

Waste and Recycling Audit and Control

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This construction project will manage all waste and recyclable materials in accordance with the **Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012** and the procedures outlined within the site's Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP, to be provided as part of pre-commencement detail approval).

1. Waste Management Objectives

- Minimise waste generation at source through efficient design, materials handling and ordering;
- Maximise reuse and recycling of materials wherever practicable;
- Ensure all waste is stored, transported and disposed of legally and safely; and
- Prevent pollution of air, land and nearby watercourses through appropriate containment, handling and monitoring.

2. On-Site Development Waste Segregation & Recycling

- Dedicated waste storage areas will be provided within the site compound as shown on the Site Management Plan layouts (part of the CEMP);
- All skips will be clearly labelled to ensure correct segregation of waste streams (e.g., timber, metals, inert waste, mixed recyclables);
- Skips will be enclosed and covered where required to minimise dust, odour, and wind-blown debris;
- Sub-contractors will be required to segregate waste at source and follow all site waste protocols as part of their method statements and inductions.

3. Development Waste Handling and Storage Procedures

- All skips and stockpiles will be located away from drainage features and watercourses to prevent contamination;
- Spill kits will always be kept on site and available near waste storage areas;
- Waste will only be stored in designated areas identified within the Site Management Plan (CEMP);
- All waste transfer documentation will be retained within the Waste Management Plan (WMP, CEMP) kept on site.

4. Development Waste Removal and Duty of Care

- All waste will be collected by licensed waste carriers and taken to appropriately permitted waste management facilities;
- Waste transfer notes and consignment notes (where applicable) will be completed for each movement and stored in the site WMP;

- Hazardous wastes, if generated, will be handled and removed in accordance with statutory controls and industry best practice.

5. Reduction of Dust, Debris and Environmental Impact of Development

- All skips will be sheeted when transported off site to prevent dust and debris escaping onto the highway;
- Dust suppression (e.g., standpipe and hose) will be employed as needed to prevent airborne dust arising from handling or moving waste;
- Jet-washing facilities at the site entrance will be used, when required, to prevent the tracking of mud and debris onto the public highway.

6. Weekly Environmental Compliance Checks During Development

- Weekly environmental checks will be undertaken and recorded on site, including inspection of waste storage areas, segregation compliance, contamination risks, and housekeeping.

7. Development Training and Site Induction

- All operatives, subcontractors and visitors will receive induction training that includes waste management procedures, segregation requirements and environmental protection measures;
- Toolbox talks will be provided periodically to reinforce best practice in waste minimisation and recycling.

8. Planned-for Post-Development Facilities

Encouraging recycling within the new development starts with designing for ease, nudging behaviour, and building a sense of shared responsibility.

- **Making recycling effortless** – the scheme provides clearly labelled, colour-coded communal bins for mixed recycling, glass, food waste, and residual waste. Bins are no further from flats than general waste, with each of the 5no. blocks having ease of access to their dedicated recycling station. Signage (complete with images) will also support residents with different languages or literacy levels. There will be (i) step-free access to bin stores, (ii) good lighting and ventilation, and (iii) wide doors and turning space for buggies, mobility aids, and trolleys;
- **Build recycling into the culture of the development** - welcome-packs include a simple “*How recycling works here*” guide and a small starter kit (e.g., food caddy and liners). Site management can provide periodic updates “*As a building we recycled X tonnes this quarter*” and friendly reminders rather than punitive notices; and
- **Reduce contamination through clarity** – cross-contamination is the biggest issue in flatted developments, and clear, consistent communication assists in avoiding this, e.g., laminated posters above each bin, QR codes linking to the Council’s recycling guide(s), and/or visual examples of common mistakes (e.g., “*No soft plastics*”). If cross-contamination is frequently found, a non-shaming site-wide update explaining what went wrong and how to fix it can be issued.