

**13.47** Ensuring adequate car parking facilities are provided to cater for new residents and businesses can also contribute towards the safe and free flow of traffic. Development must provide for adequate parking that actively aims to reduce the likelihood of inappropriate parking on the highway which could conflict with the aforementioned aims. Policy DM06: Parking Provision, provides further detail on parking requirements.

### Parking Provision

#### Policy DM06: Parking Provision

**(1) Development proposals will be expected to provide an appropriate scale and range of parking provision to meet anticipated needs, having regard to the:**

- (a) accessibility and sustainability of the site;**
- (b) availability of public transport;**
- (c) provision of safe walking and cycling routes; and**
- (d) specific scale, type and mix of development.**

**(2) Proposals must encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport through careful n, layout and integration to the existing built form.**

**13.48** The Local Plan recognises that due to the rural nature of northern Devon and the limited availability of public transport, there is likely to be a continuing dependence upon the private motor car. As such it is important that development proposals provide adequate parking provision to meet anticipated needs. There is a recognition that the scale and nature of provision will vary between development proposals dependant upon the location and nature of the development. As such, the Local Plan adopts a flexible criteria based approach to provision that enables development proposals to respond to local circumstances.

**13.49** Development should incorporate adequate parking provision of a scale and type to meet the anticipated needs that will be generated by the proposed uses and reflecting the context of the site including its sustainability and accessibility. Policy applies to all types of parking provision for all forms of transport and proposals should have regard to the parking provision likely to be required by all users. Proposals should consider the provision that is required for motor vehicles such as cars, buses, lorries and motor cycles along with bicycles and other forms of transport. Regard should also be given to the specialist parking needs of certain parts of the community such as those with disabilities or parents with young children.

**13.50** Parking provision should be carefully designed and integrated into development proposals having regard to the principles of Policy DM04: Design Principles.

**13.51** Recognising the transition to a low carbon economy and a move to lower emission transport, regard should be given, as part of the provision of an appropriate range of parking, to providing electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

**13.52** Policy DM06: Parking Provision seeks to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport. Proposals should maximise opportunities to integrate access to public transport provision and to encourage safe walking and cycling. Such opportunities might arise through the provision of bus stops in accessible locations, introduction of additional bus routes or services or the provision of safe, accessible and integrated cycle ways and footpaths.