

Policy IP 3 - Parking Provision

Where appropriate, proposals for new development will be expected to provide a minimum number of parking spaces per new dwelling/m² of floor space depending on the type and location, in consultation with the Local Highway Authority and in accordance with any local standards in operation.

In areas suffering from significant on-street parking problems, greater provision will be sought where possible, or alternative measures to address the issues will be required. In all areas the need to encourage the use of alternative means of travel, other than the private car, shall be an important consideration when applying parking standards.

Provision for convenient and secure bicycle parking will also be expected to be provided in line with standards. A minimum standard for disabled parking spaces within new development will also be applied.

Off and on street parking provision will be required to be well designed, safe and appropriate for the street scene. Proposed car parking provision that would have a significant adverse impact upon the character of an area will be resisted. The Council will expect developers to have regard to the Manual for Streets when considering parking design.

Justification

6.14 National policy now makes clear that parking standards should be determined at the local level in response to local circumstances. The Council, working with the Local Highway Authority, will produce a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to set minimum parking standards for the District. A minimum requirement for parking as opposed to a maximum allowance is considered a logical response to local circumstances and specifically an increase in on street parking. Experience supports that more spaces are needed in new development, and new standards, depending on the type, location and scale of development will reflect this. New development will be expected to be in line with the standards presented within the SPD once formally adopted.

6.15 In the interim, standards will be decided on a case by case basis, in consultation with the Local Highway Authority, ensuring that all new development provides adequate parking provision. In doing so standards and therefore requirements will be informed by:

- the type, mix and use of the development;
- the accessibility of the development;
- the availability of and the opportunities for public transport;
- local car ownership levels;
- the availability and number of parking permits within the locality; and