

Waste Management Applications - Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Applications for waste management development are made using the Application for Planning Permission form. This form is for making a detailed planning application for development under Section 62 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Many waste management activities fall within the general industrial class in the Use Classes Order and can be considered to be a B2, B8, or E(g) use. This is particularly the case given the increased move towards enclosing waste management activities in purpose-designed buildings.

When making an application for waste development, an applicant should consider carefully which of the following classes is most appropriate:

- general industrial development (B2)
- storage or distribution development (B8)
- industrial processes which can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenity (E(g)(iii))
- other, for example, development which does not fall into other use classes (*sui generis* use)

Applicants should not automatically assume that an application for waste development will be *sui generis* and should consider whether the processes their facility will use could be considered to be a B2, B8, or E(g) industrial process. The 'other' box should only be ticked where it is clear that the development could not be classed as a B2, B8, or E(g) use.

Whichever use class is selected, if the application has been identified in as a waste development application, then a set of additional questions will be asked in Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery.

Full planning permission includes industrial development, extensions and alterations to commercial/industrial premises; new buildings and conversion of houses into flats.

Applicants who have ticked that their application is a B2, B8, E(g) or other development and who have indicated that their application is for waste management development, should submit their application to the relevant waste planning authority.

In areas of England where there is a 'two-tier' system of local government this will be the county council, in other areas this will be the London borough council, the metropolitan borough council or the unitary authority.

It is often helpful to discuss your proposal with your local authority before you send in your application – this is known as 'pre-application advice'. Your local authority will normally have details of how to go about this on its website.