

Further to our preliminary comments on 28 July 2022. Could the following be added as GCSWS response to the Brookgate application 22.02771.OUT Cambridge North Station.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is striving for innovative resource management that achieves net zero carbon, embodies the waste hierarchy promoting reuse and avoiding generation of waste. As a Waste Collection Authority, we are tackling our carbon footprint associated with collection of materials including rapid decarbonisation of our fleet of refuse collection vehicles. The Service understands the role it plays, with other local partners, to create high quality spaces and streetscapes, and as such has provided [waste storage and collection guidance for Developers in the Greater Cambridge area](#).

The Brookgate application is disappointing as it does not share the same aspirational approach to resource management, nor has it taken the opportunity to showcase a comprehensive and integrated approach to materials storage and collection within a high-density environment.

Radical change to waste management and consolidated effort to move towards a circular economy demands a break away from conventional waste storage and collection in our new communities. The Service expects all Developers of high-density schemes to consider underground bin systems as their first option, or similar alternative collection systems such as Envac, with the benefits of cost effectiveness for both Developers and Waste Collection Authorities. This storage and collection method goes hand in hand with the extensive behavioural change campaigns which the Service undertakes to encourage householders and businesses to reduce before recycling, and reuse and repair before disposal.

To summarise, the applicant's approach to storage and collection of residual waste and recycling does not align with the GCSWS's vision for high quality, net zero carbon streetscapes which integrate simple, cost-effective approaches to resource management befitting of ways in which our communities wish to live.