Consultation Response from Alan Smith, KC Waste Strategy (Refuse & Recycling)
2025/93355 Land off, Woodward Court, Mirfield, WF14 0PY
Erection of 75 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, highways and drainage infrastructure
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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 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)
- **Bin space dimensions**:
  - floor space required is 940mm x 780mm per bin
- **Bin storage location**:
  - Must not obstruct highways or driveways
  - Be in rear gardens, gated access must be secure and wide enough for bins to pass through
  - No gradients steeper than 1:12 or steps
- **Composting:**
  - As the properties have a garden the developer is encouraged to provide compost bins to help better meet the council's 'clean and green' objectives for waste reduction

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
- Located adjacent to an adoptable highway
- Solid surface required, resistant to constant wear and tear
- The maximum drag out distance from bin storage area to BCP is 25m (BS5906:2005)
- Temporary BCPs may be needed for early occupiers whilst site it being built (likely collection area would be adjacent to Woodward Court

Specific comments for different plots on the site are as follows:

- Plot 2 will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 3 – 5, will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 6 – 9, will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 10 – 13, will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 46 – 48, will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 49 – 52, will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 53 – 55, will need a BCP by the main road.
- Plots 58 and 61 are both middle terrace properties. Confirmation of their bin storage area and BCP is necessary.

- For all plots on the site if the distance from the bin storage point to the BCP is over 25m. Consideration needs to be given to providing these properties with a bin store located at the front of their property. Storage to the front of houses should be screened and 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 11.85m RCV
  - Turning areas must be made active to avoid them being used for additional parking
- Reversing distance for an RCV must not exceed 12m (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.

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 Buildings