on Waste Storage and collection states “Bin storage and collection points provided”. The applicant has submitted proposed site plan & 3D View ref dwg No (100) 03 Rev C dated 3.3.2023 but this does not show any detailed waste storage or collection information other than a Bin Collection Point (BCP) adjacent to Plot 9. These comments are therefore broad, and any further proposals should be developed in line with the Authority’s published guidelines (see below).

- The plan shows 12 properties with a mix of detached, semi-detached and a block/terrace of three properties with each dwelling having a private rear garden.
- Space will be required for 3 x 240ltr bins at each property, 1x240ltr Residual, 1x240ltr Recycling and as the properties have gardens the space to accommodate a third bin for garden waste. As the proposed dwellings have private gardens, opportunities to encourage composting should be sought to better meet the council’s ‘clean and green’ objectives for waste reduction.
- The development site slopes down in a South Westerly direction and to provide access the properties on Plots 1-7 are Split level over three storeys with gardens below road level. On this basis bin storage avoiding keeping bins under windows/close to doors will need to be provided at the side or front of properties to negate the need to take bins up/down steps to reach rear gardens. Any such storage would be set within the Streetscene and therefore should be screened and secured to prevent bin blight, the spread of waste into the street, unauthorised use and theft/damage to bins.
- Plots 8-12 appear to be at the same level as the road access. Bin storage should be in rear gardens with gated access that should be shown to be secure and the route between the rear gardens and the front access road must not require residents to pull

bins up/down steps or gradients of more than 1:12. If this is not achievable then storage to the front of the properties is required.

- The 3 properties on plots 8-10 form a terrace. Bin storage to the rear of properties is preferable but must be easily accessible for residents and not be reached via convoluted pathways routed across the back of multiple other properties as this discourages residents from returning bins to the rear, resulting in bin blight in the Streetscene. If rear storage is not viable there will need to be a bin storage location at the front of the property.
- There is no indication of space for the presentation of bins on collection day. It is important to ensure that bins do not cause obstruction to pedestrians or other highways users when presented for collection, particularly where space requires these to be left in clusters. Bin presentation space should be identified for each plot, on a hard surface and where a refuse collection vehicle (RCV) can be easily reached.
- The Authority will not take an RCV into private drives or roads that are not built to adoptable standards.
- Plots 6-9 are located on a private drive. Shared private drives will require communal presentation points for bins as shown on the drawing. These must be large enough for the number of bins to be collected and be on level, hard surfaces such that grouped bins do not cause obstruction to the highway, drives or pedestrian movement on collection day.
- Consideration must be given to the process of waste collection for properties that are occupied before the whole site is complete. Temporary measures may be required to allow waste to be stored/presented at an accessible location.

#### **Refuse Collection Vehicle access:**

The Authority defers to Highways colleagues for technical analysis of the road layout and swept paths in respect of RCV access, but offers the following observations in this regard: -

- 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 will be a critical consideration in the layout of the site if approval is granted. Confirmation is required that the turning head for the properties at the Northwest end of the access road adjacent to Plot 12 is of an appropriate size.
- Where turning is necessary, the turning facilities must be demonstrably sufficient for an 11.22m refuse collection vehicle and opportunities for parking in the turning area must be designed out. Swept path analysis must show the manoeuvrability of this vehicle throughout the site, demonstrating the safe passing of other vehicles likely to be using the road – either parked or moving.

- Visitor parking is shown on the layout plan next to the turning head. Parked cars are a perpetual problem for RCV access and as such it is important to account for potential parking spaces, even where these are undefined when assessing RCV access around the site. Active measures should be adopted to prevent parking in the turning head as this would not be visible when the RCV enters the development and if blocked would require an RCV to undertake a long reversing manoeuvre that is a recognised safety risk.
- Consideration must be given to the process of waste collection for properties that are occupied before the whole site is complete. Temporary measures may be required to allow waste to be stored/presented at an accessible location adjacent to the nearest adopted highway. The Authority will not enter construction sites for the purpose of domestic waste collection. A pre-occupation condition will be required to address this and any other outstanding waste collection details.
- On sites such as this, waste storage and collection can require careful consideration and the identification of space within the site layout is critical. As such, the details of these arrangements must not be left to Planning conditions.

**Full detailed guidance on waste management requirements can be found in in the [Kirklees Waste Management Design Guide 2020](https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/guidance-and-advice-notes.aspx) (available on the Planning advice notes page at: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/guidance-and-advice-notes.aspx>)**

Waste 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 on Highway matters is contained in the [Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD](https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/adopted-supplementary-planning-documents.aspx) which can be found at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/adopted-supplementary-planning-documents.aspx>