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Dear Sofie,

I would open my comments by saying something clearly needs to be done with the rubbish that accrues in Belsize Village and has done so for many years, OK bins are marginally better than the rubbish pile but are not the cure.

The proposal for bin storage docking cabinets will not cure the rubbish that gathers in the area as they will only contain 4 Euro Bins.

The rubbish is overflowing from these bins on a daily basis please see a couple of photographs below.



These photos have all been taken on different occasions.

The Bin Docking part of the application is for permanent placement of a rigid structure in the Public Realm and therefore would require a support contract for maintenance which this application does not have. it should also be said that funds are not currently available via CiL or funds via the applicants.

The Bin Dock will encourage more fly tipping to take place and waste bags being placed on the sloping roof which will almost certainly end up in the garden of house in the photograph. In operation the bin doors will obstruct the footway and be noisy in use (that is if the doors are not left open to swing around) Rubbish collection times need to be fully investigated to improve the situation as the current collection hours make little sense. Imagine for a moment sitting at a table near the bins on a hot summers afternoon/evening that will not be emptied from 9am until 9pm.

The planters do improve the look of Belsize Village but they also obstruct the desire line of the Belsize Lane footway particularly when the tables and chairs are placed on the triangle. If the planters in whatever pattern are to remain then it should be conditioned that all the rusting fixings are replaced with stainless steel to prevent further staining of the natural and very expensive Yorkstone paving.

In principle the whole scheme needs to be looked at by Urban Design officers with public realm experience.

Finally the house in the photograph is currently on the market, do you think a prospective purchaser might just be put off?

Kind regards

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