Consultation Response from Mike Hibbert, **KC Waste Strategy(Refuse & Recycling)**
2024/93221 Parkwood Mill, Stoney Lane, Longwood, HD3 4ZQ
Erection of 5 dwellings and associated works (within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded:27/01/2025. **Responding Officer: Mike Hibbert** **Responding Ref: WPS 24-088**

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:

No waste related information has been provided on the application form,
The applicant has submitted Site Plan no 8548-003-P1 Rev 2 dated 31/10/24 that shows the layout of the site for five properties.

The Transport Statement produced by Motion Consultants for Virtu Homes dated 15/10/2024 on Page 11 states “Servicing and Delivery 4.8 Serving and delivery will be undertaken via Grove Street. Individual refuse stores will be provided for each dwelling, which can be accessed via the refuse vehicle along Grove Street.”

- Individual bins for each dwelling are preferable to communal bins. 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 or collection of additional waste streams due to implementation of Simpler Recycling legislation. 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.

- Guidance indicates the storage footprint for a 240ltrs wheeliebin is 940mm x 780mm with enough room to allow removal of the bin from the storage location. The floor plan for storage must be large enough to accommodate 3 x240ltrs bins for each dwelling. The bin stores should be constructed to the specifications detailed in the Kirklees Waste Management Design Guide 2020

- Preference is for storage of waste bins in rear gardens. This should be achievable as there is gated access from the rear gardens to a path that runs along the back of the plots. Gates need to be wide enough to pass through and the route between the rear gardens and the front access road must not require residents to pull bins up/down

gradients of more than 1:12. A drop kerb should be installed if there is a change of levels from the access path to the highway.

- There will need to be details on the space for the presentation of bins on collection day close to the gated entrance. A potential location for a temporary Bin Collection Point is the yellow hatched area within the car park to the west of the dwellings. 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 on a hard surface and where a refuse collection vehicle (RCV) can be easily reached.

- An RCV will not access the site for waste collection. The gated entrance to the car parking area needs be accessed via keypad not a lock.

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: -

- The Authority will not take an RCV into private drives or roads that are not built to adoptable standards.

- The WCA current collects from domestic properties in the surrounding mill developments.

- 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.

Full detailed guidance on waste management requirements can be found in in the Kirklees Waste Management Design Guide 2020 (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.

Further advice on Highway matters is contained in the Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD which can be found at https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/adopted-supplementary-planning-documents.aspx