

11.58 The Climate Change Act, 2008 commits the UK to an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050. In order to help meet this target, Fylde has an obligation to reduce carbon emissions caused by transport. Policy **T4** seeks to address the transport carbon footprint by encouraging public transport use, improved public transport facilities, low carbon transport infrastructure and creating opportunities for walking and cycling wherever possible.

Parking Standards

11.59 The Framework encourages councils to set local parking standards for residential and non-residential development, taking into account:

- the accessibility of the development;
- the type, mix and use of development;
- the availability of and opportunities for public transport;
- local car ownership levels; and
- an overall need to reduce the use of high emission vehicles.

Councils should only impose local parking standards for residential and non-residential development where there is clear and compelling justification that it is necessary to manage their local road network.

Policy T5

Parking Standards

Car parking should, wherever possible, be provided on site so as to ensure there is no detrimental effect on highway safety.

A flexible approach to the level of car parking provision will be applied, dependent on the location of the development concerned.

Justification

11.60 The Council is aware of the need to manage car parking on all new developments. Local circumstances need to be taken into account when setting local parking standards. The standards set will be for the provision of the minimum number of parking spaces on a site.

11.61 The Council will prepare a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on parking standards, which will set out local minimum standards which will need to be applied to all new developments in Fylde. The SPD will be prepared and issued for consultation in 2019.