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To: Development Management - Planning <Planning@eastherts.gov.uk>  
Subject: [External] 19/6/24 - Planning Application Consultation 3/24/0966/OUT  
Importance: High

Dear Planning,

We have reviewed this Application and we will require a full Vehicle swept path analysis of the site and a detailed refuse strategy that meets requirements set out here - [Waste and recycling provision | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/council-and-councillors/council-and-councillors/waste-and-recycling-provision), before we can accept/approve the application.

**We would also draw to your attention** that this application wraps around the waste depot and waste transfer facility for East Hertfordshire requiring a minimum buffer zone between the site and residential premises. There is a high level of heavy vehicular activity throughout the day which starts before 6:30AM. Consideration will need to be given to the levels of noise and odours emanating from the site and the associated vermin this attracts. A condition for the developer may be to invest in new equipment to manage odour going forward.

There are concerns regarding slow turning vehicles accessing the waste depot and the impact the proposed development would have to the residents.

We are also aware, that the lower part of the site floods in heavy rain believed to be linked to a drainage ditch than drains the fields and runs past or through the Affinity Water reservoir site.

If the Council is minded to grant planning permission we would require pre-commencement conditions to cover the following:-

## Considerations when planning waste and recycling provision -

For houses, waste collection is a kerbside service; therefore, residents must be able to take their bins to the kerbside for emptying. Bins must be accessible to crews directly from the kerbside, without pulling distances.

Adequate off-street storage must be provided for bins, and storage areas need to have sufficient space for all necessary waste and recycling containers.

Storage areas should be conveniently located with easy access for residents - residents should not have to take their waste and recycling more than 30 metres to a bin storage area or take their waste receptacles more than 25 metres to a collection point, (usually kerbside) in accordance with Building Regulations Approved Document H Guidance.

For communal bins, storage areas must be within 10 metres of an access point for collection vehicles in accordance with BS5906:2005. The surface to the collection point should be uninterrupted, level with no gravel or similar covering, and have a width to enable the easy passage of wheeled bins. For two-wheeled bins this should be 1 metre for four-wheeled bins this should be 1.5 metres wide (including doorways), with a maximum gradient of 1:12.

## Vehicular access

Vehicular access in terms of vehicle weight, turning circles, visibility splays, width, etc, needs to be taken into account in the design. Building roads to adoptable standards and submitting them for adoption will ensure they are suitable for large refuse collection vehicles and this is preferred.

Vehicles should be able to enter and exit a site in forwards motion and any reversing manoeuvres should be kept to a minimum and not more than 12m.

We currently operate several different-sized vehicles. The majority that we operate at present are 26 tonnes with a 6x2 chassis. The chassis configuration differs between vehicles, but the largest turning circle is on our mid-steer vehicles.

Typical maximum dimensions are as follows:

- Width: 2,500mm (without mirrors)
- Height: 3,400mm (without hazard beacons)
- Turning circle: 22,800mm
- Overall length: 12,100mm (from front to rear of bin lift)

Developers need to be aware that the district’s standard refuse vehicles weigh up to 32 tonnes, so without suitable road construction we may be unable to travel on un-adopted highway and would accept no liability for damage. Un-adopted highway, where it is required, should be constructed to an adoptable weight-bearing standard.

All roadways should be constructed to facilitate waste collections prior to occupation. This is particularly important to consider when waste collections occur from the rear of properties or from a different street from the main entrance to the properties.

Kind regards,



**North  
Herts**  
Council

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