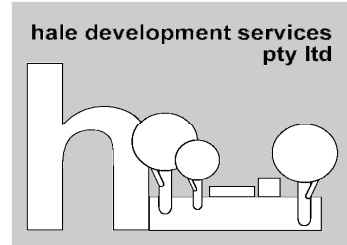


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Attention Mr David Humphris

Dear David

Proposed Place of Worship at 158 Croudace Road, Elmore Vale.

I refer to your request for a response to Newcastle City Council's comment on waste management in paragraph 21 of Council's letter dated 21 December 2010.

Council seems to have mistakenly assumed that the additional service referred to would be a private collection.

My report says: "Apart from the domestic waste from the Imam's house there will be occasional waste from the community hall when catering occurs. These small quantities will be managed by using Council's kerbside waste and recycling collection services. If the volume of general waste warrants it, an extra weekly bin service (at a cost) may be required."

The report did not intend the additional service to be private. Council allows you to order additional bin services at an annual cost of \$371.80 per financial year for each extra service. (One bin is included in the waste component of your rates notice, so three bins could be collected each week for a year if you pay (2 x \$371.80 =) \$743.60 extra.)

The present arrangement at Wallsend is that the Imam's house and the mosque are on separate sites. Each has a weekly collection and the system is working. At Elmore Vale it is anticipated that if one bin is insufficient for both (and this is likely and anticipated above) one additional service will be purchased from Council. This will be an improvement over the existing system because if there is an overflow from the community hall waste, it can be placed in the Imam's bin. Should experience show two bins to be inadequate, a third service can be purchased from Council. These extra services would be kerbside services and it is not necessary for a vehicle to enter the site.

I trust this clarifies the statements made in the report.

Yours faithfully

David Hale