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Dear Amanda

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| Application Ref: | 20250802                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Location:        | Blackthorn Farm, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Gravesend Kent                                                                                                                                              |
| Proposal:        | Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street. |

I have reviewed this planning application and have the following comments on refuse collection arrangements.

The design and access statement does a section on refuse strategy, below details the Council's expectations.

Houses

All collections are made from the front boundary of the property. Sufficient space should be allocated to allow space for storage and presentation for:

- Refuse - 1 x 180ltr bin grey body and lid
- Recycling - 1 x 240ltr bin grey body and green lid
- Food Waste - 1 x 23ltr bin black body and orange lid with an individual 5ltr caddy per property

Flats

The following provision is required

- Refuse - 1 x 1100ltr bin per 6 flats
- Recycling – 1 x 1100ltr bin per 6 flats with special recycling lid
- Food Waste – 1 x 140ltr bin per 10 flats with an individual 5ltr caddy per flat

General

Gravesham Borough Council operates a fortnightly collection of refuse and recycling and a weekly collection of food waste.

It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that all the relevant bins and sufficient storage space is provided for each property.

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The immediate area outside the bin store should be level with the road, should not include an incline and the installation of a drop kerb where necessary is mandatory. Car parking spaces should not be allocated immediately in front of the access to the bin store.

It is recommended that bin stores are fitted with a lock which is accessed via a key or a key code pad.

It is the developer's responsibility to pay for the bins required for the properties on this development. Further details can be obtained from the Council Waste Management Team.

**Collections from sites will not occur until containers are in place. It is the responsibility of the developer to collect and remove any waste at their cost until the Council is satisfied that all waste requirements have been met. All complaints in regard to non-collection due to the fault of the developer will be passed onto to the developer for response.**

The Council should be informed at least two weeks prior to collections taking place.

Generally where appropriate we will not enter private land to collect refuse bins, if we are required to then we will not be responsible for any damage the collection vehicle may cause to the road surface.

For information the Council's refuse collection vehicle information is below.

The Council uses three axle, rear steer 26 tonne collection vehicles.  
Width – 2.5m  
Overall length – 10.5m  
Height – 3.8m  
Kerb Turning Circle – 18m  
Wall to Wall Turning Circle – 19m

I hope this assists with the planning application.

Yours sincerely

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