

Issues Identified on Walkabouts

Clay Brow & Holland Moor

Present: Cllr Carson, Cllr B. Pendleton, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

Cherrycroft Block (112 & 106) and Charnock – Those properties around the perimeter of the Estates have no access to back gates and back on to embankments or grassed areas.

Cornbrook - The bungalows behind the Hare & Hounds Pub also have no back gates.

Ashurst

Present: Cllr B. Pendleton, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

The majority of the properties (328) still on the residual sack round are flats. The flats are fairly compact with very little space for wheeled bins. Lindens is a thoroughfare for Ashurst shops and the subway and some properties had no rear access (Block 101 – 109).

Marlborough Court houses around 50/60 accommodation lets and up to 12 are for residents who need 24hr nursing care. The occupancies at the rear are for more able-bodied residents but the bin store is only accessible from Ashurst Road. Currently the Refuse Crew walk the bags through the main building. This complex will require individual consideration.

Birch Green

Present: Cllr West, Cllr M. Pendleton, Cllr B. Pendleton, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

This area is challenging due to the terraced nature of the layout between the rows of houses, some of which do have ramps and steps. These properties will require further consideration on the results of a risk assessment.

The following areas do not have back gates:

Hartland Block 22-34

Heversham - The properties that are adjacent to the roadways.

Irwell & Inskip -The Irwell flats (Block 2-54) have steps leading to properties.

Old Skelmersdale

Present: Cllr Jones, Cllr B. Pendleton, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

Waverley & Whitburn (Block 10 – 20) will need individual consideration, as the design is unique to the area.

The Welbourne bungalows – limited storage space.

Whitestock & Wheatacre – some areas have no rear or kerbside access. Also some issues with regards to steps.

Tanhouse

Present: Cllr B. Pendleton, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

Elmridge; Elmstead, Elswick, Evenwood, Eversley, Evington - This area is challenging due to the stepped areas between the rows of houses, some of which do have ramps and steps. These properties will require further consideration on the results of a risk assessment. In parts, the houses are remote from the roadside and hence the vehicle. Therefore, for collection purposes, bins will have to be wheeled by the crew for some distance. Also in many of the parking areas the pavements have raised lips on them that may cause problems when manoeuvring bins.

Importantly, there are a number of properties owned by housing associations, which may be suited to communal bins.

Digmoor

Present: Cllr Coyle, Cllr Aldridge, Cllr B. Pendleton, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

Banksbarn, Beechtrees - Approximately 200 flats, some with limited defensible space, with some having no communal area.

Bankfield – Access issues as a result of back gates being blocked off or difficult to reach. (i.e. 65 Bankfield)

There was some discussion on the converted garages in flats on Beechtrees and Blakehall (10 in total) creating adequate storage space for wheeled bins. Further conversions could generate sufficient space.

Little Digmaor

Present: Cllr Coyle, Cllr Aldridge, Anne Marie Smith & Graeme White.

Abbeywood - Bungalows (2 - on Abbeywood by the subway) no rear access and ramps to front door which would preclude bin storage.

Alderley /Acregate – Pensioners' flats (Blocks 1 -53) and Acregate (Blocks 10a – 44) have limited storage space and will need individual consideration.