

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PLANNING DESIGN GUIDE FOR THE STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to submit the draft “Planning Design Guide for the Storage of Solid Waste in New Developments” to members of the Waste Management Advisory Group for comments prior to approval and adoption. The Planning Design Guide will also be submitted to the Planning Advisory Group for comments.

Background

- 2 The new Wheeled Bin Refuse and Recycling Service commenced on Monday 8 September 2003. The last village will have its first wheeled bin collection on Friday 5 December 2003.

Considerations

- 3 It was considered that as the new alternate weekly scheme was much more complex than the old weekly sack based collection system that guidance regarding refuse collection and storage needed to be given to planners and developers of new housing developments.
- 4 Many new developments will be at much higher densities than those already completed. This brings its own pressures on space within such developments. It is important, therefore, to safeguard the necessary space for refuse storage and collection.
- 5 The draft Design Guide is Appendix A of this Report
- 6 The Guide seeks to set out requirements in respect of:
 - (a) The Council’s Refuse Collection Method
 - (b) The Means of Storage of refuse awaiting collection
 - (c) The Siting and Design of refuse storage areas
 - (d) Access for refuse collection vehicles
- 7 It is intended that site developers will be given this guide at the earliest stage in any development so that they can take the necessary actions to ensure that the guidance it gives can be incorporated at an early stage.

Consultation

8 All the major developers with interests in the Cambridge area were sent a copy of the draft guide and asked for their views. Only one response was received which did not materially alter the draft.

9 Financial Implications

The adoption of this Guide and its issue to developers should safeguard the Council's chosen method of refuse collection and ensure that the service operates at an optimum cost.

10 Recommendations

That the Advisory Group recommends to the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health:

- A That the Planning Design Guide for the Storage of Solid Waste in New Developments is adopted by the Council.
- B That the Guide is made available to any potential developer at the earliest possible stage in any development.
- C That should any developer not take account of any or all of the guidance contained in the Guide, notwithstanding, all new houses shall have wheeled bins as the method of containment and collection of refuse and organic waste for recycling/composting.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: None

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