

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

2025/93525 ground floor, 2, Bridge Street, Batley, WF17 5NU

Prior notification for change of use from commercial/business/service to 4 dwellings

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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, the Waste Management Design Guide 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.

This reply also includes the Application 2025/93526 for another 4 apartments, so 8 apartments in total. It is recommended that the developer works on 180 L of waste capacity per dwelling per week rather than the 100 L in the application. However, this response is based on the developers 1,000 L per week.

2. Waste Storage Requirements

The development must accommodate at a minimum:

- **3 x 1,100 L wheeled bins for:**
 - Residual waste – collected on alternative weeks
 - Recyclable waste – collected on alternative weeks
 - For future Simpler Recycling legislation provision
- **Bin space dimensions:**
 - floor space required is 990 mm x 1375 mm per bin
- **Bin storage location:**
 - Must not obstruct highways or driveways
 - No gradients steeper than 1:12 or steps
 - Ideally be sited at least 6m away from the nearest buildings to reduce the risk of arson attacks

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)
- Developers must bulk order bins for residents via: trade.waste@kirklees.gov.uk

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.

- **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.

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