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Dear Sir, Having read your proposals for refuse storage facilities on new builds I make the following points.

Although the diagrams shown are probably technically alright the proposals as a whole do not address the main problems .

These are :- The fact that we have the smallest houses on the smallest plots in the whole of western Europe. Given that MDDC'S approach to re-cycling and refuse collection depends on the householder having an increasing number of plastic caddies,bins or boxes instead of one dustbin,it makes it difficult to store these unsightly and unhygienic containers on the small plots.

An incidental point is the sentence in the SPD that councils operatives could not go up or down stairs because of "health & safety". What a ludicrous position to take. Does the council seriously think that an elderly resident, for example, is expected to manhandle multiple waste containers to a central area because some hulking great dustman cannot climb a few steps or push a wheelie bin 25 metres.

Whilst I realise that this consultation concentrates on the storage of refuse containers I make the following points which I consider have a bearing on the strategy.

I think that the whole thrust of the councils waste strategy is wrong. The use of multiple lorries and their crews for kitchen waste & recycling and another for non-recyclable rubbish is wasteful & unnecessary.

If the strategy was replaced with one which had one collection of a single dustbin with recycling done at a central facility the amount of storage required on sites would be dramatically reduced requiring only space for one dustbin which could be collected weekly . A neater,more hygienic and "greener"solution with savings on transport & associated costs and reducing the councils carbon footprint. Of course this requires foresight & long term planning .

A modern TOTAL recycling facility based at or near a new Parkway railhead and shared with other local authorities would be cost effective with the local authorities sharing the capital costs and the profits.

We used to have weekly collections which were much more hygienic and I suspect more efficient.

Yours sincerely,

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