

**Consultation Response from Alan Smith,
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2025/92728 land at, Dowker Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4JU

Erection of 33 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping

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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.

2. Waste Storage Requirements

Each dwelling must accommodate:

- **3 x wheeled bins for:**
 - Residual waste – collected on alternative weeks
 - Recyclable waste – collected on alternative weeks
 - Garden waste or for future Simpler Recycling legislation provision
- **Bin storage location:**
 - Must not obstruct highways or driveways
 - Gated access must be secure and wide enough for bins to pass through
 - No gradients steeper than 1:12 or steps
 - 240 L bins must at least 2.5 m away from fire exits, doors and windows
 - Larger containers located at least 6 m away from a property
 - Where containers cannot be located far enough away from a property then it is necessary that the adjacent structure is fire resistant, which has a resistance to fire of 30 minutes
 - Must be located within 30 m of the entrance to a dwelling

3. Bin Collection Points (BCPs)

- Must be shown on a layout plan for all properties
- No gradients steeper than 1:12 or steps from storage area to BCP
- Within 10 m of an adoptable highway
- Solid surface required, resistant to constant wear and tear
- The maximum drag out distance from bin storage area to BCP is 25 m (BS5906:2005)

- Temporary BCPs may be needed for early occupiers whilst site is being built (likely collection area would be adjacent to Dowker Street)
- **Site specific comments:**
 - Plots 1, 2 and 3 - will each be provided 3 x 240 L bins each, (this is the preferred council option). The bin store area must be on hard standing and large enough to hold 9 x 240 L bins. The space required for each bin is 940 mm x 780 mm
 - Plot 4 – Confirmation is required of the bin collection point for this property as there appears to be steps between the highway and the dwelling, this is not acceptable to the WCA
 - Plot 8 to 11 – Confirmation is required for the BCP for these properties
 - Plot 13 to 24 – These properties will need space for 6 x 1,100 L bins in the bin store by plots 13-14. The floor space required for each bin is 1575 mm x 1190 mm
 - Plot 25 to 30 – These properties will need a maximum space for 6 x 1,100 L bins, depending on which plots use the bin store at the rear of plot 29. The floor space required for each bin is 1575 mm x 1190 mm.

In addition confirmation is required for the BCP for these bins, they cannot be collected from George Street as the drawing now shows there are steps. The RCV will not drive on unadopted roads.

- Plot 32 – confirmation is required for the BCP as the route to the proposed BCP has stairs it is likely that the bins will be kept in the front garden. A revised BCP is required for this property or alternatively build a suitable and bin storage area in the front of the plot to hold at least 3 x 240 L bins. Storage to the front of the house should be screened and to avoid wheeled bins being left adjacent to doors and under windows.

4. Refuse Collection Vehicle (RCV) Access

- The WCA will not enter:
 - Private drives
 - Roads not built to an adoptable standard
 - Active construction sites
- Road layout must:
 - Enable looped access (preferred over cul-de-sacs)
 - Where applicable, turning heads must be suitable for an 11.85 m RCV
 - Turning areas must be made active to avoid them being used for additional parking
- Reversing distance for an RCV must not exceed 12 m (WISH guidance)

5. Phased Development Considerations

For phased occupation:

- Temporary waste storage and collection arrangements must be approved prior to first occupation
- WCA will not collect from incomplete sites
- Developers must bulk order bins for residents via: trade.waste@kirklees.gov.uk

6. 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.

• **Phased Occupation Waste Management**

Prior to commencement the developer must, where applicable, submit for approval temporary waste collection arrangements if the site becomes occupied prior to completion. The approved details shall be provided before first occupation and shall be so retained thereafter.

• **Bin Store maintenance**

Before development commences, details of the management and maintenance of communal refuse storage areas by a designated private management company shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall be provided before first occupation and shall be so retained thereafter.

7. 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

8. 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 Building