

**Consultation Response from Alan Smith,
KC Waste Strategy (Refuse & Recycling)**

2024/92848 Marsh Carpets, 82-84, Westbourne Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4LF

Alterations to convert first floor to 2 dwellings; sub-division of one ground floor retail unit to three retail units (use class Ea); installation of new shop fronts to south and east elevations and construction of external staircase to northern elevation including associated works

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1. Introduction

This response is provided by the Waste Collection Authority (WCA) and outlines operational requirements for waste storage and collection. These comments aim to support compliance with Kirklees Local Plan policies LP24 (d.vi), LP43, and the Highway Design Guide SPD. The aim is to achieve a safe and efficient waste collection service.

Section 45(1)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 places a duty on the Waste Collection Authority (WCA) to arrange for the collection of household waste within its area. Regardless of whether a private contractor is engaged, the WCA must ensure that there is adequate on-site waste storage capacity, suitable access for collection vehicles, and that, should the responsibility for collection revert to the WCA in the future, the process can be carried out efficiently.

The Council takes the issue of bin blight seriously and encourages developers to ensure that the street scene for new developments is not spoilt by the poor design for refuse storage and collection.

The applicant has submitted a revised drawing, "*Site and Location Plan, Dwg No. UD-556*".

2. Household Waste Storage Requirements

Each household must accommodate:

- **3 x 240L wheeled bins for:**
 - Residual waste – collected on alternative weeks
 - Recyclable waste – collected on alternative weeks
 - Garden waste – paid for service collected fortnightly (or future Simpler Recycling legislation provision)
 - Space for 3 containers for each property needs to be clearly shown
- **Bin space dimensions:**
 - floor space required is 940mm x 780mm per bin
- **Bin storage location:**
 - Must not obstruct highways or driveways
 - No gradients steeper than 1:12 or steps
 - Located at least 2.5m away from fire exits, doors and windows

3. Commercial Waste Storage Requirements

The drawing shows that 1 x 1,100L bin will be used for the commercial properties.

- **The proposed bin location still presents an unacceptable fire risk due to the proximity of the fire escape. The bin needs to be moved to a more suitable location or else a fire resistant bin store needs to be provided.**
- **Bin space dimensions:**
 - floor space required is 1,575mm x 1,1900mm per bin
- **Bin storage location:**
 - Must not obstruct highways or driveways
 - No gradients steeper than 1:12 or steps
 - Located at least 4m away from fire exits, doors and windows
 - Not located near or underneath fire escapes

- Where the container cannot be located 4m away from a property then it is necessary that the adjacent structure is fire resistant, which has a resistance to fire of 30 minutes

4. Requested Planning Conditions

- **Pre-Occupation Waste Strategy**

Prior to commencement the developer must submit for approval details for bin storage, screening, BCPs, and RCV access. The approved details shall be provided before first occupation and shall be so retained thereafter.

5. Policy Context

- **LP24 (d.vi):** Requires unobtrusive, well-designed waste facilities
- **LP43:** Supports waste minimisation and recovery
- **National Planning Policy for Waste (5.8):** Adequate storage facilities at residential premises

6. Design Guidance References

- [Waste Management Design Guide for New Developments](#)
- [Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD](#)
- [Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies](#)
- [Avoiding Rubbish Design Guide](#)
- [Building for a Healthy Life \(2020\)](#)
- [Building Regulations 2010 Part H6](#)
- [Safety Distances Between Waste Containers and Buildings](#)
- BS5906:2005 Waste Management in Buildings