

Wandsworth Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consultation Report

23 July 2025

About the consultation:

The Reuse, Recycling and Waste SPD provides borough-wide guidance on the provision, design and location of refuse and recycling storage in residential, commercial and mixed-use developments. It supports the waste and recycling policies set out in the [Wandsworth Local Plan](#) (July 2023). The draft version consulted on would replace the existing [Refuse and Recyclables in developments SPD](#) (2014) to reflect changes to legislation and policy context.

A four week public consultation ran from Tuesday 11 March to Tuesday 8 April 2025.

Representations could be made by any persons:

- via the online consultation platform
- By email to planningpolicy@wandsworth.gov.uk
- By post to Spatial Planning & Design, Wandsworth Council, Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18 2PU

A response form was provided.

Who was consulted:

Letters and emails were sent to both statutory and non-statutory consultees on the Council's Local Plan database which consists of individuals and organisations who are either prescribed bodies for the purpose of consultation or had requested to be notified of consultations on local development documents. These letters and emails gave notification of the consultation and the consultation period; how to access the document; how to make a representation; and contact details to find out further information.

Paper copies were made available, together with paper response forms, in the borough's main libraires (Balham, Battersea, Putney, Roehampton, Tooting and Wandsworth) and the Town Hall Reception. Information was given to library staff and the Town Hall Reception regarding the consultation and who to contact for further information.

Details of the consultation was posted on the Council's [Planning Policy Consultation](#) webpage and on the Council's Consultation Engagement Hub ([Citizen Space](#))

Summary of Response to the consultation:

Fourteen responses were received from 13 people/organisations. Summaries of the responses, the Council's response and any amendments made to the final document are shown in the Appendix.

Overall:

- Four consultees gave general support for the document or made general comments;
- Six consultees acknowledged the consultation and review of the SPD, but had no comments to make
- Three consultees made specific comments

The key points raised were:

- Whether Simpler Recycling (as required by The Environment Act 2021) will require larger recycling storage areas
- Whether the space standards have been analysed from an urban design perspective; and the need for space for storage and vehicle manoeuvring to be kept to a minimum
- The need for information regarding access provision for collection vehicles to be submitted as part of a planning application/development proposal
- The need to take into account the increasing fire risk from more batteries being used and incorrectly disposed of
- The need for better garden waste collection such as reusable or recyclable bags, as an alternative to large additional bin; and more emphasis on composting
- Concern that the SPD did not adequately address the following:
 - reuse
 - the opportunity to promote more environmentally friendly behaviour; getting recycling right and reducing the amount of general waste
 - the opportunity to combat a 'throw away' attitude
 - the problem of flimsy sacks that results in rubbish strewn across local streets
- Criticism that the SPD was too long and could be simpler



Appendix: Draft Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document Consultation. Summary of responses, Council comments and changes made.

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This document summaries all responses received to the consultation (11 March to 8 April 2025) on the draft *Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document*, the Council's response and any changes made to the final SPD as a result.

Note that comments / submissions from respondents are included in the table in the form in which they were written. They are not alphabetically ordered or in any other order of priority.

| Consultee ID | Name / Organisation |
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| E1 | Sukhdeep Singh Jhooti |
| E2 | David Irwin |
| E3 | Miriam Howitt |
| E4 | Diana Barber |
| E5 | Southwark Planning Policy Team (Southwark Council) |
| S-1 | Trevor Pugh on behalf of WRWA (Western Riverside Waste Authority) |
| E6 | Michelle Statton (Historic England) |
| E7 | Sharon Jenkins (Natural England) |
| E8 | Andrew Catto (Putney Society) |
| S-2 | Chris Brodie |
| E9 | Margaret Brett |
| E10 | Andrew Catto (Putney Society) |
| E11 | Diana Ngobi (National Highways) |
| E12 | Michael Atkins (Port of London Authority) |

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| Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document | | | | | |
| Sukhdeep Singh Jhooti MRTPI | n/a | E1 | SPD very clear. Table 6 within SPD very helpful | Support noted. | None |
| David Irwin | n/a | E2 | <p>I don't have any comments regarding your draft Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document other than to congratulate you on a sound document. However, I would like to take this opportunity to suggest a location for a public litter bin at the junction of Werter Road and Oxford Road in Putney.</p> <p>People who purchase take away food in the High Street often eat as they walk the length of Werter Road and then discard their wrappers or bottles at the junction with Oxford Road, or often in my garden at [redacted]. The council employs a street sweeper who attends to Werter Road, but only as far as the Oxford Road junction. Given that the prevailing wind is from the west much of the rubbish blows into Oxford Road or Rockland Road, both of which are beyond the remit of the sweeper. A litter bin at the junction would provide an opportunity for the safe disposal of rubbish and reduce the frequency with which I have to retrieve unwanted matter from my front garden. In addition it might prove beneficial if the sweeper could extended his service to include Oxford Road.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Thank you for your suggestion, which we will pass on to the Waste team.</p> | None |
| Miriam Howitt | n/a | E3 | I serve the community in a number of ways – Living in a private house of my own design in an | Support noted. | None |

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| | | | <p>affluent area, worshipping in the local St Joseph's Church and knowing well my fellow parishioners, as an architect for its "New" Hall and Link Room uniting the house to it; serving as an Associate of the SMG designed their Kairos Retreat and Conference Centre; and as a member of the vetting team of Planning Applications.</p> <p>In that capacity, I congratulate you on a detailed, clear, reasonable document.</p> | | |
| Diana Barber | n/a | E4 | <p>I wanted to say thank you for the big recycling bins around the Winstanley Estate, Thomas Baines Road. It's amazing how much recycling material that gets built up. It would be good to have a few more of these bins if possible.</p> <p>I also want to pass on thanks to the bin men as they are always quick, courteous and clear it all up. Everyone seems to have forgotten now how they worked right through the pandemic amongst all that rubbish, but we haven't forgotten and we really appreciated it.</p> | Comments Noted. | None |
| Southwark Planning Policy Team | Southwark Council | E5 | I can confirm that Southwark Council have reviewed the associated consultation documents in question and we do not propose any comments. | Comments Noted. | None |
| Trevor Pugh on behalf of WRWA | Western Riverside Waste Authority | S-1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximising Recycling – Support • Conversions, extensions, redevelopments and change of use of existing premises – Support • 6 Access Requirements to bin areas and waste collection points - Support | Support noted. | None |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing waste collection / disposal costs – Support • The Wandsworth Local Plan 2023-2038 – Support • Residential developments of ten or more flats- Support • Residential developments of three or four flats – Support • Requirements for each development – Support • Overall – Support • Access to waste storage areas and collection points for collection staff and vehicles – Support • Composite hereditaments (live/work units) – Support • Residential developments of five or more flats – Support • Residential developments of one hundred or more flats – Support • All developments – Support • Non-residential, commercial development – Support • Residential developments - houses and developments of up to two flats – Support • Pre-application advice from the Council – Support • Maximising reuse and reducing the quantity of waste requiring collection – Support • Tenancy Agreements – Support • 7 Recommended Recycling and Waste Management Practises – Support | | |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy (WESS) 2019-2030 – Support General – Support | | |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Environment Act 2021 - Simpler Recycling will require larger storage areas than previously | Noted. The requirements of Simpler Recycling have been considered in specification of space required in this SPD guidance. | None. |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's role and responsibilities - Re para 1.15 should also require access provision for collection vehicles. Operational problems are often caused by access roads that are too narrow for collection vehicles and readily blocked by legitimately parked cars. | Noted. | Proposed change to 1.15: iii. <u>Access provision for collection vehicles</u> iii. <u>iv.</u> The number and type of bins proposed to be stored within each waste storage area; iv. <u>v.</u> Plan and section drawings illustrating any cupboards or enclosures (illustrated in plan/section drawings); <u>vi.</u> The number and types of properties that will use each bin storage area; and <u>vii.</u> The floor area and usage class of any commercial units within the development. |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Regulations and British Standards - The fire risk from stored waste is increasing as more batteries are used and incorrectly disposed of and the construction needs to take this into account | Noted. With regard to non-domestic producers of waste, 5.44 and 7.1 states the requirements | Proposed change: <u>3.5 Batteries are a fire risk and it is essential that batteries are disposed of correctly, in line with</u> |

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| | | | | <p>that batteries or other hazardous waste must not be mixed with each other or with non-hazardous waste, as a matter of law.</p> <p>There is no equivalent legal requirement for domestic waste and separation of batteries, despite them being marked with a crossed-out wheelie bin symbol.</p> | <p><u>instructions and the appliance requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Non-domestic producers of waste are required to separate batteries from other hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste.</u> • <u>Developers/managing agents of large residential developments should encourage residents to dispose of batteries responsibly, through signage in recycling and waste storage areas.</u> • <u>Residents can dispose of batteries at recycling points in shops, supermarkets and at the Council's waste and recycling centres.</u> |
| Michelle Statton | Historic England | E6 | We have no comments to make on the proposed SPD in historic environment terms. If any specific | Noted. | None. |
| Sharon Jenkins | Natural England | E7 | Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. | Noted. | None. |

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| | | | <p>Our remit includes protected sites and landscapes, biodiversity, geodiversity, soils, protected species, landscape character, green infrastructure and access to and enjoyment of nature.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document for Wandsworth Council.</p> <p>The lack of comment from Natural England should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may wish to make comments that might help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of any environmental risks and opportunities relating to this document.</p> | | |
| Andrew Catto | Putney Society | E8 and E10 | <p>Getting recycling right and reducing the amount of general waste generated in the borough is a key area where the Council can promote more environmentally friendly behaviour in Wandsworth residents. This proposed 'revised' SPD wastes that opportunity.</p> <p>We are disappointed to find that the only real change is provision for the new food waste collections – which we welcome. But there's no change in the quantity of bins (general waste) you ask for, which those members we have spoken to all say is much more than they need, and surely</p> | <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The role of this SPD is to provide guidance on access and the space requirements for the storage and collection of solid waste.</p> <p>The actions that the Council is taking to reduce the volume of waste and increase recycling can be found online:</p> | None. |

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| | | | encourages a 'throw away' attitude. Are you assuming that residents will continue to generate as much waste as 14 years ago? | https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/campaigns/climate-change/together-on-waste/ The space requirements aim to take into account future changing practice and behaviour. Increased space for recycling will be balanced against less space for waste, as recycling rates increase. | |
| | | | It's headed 'Reuse, Recycling ..' but there's nothing here about 'reuse'. | Section 7 (7.6 and 7.12) includes recommendations for provision for reuse. | |
| | | | No lessons seem to have been learnt from rubbish regularly strewn across local streets when the foxes get at the flimsy sacks. We are also disappointed that this already bloated document is now to be even longer. It is a Supplementary Planning Document. All that planning applicants need is a simple table showing the numbers and types of bins you require, information left buried in the text. Government sets out the Nationally Described | Noted. | |

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| | | | Space Standards in 2 pages of text and one table. Dustbins don't justify 10 times that. | | |
| Chris Brodie | n/a | S-2 | Access to waste storage areas and collection points for collection staff and vehicles - Have these standards been analysed from an urban design perspective? The amount of space allocated for storage and vehicle manoeuvring in collection should be kept to a minimum, with an ambition to reduce the size of bin stores and of vehicles collecting waste. | Space requirements have been developed in consultation with the Council's waste operators. | None. |
| | | | Information for residential premises - houses and up to two flats - Other means of collecting garden waste should be provided, e.g. bags, either reusable or recyclable. Many front gardens aren't big enough to accommodate an additional bin. Bins will be unsightly. More carbon emissions will be generated in their production. | Noted. The provision of separate garden waste collection services for households with gardens is expected to become a legal requirement from April 2026 onwards. Storage options will be considered prior to that. | |
| | | | Maximising reuse and reducing the quantity of waste requiring collection - There should be much greater emphasis on composting. Far better to deal with waste at source and put it to good effect by providing a by-product that is useful. Para 7.7 should be developed providing | Noted. The actions that the Council is taking to reduce the volume of waste and increase recycling can be found | |

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| | | | more advice about what might be suitable. The words “Where practicable” are unnecessary “should” is fine. | <p>online: https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/campaigns/climate-change/together-on-waste/</p> <p>There is also information on our website regarding composting and what to do with your garden waste.</p> | |
| Diana Ngobi | National Highways | E11 | <p>National Highways was appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such National Highways works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. We will therefore be concerned with proposals and policies that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN.</p> <p>We have reviewed Wandsworth’s consultation on the Reuse, Recycling and Waste Supplementary Planning Document and due to the distance from</p> | Noted. | None. |

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| | | | our network, we have no comment to make at this time. | | |
| Michael Atkins | Port of London Authority | E12 | I have now had the opportunity to review the consultation documents and can confirm the PLA has no comments to make. | Noted. | None. |