37494 Commercial Wheelie Bin Anchoring Policy

Follow-up to 37088

Regarding a commercial-sized wheelie bin in the council recycling bank on Newhaven Place, Edinburgh:

We appreciate that the maintenance of the car park is not the responsibility of the local authority however the ongoing maintenance and condition of the wheelie bins contained therein are that of the local authority since it is property which is that of the local authority.

We would be obliged if you would comment on whether it would be normal practice to have the breaks applied to the wheelie bins or whether it is usual practice to allow them to move freely when these bins are in the car park itself?

It is the practice to apply the brakes when a communal bin is returned.

Further can you let us know please if there are any further measures in place to ensure that the bins are not permitted to move freely? For example, is there a secondary retention system in place.

The brakes on the bins are the only system that is used at this location.

Is there an agreement in place between the local authority and the owner of the car park in relation to the placement of the wheelie bins, which are the property of the local authority, on the car park land since it is private land?

We agree the bin site with the builder/developer at the planning stage.

We agree with the landowner if it's a private site or commercial.

We would agree with the factor if the site is already built in residential areas.

It is understood that wheelie bins can be placed upon roads which have been adopted by the local authority, what is the practice / policy for the placing of those wheelie bins on private land?

We go through a Road User Safety Audit and would agree with the landowner.

Can you confirm for us please if the wheelie bin in question is the property of the local authority?

The bins are the property of The City of Edinburgh Council.

Can you provide the documented risk assessment for the placement of the bins at the Recycling point.

This is an off-street site and therefore we do not have a risk assessment.

Can you provide the documented risk assessment for the day to day use of the bins at the recycling point.

The risk assessment we hold is in relation to the collection of the bins, not the use of the bins. We check the safety of the bins on a request basis.