

**Provision of facilities for waste and recycling
for new developments and property
conversions**

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This SPD provides general guidance to developers on the space and access requirements for waste and recycling containers which should be taken into account when building a new development or a conversion. This SPD also provides information regarding the requirement for developers to purchase the waste and recycling containers for all new developments/conversions.
- 1.2 This SPD should be read in conjunction with general planning and building regulation requirements. Planning applications which do not adequately consider and demonstrate waste storage and vehicle access may be refused.

2. Collection service

- 2.1 The waste and recycling containers provided for residents is as follows:

	Refuse (collected fortnightly)	Recycling (collected fortnightly)	Garden and food (collected fortnightly)
Single households Individual properties	240 litre black wheeled bin.	240 litre black wheeled bin with a red lid	240 litre green/black wheeled bin with a green lid. Residents to 'Opt in' to service at £40.00* per annum
High occupancy single households 6 or more permanent residents	Additional black wheeled bin (by application only)	Additional black wheeled bin with a red (by application only)	As above
Households where wheeled bins are unsuitable Properties with no frontage or that can only be accessed by steps	As per Single households (A separate bin store must be provided to house all bins)	As per Single households (A separate bin store must be provided to house all bins)	As per Single households (A separate bin store must be provided to house all bins) Residents to 'Opt in' to service at £40.00* per annum
Multi-occupancy properties Property containing several individual properties within one building	Shared 660 litre and/or 1100 litre bins (dependant on number of properties) (A bin store must be provided to house all bins)	Shared 660 litre and/or 1100 litre bins (dependant on number of properties). Comprising of separate bins for paper/card and DMR? (A bin store must be provided to house all bins)	240 litre green wheeled bin/black wheeled bins with a green lid. (dependant on number of properties). For food waste only. Residents to 'Opt in' to service only at £40.00* per annum, where appropriate (A bin store must be provided to house all bins)

* subject to annual review

3. Storage requirements

- 3.1 All developments including conversions are required to provide adequate off-street hard standing storage space for the appropriate number and type of refuse and recycling containers indicated above (including sacks where applicable). For example, single households will require space for two (three if opted into green bin service) 240 litre wheeled bins.
- 3.2 Residents are not permitted to store or place bins permanently on an adopted public highway.
- 3.3 Storage can be in the form of storage space integral to the design of the property or dedicated space externally or in a communal storage area. Bins should not be visible from the street.
- 3.4 Special considerations may apply in designated conservation areas or where the property is a listed building.

Container types and dimensions

	Height	Width	Depth
Sack (each)	n/a	n/a	n/a
140 litre wheeled bin	1070mm	480mm	550mm
240 litre wheeled bin	1070mm	570mm	730mm
660 litre wheeled bin	1330mm	1250mm	720mm
1100 litre wheeled bin	1370mm	1375mm	990mm

- 3.5 These dimensions are a reasonable indication of sizes but will be subject to manufacturing tolerances and vary slightly from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Requirements for Single Households

- 3.6 Residents living in single households are required to present their bins at the end of the property where it meets the footpath or public land or where designated. To avoid any health and safety risk to residents, a clear flat access without steps and other obstacles must be provided between the storage point and the collection point. Paths should be a minimum of 600mm wide with a solid surface to facilitate wheeling the bin. The storage point should be located no more than 30m from the main access to the house and no more than 25m from the collection point. Where these distances are to be exceeded robust evidence must be provided to explain why the proposed alternative arrangement should be supported.

Requirements for Terraced Properties*

- 3.7 Within certain types of 'courtyard' style terraced developments, it may be more practical to provide communal refuse and recycling storage similar to the requirements of multi-occupancy properties.

Requirements for Multi-occupancy Properties*

- 3.8 Multi-occupancy properties such as flats, apartments and maisonettes should provide an enclosed area to store larger shared waste containers for refuse, recycling and garden/food waste. These enclosed communal storage areas should be:
- Positioned away from the main entrance and windows of properties.
 - No more than 30m from the resident's entrance and no more than 25m from the collection point, without requiring bins to be taken through a building.
 - Located at street level with a clear path and solid surface between the storage area and the collection point. Paths should be a minimum of 1200mm wide with a solid surface to facilitate wheeling the bin.
 - Be of sufficient size to allow 150mm between containers and for the containers to be removed from the storage area individually.
 - Be at least 2m in height to allow for bin lids to be opened.
 - Have a solid floor that is inclined slightly towards a drain. This principle is important as refuse bins can sometimes leak liquids, which would otherwise pool on the floor and could cause an odour problem and/or health risk.
 - The design, layout and lighting will be expected to incorporate features to increase safety and reduce opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. The location should also minimise the intrusion of noise and light on neighbouring properties.
 - Dropped kerbs must be provided (where required) to enable containers to be taken to the refuse collection vehicle with ease.
- 3.9 'Keep Clear' markings should be considered to prevent cars parking and inaccessibility for containers.
- 3.10 A noticeboard should be provided within the storage area.
- 3.11 Please note that these requirements are without prejudice to the use of the Council's statutory powers under Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, which contains a scheme regulating provision of bins, placing them on highways.

4. Vehicle access

- 4.1 Considerations must be given to vehicle access to empty wheeled bins if this be from individual properties or from a communal collection point.
- 4.2 A standard refuse collection vehicle requires a minimum of 4 metres vertical clearance and access roads need to be at least 3 metres wide. Road surfaces will need to be sufficient to accommodate heavy goods vehicles which are almost 12 metres in length and have a gross weight of approximately 26 tonnes (a vehicle data sheet detailing all relevant vehicle measurements is available on request). Roads should be constructed in a way which eliminates or reduces as far as possible the need to reverse. The turning circle required for a refuse collection vehicle is 23 metres.
- 4.3 Where roads are not built to the required standards the developer must provide a suitable 'Bin Presentation Area' (BPA) to be used by residents for the temporary

placement of bins for collection only. This is not a permanent storage location. The BPA must be constructed so it cannot be used as an additional car parking space and is located immediately adjacent to the nearest adopted highway with suitable screening, having a firm paved surface and level access to the public highway, including dropped kerbs where required. The BPA should be large enough to accommodate two 240 litre bins for each property, or all multiple occupancy bins.

- 4.4 Where access is required over private land a damage waiver will be required, indemnifying the Council against any potential damage cause by the collection vehicle to the road surface.

5. Provision of containers

- 5.1 Developers are expected to meet the whole cost in providing initial containers for new developments, this includes existing properties which are sub divided and require additional bin capacity.
- 5.2 Containers may be purchased from the Council or directly from manufacturers, although it should be noted that all items must be fully compliant with the Council's specification. Charges for containers are detailed in the Council's Fees and Charges Schedule available at www.northwarks.gov.uk. These charges are a one-off cost for initial provision; the containers remain the property of the Council. When residents move on the containers must remain for the next resident to use.
- 5.3 Developers are expected to have provided appropriate containers for developments before residents have moved in. This will ensure residents are able to contain their waste and to allow for the development to be included on collection rounds. It should be noted that only a limited number of containers are kept in stock. Where containers are in stock the Council will aim to deliver them within 10 working days. Where the Council needs to place an order for containers the delivery of these containers can take up to 12 weeks. Developers should give as much notice as possible.

Further Information:

Information relating to this SPD can be found by contacting the Development Management team if in relation to how this relates to a development proposal or the Forward Planning Team if in relation to planning policy.

Information Note:

Assisted bin collections - Do you need help with putting your bins out?

If none of the people in your household are able to put bins out for collection (due to poor health, mobility issues or disability) and no other arrangements can be made with friends, family or neighbours we can provide an assisted collection. Your bin will be collected and returned to an agreed storage point.

The service is limited to the most vulnerable within our community and each request for an assisted collection will be assessed individually. If you are successful, we will check regularly to see if you still need the service. You must tell us if your situation changes.

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